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It's a washout!

Lochranza badly hit on day of deluge

by Hugh Boag

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A campsite owner has told how a huge wave of water swept all before it during a major flood.

Kathy Wells, who runs Lochranza Caravan and Camping Site with husband Nigel, told how it 'felt like a dam had burst' when a huge deluge of water swept through the camp site physically moving sturdy camping pods and carrying off tents and even picnic furniture dumping them 100s of yards away.

The drama unfolded on Friday on a day the whole of Arran was hit by severe flooding. In Lochranza the Gleann Easan Biorach burst its banks at the Ballarie Bridge, tearing down fences and gorse bushes and flooding the south end of the village.

'In 10 years of running the camp site I have never seen anything like it. It must have been debris from a landslide falling into the burn that made us feel like a dam had suddenly burst, with a wave

coming over the camping pods and tossing them about like little ships. Thank goodness no one was hurt,' Kathy said.

She said it was not uncommon for the burn to burst its banks and when it did so they were able to get everyone out of the way but it was the 'force and speed' of the later surge which caused the most damage.

Arran's retained firefighters spent much of the day at the scene trying to pump water away to try to protect homes and businesses.

The flooding most badly affected the campers who were staying there who lost tents, clothing and equipment when it washed away. Some motor-homes spent the weekend at the village hall, which opened its facilities for them.

The water left the neighbouring Lochranza Golf Course under several feet of water sweeping away fences, bridges and hard-standing. The golf course remains closed while clean up work goes on but it is hoped it will

It's a knockout



The always-popular Maybole Pipe Band are resplendent in their uniforms as they make their entrance to the field on a very special day at the Brodict Highland Games, marking their 25th year appearance. Full coverage of the games starts on page 12.

be open by the end of the month.

Kathy said when the flooding subsided the whole area looked like a 'war zone' with tents, bridges, trees, rocks and debris covering a wide area. However, she praised the community spirit which saw campers and staff, along

with 20 to 30 locals mucking in to help clear up the mess.

Kathy said: 'I really have to say a heartfelt thank you to the villagers of Lochranza, Catacol and Pirnmill who came straight away to tackle the big clear up, to our staff who always go the extra mile for others, and to the

public-spirited campers who put their waterproofs on and got stuck in dealing with the crisis. You were wonderful!

'The campsite is now open, if somewhat dishevelled round the edges, and we expect the golf course to be open again by the end of the month.'

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Nationalisation could deliver Arran ferry in 18 months

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Nationalisation could deliver the new and much-delayed Arran ferry in 18 months, it was claimed this week.

An announcement was expected imminently that the Scottish government was to take over the shipyard where the MV Glen Sannox and her sister ship lie half-finished, as the Banner went to press.

It seems almost certain that the Scottish government will step in and nationalise the beleaguered Ferguson Marine yard in Port Glasgow where there has been a lengthy and bitter dispute over the cost of the two vessels.

But even when it is confirmed that it plans this course of action, there is no guarantee that it will lead to a speedy delivery of the dual fuel vessel, which has caused so much of the trouble, to service on the Ardrossan to Brodict route.

Even with the most optimistic forecast it is all but certain that the ferry will not enter service until the summer of 2021 at the earliest - a staggering three years late.

The story has dominated the TV, radio and national press this week with much concern being expressed at the cost of nationalisation

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Nationalisation could deliver Arran ferry in 18 months

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and the industrial strategy of the SNP government taking on a shipyard which was only saved from administration five years ago.

However, there has been little talk of what it means for the delivery of the Arran ferry and her sister ship known only as Hull 802 due to serve the Uig triangle.

Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'I have been in regular discussions with ministerial colleagues and the situation is evolving rapidly. With FMEL facing imminent administration, Scottish ministers feel the only way to save the jobs of the 290 workers and ensure ferry completion is to nationalise the yard.

'Without nationalisation, the yard would not only close immediately, the workers would be sacked and the ferries impounded by the administrator, pending sale or liquidation of the assets. All this would kick the completion of the MV Glen Sannox well into the future.

'Scottish ministers will set

up an expert group to oversee completion of the yard's nationalisation, putting management in place and getting work re-started on the vessels by the end of next month/early October. CMAL will take charge until then.

'Both vessels should be completed in around 18 months and additional funding will be provided to ensure that.

'As yet, no completion date has been decided for the Glen Sannox. However, it is unlikely to enter service next year, with 2021 probable.'

Earlier this week Finance Secretary Derek Mackay confirmed the Scottish Government was 'ready and willing' to take the yard into public ownership with the cost of the two ferries being built there having almost doubled from the original £97m.

Jamie Greene, Scottish Conservative transport spokesman, said that nationalising Ferguson Marine raised more questions than answers and that once again the SNP government had created a financial mess that

the taxpayer would ultimately have to pay for. The MSP said: 'Given the SNP's poor track record on running nationalised businesses, there is no guarantee that doing so will provide long-term security to the business, deliver a finished product or provide any comfort to the workers.'

Meanwhile, the frustration on Arran was highlighted on the STV news on Wednesday night. Reporter Kevin Scott visited the island and spoke to the new Arran Ferry Action Group. Member Sally Campbell said: 'We have been waiting for the new ferry for a very long time, and we were very concerned from early days that it was going to be too big and too expensive.'

Arran Dairies managing director Alastair Dobson was interviewed and said he doesn't care how the government and Ferguson reach a solution, just as long they do.

He added: 'The best outcome would be to get the ferries built and put something in place that is for the economic benefit of this area.'

'It felt like a d... site owner

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The rising waters also flooded three buildings at the Lochranza Centre CIC, including the new Arran Geopark information centre. And the water also came within inches of some of the Trust Association houses near the health centre, stranding elderly residents and damaging gardens and cars.

Arran Geopark ranger Bob Gooday told the Banner: 'The river burst its banks about 10.30am and we did all we could with shovels and gravel to keep the waters out but we couldn't stop it. The water flooded the geopark displays and two accommodation blocks of the centre ruining the carpets which will have to be replaced.'

The water did not start

receding until around 3pm and much of the weekend was spent mopping up, but the information centre was able to reopen on Monday.

Elsewhere the torrential rain almost brought the island to a standstill with movement severely restricted.

Three main roads on the island were all closed at the same time on Friday - The String and the Ross Road, due to landslides, and the Boguillie as a result of the Lochranza flooding. Other sections of the island roads were only passable with care.

Last week Arran had missed the worst of the weather which had badly hit parts of Ayrshire and other parts of Scotland, with the farmers' show enjoying a remarkably dry day.

However with a yellow weather warning all that was to change on Friday. High winds saw the first two ferries of the day cancelled and driving conditions deteriorated throughout the day due to culverts being blocked and debris and landslides leading to road closures.

By late Friday afternoon North Ayrshire Council advised that the String road and the Ross Road were open and Boguillie was passable but flood signs were still in place. Council workers were out all weekend undertaking clear-up works, some of which are still ongoing.

Remarkably after the day on Friday the Brodick Highland Games went ahead in warm, dry sunshine which helped ease areas of flooding.



The pictures show the height and volume of the water in the Lochranza campsite during the flood.



Pablo Moran confronting what had been the beautiful first green. The course was covered in river debris.



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dam had burst, says flood



The String which was closed by a landslide.



Despite their best efforts Arran Geopark staff could not keep the flood waters out.



The geopark centre dries out after being flooded.



The scarred hillside above Newton Shore shows the extent of the landslides.



One of the many landslides in Gleann Easan Biorach after the flooding.



This used to be the Junction bathing pool, near the distillery, but it didn't look like this.



The campsite in full flood.



A car splashes through flood water in Lamlash.



Flood waters moved the sturdy camping pods which should be in a line.

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Arran farmers enjoy a chat while inspecting Gordon Kinniburgh's Fordson Super Master which took second place in the vintage category and runner-up to best in show at the Arran Show. 01_B33tractor08



Visitors browse the collection of tractors from modern examples through to vintage machines. 01_B33tractor09

Treasure trove the museum

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The threat of rain did not deter either the owners or the great number of visitors from going along to the Arran Heritage Museum on Sunday for another memorable tractor show.

An impressive line-up of lovingly restored vehicles, many of them fine examples of historic rarities, gave judge Jim McMaster a difficult job in deciding the winners in the two classes on show.

The prizes, generously

provided by sponsors Arran Dairies, The Co-operative, Arran Cheese Shop, Kinloch Hotel, Scottish Fuels, Auchrannie Resort, Arran Haulage, Arran Active, and Lochranza Distillery, ensured that the winners were handsomely rewarded for their efforts, and every entrant received a museum rosette.

Working tractors

The working tractors class was won by Alistair Currie with his Massey Ferguson 390T; runner-up was Amanda Grindall with her Massey Ferguson 35, and third prize went to D McAlister owner

of the Massey Ferguson 148 Multi-Power.

In the vintage tractors class D G Weir received the Museum Trophy for his Grey Ferguson TE 20 petrol machine, while the runner-up was Gordon Kinniburgh for his Fordson Super Master.

D G Weir also secured the third prize for his Ferguson FE 35.

The annual tractor show was a fitting finale to a long list of special events hosted over the summer by the Arran Heritage Museum which, this year, celebrated its 40th anniversary.



Visitors enjoy a warming drink and lunch under the marquee from Cafe Rosaburn. 01_B33tractor04



Visitors had the opportunity to speak to the owners of the tractors to learn about the history of the various machines. 01_B33tractor10



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of tractors at



First and third place winner in the vintage class, DG Weir, is pictured with another of his vintage tractors, a 1954 petrol powered Massey-Harris Pony 820 which was built in France. 01_B33tractor01



George Dale of Lillielaw Farm, Tarbolton with his immaculately restored 1963 Massey Ferguson 35X.01_B33tractor02



Margie Currie and Alastair Hendry marvel at the machines on display. 01_B33tractor07



Brothers Andrew and Donald Currie show off a Massey Ferguson 3080 which is still in regular use spreading and feeding at Bellevue Farm, Blackwaterfoot. 01_B33tractor03

Waverley appeal reaches half million milestone

Donations to save the paddle steamer Waverley have now exceeded £500,000 following the iconic steamship's withdrawal from service earlier this summer.

The major appeal which was officially launched in June aims to raise the £2.3 million needed to reboiler Waverley and return her to service in 2020.

Several fundraising events have taken place on Arran for the Waverley, the latest at the Brodick Highland Games where they raised more than £400 from merchandise alone, with the donation buckets still to be counted.

Waverley's general manager Paul Semple said: "Thanks to the fantastic public response to our Save The Waverley Boiler Refit Appeal we have reached a key milestone in our fundraising campaign.

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"To date more than 4,000 individuals have donated with some of our core supporters giving a 'once-in-a-lifetime donation' knowing that we urgently need funds to secure Waverley's future. In addition, we have received offers of help from several organisations and companies, but we will need further help to get Waverley's paddles turning again."

Mr Semple added: "With the new boilers already on order we must increase our efforts to secure further funding to allow our plans to progress, which will see Waverley undergo major surgery commencing in January. I am exceptionally grateful



The Waverley is presently berthed in Glasgow.

to everyone who has come forward to help us Save The Waverley and with continued support she will sail again. We simply can't allow her to remain static. She is the sole survivor and I know so many people are willing her to succeed."

The Waverley is currently berthed in Glasgow where preparation works are on-going by her engineers and loyal band of volunteers. Earlier this week the first section of

deck was cut open to enable some large components in the ship's boiler room, which are already dismantled, to be lifted free.

Donations to the Boiler Refit Appeal can be made online at waverleyexcursions.co.uk or by calling 0141 243 2224 or by texting STEAM £20 TO 70085. All donations made directly to Waverley Excursions will be recorded on a Donor Wall on board Waverley.

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Councillor backs hearing aid support service

Councillor Timothy Billings is encouraging his constituents to use a charity's life-enhancing hearing aid support service on Arran.

The Arran representative on North Ayrshire Council visited Action on Hearing Loss Scotland's monthly drop-in session in Arran Library to see coordinator Fiona Goodwin, and volunteers Kirsty Forsyth, Isabel Davie and Susan McNicol support people with hearing loss, who would otherwise need to go to the audiology department at Crosshouse Hospital.

The volunteers have been trained by NHS Ayrshire and Arran audiology to clean and re-tube NHS hearing aids and provide information about assistive equipment such as amplified phones, TV listeners and vibrating/flashing alarms which can make everyday life easier for people with hearing loss.

The service, which is funded by the North, East and South Ayrshire health and social care partnerships, supports more than 100 islanders and in excess of 1,000 people throughout North Ayrshire communities each year.

Councillor Billings said: 'I



Councillor Billings with Action on Hearing Loss Scotland at the Arran Library.

was delighted to speak with Fiona, Kirsty, Isabel and Susan and see the vital support the community hearing aid support service provides on Arran by helping people to understand how to operate the functions on their NHS hearing aids as well as the importance of cleaning or

replacing the tubing so that their devices work more effectively.

'I encourage all islanders who experience difficulties with their hearing aids to attend Action on Hearing Loss Scotland's monthly drop-in sessions and get the help that may be needed to hear family

and friends more clearly.'

The next drop-in session takes place at the Arran Library between 11am and 1pm on Wednesday August 28. For information about the charity's upcoming events, email: telephone/ text: 07391 017781 or email: fiona.goodwin@hearingloss.org.uk



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Growing demand

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Over the same period, Paterson Arran has reduced the amount of general waste it generates by 59 per cent, and cut the energy used to make each tonne of its product by 42 per cent.

'Since 2014, the sites have been landfill free,' explains

Adam Wilson, technical manager at Paterson Arran.

'General waste is sent to a refuse-derived fuel plant to make electricity – and all the company's food production waste is recycled as animal feed.

'We have an environmental committee, which involves staff at all levels of the business. This has given different departments the opportunity to voice their ideas on environmental issues, and has helped communicate the company's environmental message throughout the business.'

Paterson Arran won the Management SME VIBES Award in 2017.

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Injured walker rescued from Fairy Dell area

A multi agency rescue involving the Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT), Arran RNLI and Arran Coastguard, took place early last week in a remote area near Lochranza.

On Monday August 5,

AMRT were called out at 4.20pm to assist a female walker who had fallen and injured her shoulder in the Fairy Dell area, near Lochranza.

Team members reached the woman and treated her but



An injured walker is transported to Lochranza on the Arran RNLI lifeboat where she was taken to the hospital for further treatment. Photos: AMRT

due to her injury and the location, assistance was requested from the Arran RNLI and the Arran Coastguard.

Working together and making use of their combined resources the injured woman was evacuated by the lifeboat

to Lochranza where she was transported to hospital for further treatment.

A spokesperson from AMRT said: 'We wish the casualty a speedy recovery and thanks to everyone for their help.'



AMRT members make their way along the coast to assist the injured walker.

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Far off ferry

The long-suffering travelling public on Arran were no closer to knowing if or when they will ever see their new ferry, as the Banner went to press.

Nationalisation of the Ferguson Marine yard at Port Glasgow looks imminent and there has been optimistic talk that after that happens the MV Glen Sannox could be completed in 18 months.

But that is not much comfort to Arran which originally thought that it would already have been in service for the last 18 months, stretching the delay to three years.

What is to be hoped is that the breakthrough in the impasse will see work on the two ferries resume. What is not at all certain is the medium to long-term industrial strategy of the SNP government in taking over a shipyard only saved from administration five years ago.

There has been talk of the Scottish government learning from Finland where the national bank supports a world-class shipbuilding industry building cruise ships and super-tankers.

Could the Scottish government follow this course? It is certainly worth considering. The yard could also be used to build vessels solely for the ageing CalMac fleet which – at the last count – could urgently do with 11 new boats.

At the moment much is still up in the air but we hope in the days and weeks ahead all will become clearer.

Thought for the week

Much is required from the person to whom much is given; much more is required from the person to whom much more is given. Luke 12:48

Backing for fish farm

Sir,

I feel that somebody on the island should speak up and provide an alternative view from the vociferous campaign against the Scottish Salmon Company's proposed new site at the north end of the island.

Having held back because of 'vested interest' I feel this complaint campaign has no mandate from the 'whole population of Arran' and the letters from as far afield as Forfar and Forres belittle the campaign.

The Lochranza open meeting was turned into a farce when the campaign leader stood up and shouted 'we are out of here now' and this was followed by a mass exodus of campaigners. This had been a pre-meditated and pre-planned stunt. The same people now complain about a lack of information and transparency from the SSC when there were many Scottish Salmon staff and associates there to answer any questions and explain their proposals further.

I was told by one good soul that they were campaigning to save the world for future generations. However, I would have thought that a future growing world population will have to take more from the sea. The money that will be required for the research and development to enable this to happen will surely have to come from the fish farm community. Surely, it would make more sense to police SEPA and for SEPA to police the fish farm community.

At Arran Workboats Ltd, we are selling our boats to various fish farming companies, diving companies, marinas, adventure companies, harbour authorities etc and the 10 people employed here take a great pride in the boats they produce and the customer feedback gives us confidence going forward. The boats are operating all up the west coast, Outer Hebrides down to Eastbourne and across to the north and south of Ireland and as far afield as Madeira. We are also working on boats for Lewis, Harris, Shetland and Orkney and tendering for boats in Iceland,

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All the people employed by Arran Workboats live on the island, send their kids to the local school and contribute in many ways to the economy and social structure of the island.

It seems foolhardy to be campaigning against inward investment from a company such as the Scottish Salmon Company which is looking to invest in the island and create 10 new jobs on Arran. These jobs are of a good quality and could provide a future career for a young Arran person.

Yours,
Iain Monteith,
Arran Workboats Ltd,
Whiting Bay.

Smells fishy

Sir,

For anybody who has been subjected to an onslaught of foul odours emanating from huge yellow trucks en route to the ferry and who guesses what is being carried, the latest PR mailshot must seem like an insult. Yes, these trucks are carrying rotting fish that have perished in ever-increasing quantity in the Lamlash Bay fish farm and there is every sign the company is trying desperately to contain the level of mortalities judging by the level of activity and frequency of yellow trucks passing by.

All this is surmise but let's look more closely at what the PR material says. The depiction on the front of the brochure reveals the size of what is proposed and the huge visual impact along perhaps the most stunning wild coast on Arran, black marks for starters. You turn over and the proposal is said to have innovation at its heart. But what is at its heart in reality is the worst scenario

of intensive farming at sea with the constant battle deploying an arsenal of toxic chemicals to contain disease and all the time faeces and urine equivalent in scale to sewage from a settlement of some 14,000 inhabitants simply being released without treatment to foul up the Clyde. Yes, they might be spending more money to keep out predators and reduce the risk of salmon escape but this is not innovation to overcome the gross environmental intrusion. We are all encouraged to believe that this SeaQure (secure) facility and its promoter will bring sweetness and light. The reality is that the Gael Force Group has yet to demonstrate that other than its anchors and feed barges the 'innovations' described in the project scoping report are real and viable. The Gael Force website makes no reference to such equipment.

For example the fish are supposed to swim along channels from their cages to the adjacent barge to receive their chemical treatment like cows to an automatic milking parlour. Morts or dead fish are somehow retrieved from the cages and floated to the barge where somehow they are ensiled, mashed up and disposed of – no yellow trucks here, no access road anyway so we are told. I don't think so. What if this huge fish farm experienced what has gone on up Loch Fyne this spring when an algal bloom promoted by nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus compounds in the loch, some originating from fish farms, killed off all the fish in one farm operated by our friends Scottish Salmon Company.

How on earth would the company handle at worst 5,000 tonnes of dead fish trapped in cages off the North Arran shore. It is hard to imagine but could, of course, be a reality in future. The company does not tell us in the fancy brochure. Ah, but there is an economic benefit in all this... Well, yes, somebody benefits otherwise nobody would be proposing to invest the money, but who? The answer is that shadowy investors overseas are the main beneficiaries. They may be Scottish

Salmon but they are not Scottish investors. Arran Workboats Ltd, well yes, but the shells for the boats are made elsewhere and are fitted out on Arran and in any case it is hard to imagine they were not subject to competitive tender. As for Knox of Kilbirnie, it is not dependent for its business on Arran. Kilbirnie will possibly benefit from the project in question if its price is right and good luck to them; no Arran benefit there.

As for the back page of the pamphlet – health and welfare and links to responsible salmon farming. Yes this company is solely responsible for proposing a stocking density of fish well exceeding RSPCA responsible practice and has just emerged from one of the most outrageous derelictions of duty at a fish farm in the Outer Hebrides cited for appalling cruelty and animal husbandry through sheer negligence, no mention of that in the PR. As for cleaner fish that supposedly eat all the parasitic lice, the bane of the industry, nobody has yet to demonstrate that this is anything other than an extension of the public relations fog.

As for environmental stewardship, how on earth can you claim to be environmentally respectful when you dump all your excrement and toxic chemicals into the sea?

A final word and this is my own prediction: I may be proved wrong but all round the world today this intensive salmon farming industry is moving on to land in containment facilities. The increased costs of doing this are offset by increasing scale far beyond the size of the North Arran proposal, also by locating these facilities nearer their urban markets. Rearing of genetic modified Atlantic salmon can today produce fish at twice the size and twice the speed of growth. This must mean that probably sooner rather than later raising salmon in open cages in inshore waters of Scotland will become uneconomic as well as untenable environmentally and the Scottish industry will collapse. This is not a sustainable industry for the long haul but another example of 'klondiking', exploitation for short



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term gain. Why should Arran even engage with such a proposal at the cost of ruining perhaps the most spectacular wild coastal fringes of far greater value to its future in the long term?

Yours,
John M Campbell
Lamlash

Milk action

Sir,
As a retailer and passionate advocate of all things more local and natural, I am naturally saddened and worried about the closure of the creamery, and the economic knock-on effect. I read with interest the comments from Mr Murchie that it would be difficult to compete with supermarkets who undervalue milk to provide it at loss leader prices, cheaper than water.

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premium - to give customers the choice of buying local, high quality milk, could work.

Any other people feel the same way? Aren't we getting fed up with the supermarket effect on our agricultural economy? Isn't it time to pay a fair price for good local products? Check out what the guys at Mossgiel are going - it is revolutionary.

Please get in touch if you feel there is anything I can do as a retailer, but also as someone with a bit of marketing experience who would love to help fight back!

Yours,
Clair Reeves,
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Wonderful women

Sir,
I would like to acknowledge through your letters page our thanks to all the island ladies who knitted away through the winter months and beyond to provide much-needed premature baby clothes for Ayrshire.

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Yours,
Mrs Jerry Arthur,
SWI chairwoman.

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The Macmillan Cancer Support team, who will be visiting Arran next week.

Cancer support visits Arran

Macmillan Cancer Support is making return visits to Arran this year, following a successful visit last year, with its information and support bus.

Over the past few weeks its cancer information and support specialist Craig Blackwood has come across to the island and his next visit will be on Thursday August 22.

He will be in the portable building at Brodict medical centre from 10am until 4pm and is available for islanders to drop in for support

if they or someone they know is affected by cancer.

Craig said: 'I understand people can feel isolated by both a cancer diagnosis and by island life, and am making myself available for people to come and ask questions. Visitors can access emotional, practical or financial support and find out more about how they can access services - locally or on the mainland.'

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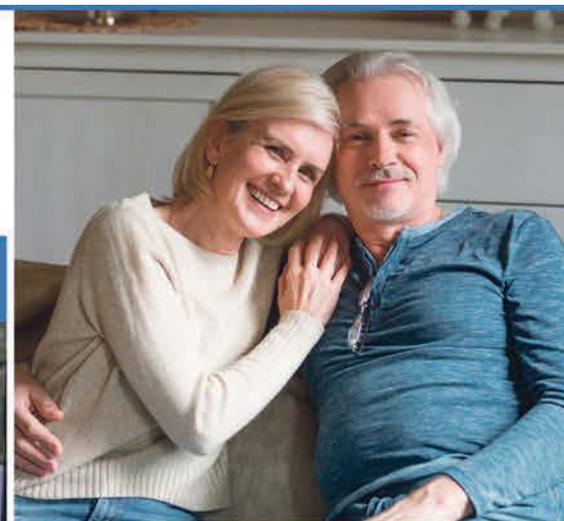
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The gathering at the Peace Tree in Whiting Bay to commemorate Hiroshima Day.

Hiroshima Day commemoration

The annual remembrance by Arran CND group of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki took place on Tuesday August 6 in Whiting Bay. Around 20 people gathered in the main square at the Peace Tree, planted in 1987. Island CND members and supporters were joined by visitors from other nations. They were also pleased to welcome

a Japanese lady, whose business is in Brodick and who spoke to everyone about the commemorations which would be taking place across Japan on that day. The group was addressed by retired minister, the Rev John Webster, and by Father Noel Colford of Brodick, who led a prayer for peace throughout the world.

Those gathered spent a short period in silent reflection about the terrible events on those days and fervently hoping – and praying, in the case of some – that they are never again repeated. For information about Arran CND group please contact Elizabeth Wilkinson at elizabetharomatherapy@gmail.com or Cheryl Burgess 700540.

MSP Mary Fee to retire

Scottish Labour's Mary Fee MSP has announced that she will be retiring at the next Scottish Parliament election in 2021.

The MSP, who represents the west Scotland region, which includes Arran, and was first elected in 2011, has said that becoming a Member of the Scottish Parliament was 'one of the greatest honours of her life'.

Ms Fee, who is 65, has announced that she will retire at the May 2021 Scottish elections as her constituency local party opened selections for the Renfrewshire North and West constituency seat. In her statement, posted on social media, Mary said it was 'time for a new generation of Labour MSPs, with real life and work experience'.

The Scottish Labour MSP was the candidate for Scottish Labour in the 2016 election in Renfrewshire North and West, however, was elected again to the Scottish parliament on the regional list.

In her statement, Ms Fee also talks about her proudest achievements



Mary Fee.

during her time as MSP such as securing 'changes to legislation for children affected by imprisonment' and changing the law to 'strengthen the human rights of disabled people to have better toilet facilities'. She also added that she was 'thrilled' to vote in favour of equal marriage.

Ending her statement, Ms Fee thanked her colleagues in the Scottish Parliament and her 'award-winning staff' for their support, dedication and loyalty.

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Pipes and passion at 132nd



The Arran Pipe Band leads the parade of the pipe bands to the ferry terminal. 01_B33games18



The base drums of the massed pipe bands as they perform on the field. 01_B33games27



The Isle of Cumbrae Pipe Band marches in tight formation. 01_B33games20



The Arran Schools' Pipe Band which performed at the games. 01_B33games37

All photos by Hugh Boag and Colin Smeeton

It was a year of anniversaries at this year's Brodick Highland Games.

Not only was it the 132nd staging of the event but it was the 40th attendance at the games by compere Allan Pettigrew, who used to be a leading competitor. It was also the 25th time the always-popular Maybole Pipe Band had taken part.

And in another first, with 19 athletes taking part in the heavy events it was the biggest field in recent memory - although not all of them took part in every event. For the second year Arran's own Yvonne Currie was among the competitors.

The weather turned out to be far better than everyone expected and the hot sunny day brought out the crowds - and the wasps - to Ormidale Park on Saturday to watch the days events unfold. Attendance at

3,572 through the gates was slightly down on last year and the previous year's record, but every single person there appeared to have a great day.

Five pipe bands took part this year including, for the first time, the Isle of Arran Schools' Pipe Band who were joined by Arran's own senior band as well as Kilbarchan, the Isle of Cumbrae and, of course, Maybole.

Uncertainty

Unfortunately earlier uncertainty over the weather saw the Highland dance competition set up in Brodick hall, which took away some of the spectacle on the field.

However, there was still plenty to do throughout the day as the crowds relaxed and soaked up the atmosphere at the many craft, charity and food and drink stalls while watching the running, heavy events, fancy dress and pillow-fighting on the field as well as the spectacle of

the marching on the massed bands.

In addition to the heavy events there was the now annual Local Heroes Strongman Competition featuring giant tyre flipping and other events. The field events were rounded off with the tug-of-war contest.

As the sun dropped it was time for the return march of the pipe bands to the pier with the pavements along Brodick shorefront lined with people, many of whom followed the bands for the traditional send off at the pier.

Secretary Sheila Gilmore said: 'It was a joy to see Arran Schools Pipe Band playing and we look forward to hearing the youngsters' progress as they become more established in their own right. 'Many thanks to all who helped and volunteered before, during and after the day, who all helped the event go smoothly,' she added.



Kilbarchan Pipe Band makes its way to the ferry terminal. 01_B33games19



The massed bands entertain the crowds at the games. 01_B33games26

Brodict Highland Games



Yvonne Currie watches as the weight sails over the bar in the throwing the weight for height event. 01_B33games03



Heave-ho, Paul Dearie of Carluke, Lanarkshire, launches the caber into the air. 01_B33games07



Ernie Weir in hammer action. 01_B33games45



Creating much excitement, children compete in the youngsters' tug of war. 01_B33games17



Steven Fraser hurls the weight for length. 01_B33games36



Ernie Weir gathers some momentum with the 16ft caber under the watchful eye of judge Scott Clark. 01_B33games08



An all-women team compete in the tug of war. 01_B33games16



Rory Gilmore, left, in a tough fight in the push and pull event. 01_B33games40



John Malakoty and Andrew Earle go head to head in the push and pull final, which Andrew won. 01_b33games41

Record entry for heavy



The entrants in the fancy dress contest with the winning Loch Ness Monster of Hari and Lucy Boss with Voilet Raines. 01_B33games22



Two youngsters knock each other off the pillow fight pole. 01_B33games51



One youngster ends upside down on the pole. 01_B33games53



John Malakoty who won the tyre flip event. 01_B33games30



Yvonne Currie throwing the weight for distance. 01_B33games32

Brodick Highland Games results 2019

1. Fancy Dress: 1 Hari and Lucy Boss with Voilet Raines (Loch Ness Monster), 2 Aiden Henderson (Heavy Everter) 3 Betty Fleming (Katie Morag).
2. 25m Boys 3 and 4: 1 Frankie Lucas, 2 George Breslin, 3 Sam Breslin.
3. 25m Girls 3 and 4: 1 Frankie Scott, 2 Sophia Scott, 3 Amber Sims. 4. 50m Boys 5 and 6: 1 Finlay Rutherford-Buchanan, 2 Tommy Dutton, 3 Gregor Campbell.
5. 50m Girls 5 and 6: 1 Kara Peesapapi, 2 Tia McKinnon, 3 Ruby McArthur.
6. 50m Boys 7 and 8: 1 Toby Wilson, 2 Arran McLelland, 3 Lachlan McNicol. 7. 50m Girls 7 and 8: 1 Lola Finnegan, 2 Emy Finnegan, 3 Evie Clark.
8. 75m Boys 9 and 10: 1 Ryan Mitchell, 2 Hector Robinson, 3 Callum Monaghan. 9. 75m Girls 9 and 10: 1 Lola Finnegan, 2 Emy Finnegan, 3 Isla Preston. 10. 100m Boys u-12: 1 Dylan Gee, 2 Charlie Ross, 3 Harris McNicol.
11. 100m Girls u-12: 1 Shannon Brown, 2 Emily Hunter, 3 Kirsty Hume. 12. 100m Boys u14: 1 Jeremy Nobilit, 2 Dylan Gee, 3 Connor Norman. 13. 100m Girls u14: 1 Shannon Brown, 2 Susannah Kay, 3 Erin McCoregray.
14. 100m Boys u16: 1 Gavin Withers, 2 Aidyn McMahon, 3 Brian Saxton. 15. 100m Girls u16: 1 Niamh Murphy, 2 Mary Jane MacInally.
16. 100m Men 16+: 1 Seamus Thomson, 2 Alistair

Eccleswood, 3 Maxim Danihel. 17. 100m Women 16+: 1 Phoebe Lewis, 2 Niamh Murphy, 3 Isobel Carter. 18. Pillow Fight 8-11yrs: 1 Ross Currie, 2 Jamie Cameron.
19. Pillow Fight 12-14yrs: 1 Louis Paton, 2 Luke Connolly.
20. Pillow Fight 15+: 1 Craig Houston, 2 Alan Murray.
21. Putting the Ball (open) 1 Paul Dearie, 2 Graham Porterfield, 3 Andrew Earle; 4 Craig Nicholson, 5 Steven Fraser.
22. Throwing 28lb Weight for Distance: 1 Craig Nicholson, 2 Steven Fraser, 3 Paul Dearie, 4 Andrew Earle, 5 Dan Couthard. 23. Tyre Flip: 1 J Malakoty, 2 Andrew Earle, 3 Steven Fraser, 4 Rory Gilmore, 5 Dan Couthard.
24. 800m Boys u14: 1 Jeremy Noblett, 2 Jamie Cameron, 3 Harris McNicol.
25. 800m Girls u14: 1 Aoibha Ballard, 2 Lola Finnegan, 3 Erin McCoregray. 26. 800m Boys u16: 1 Ryan Saxton, 2 Angus Stoneham, 3 Ben Burns. 27. 800m Girls u16: 1 Niamh Murray, 2 Morven Hubbard, 3 Mary Jane MacInally.
28. 800m Men 16+: 1 Fearghas Thomson, 2 Drew Dutton, 3 Nathan McColm. 29. 800m Women 16+: 1 Jennifer Martin, 2 Holly Morrison, 3 Chloe Norman.
30. Throwing the Hammer, Scots Standing Style: 1 Paul Dearie, 2 Craig Nicholson, 3 G Peterfield, 4 R Broom, 5th Ernie Weir. 31. Push Pull Challenge: 1 Andrew Earle, 2 J Malakoty, 3 Steven Fraser.

32. Throwing the 56lb Weight for Height: 1 Paul Dearie, 2 Craig Nicholson, 3 eq R Broom, R Gilmore and A Earle. 33. Standing Triple Jump (men): 1 Jacob Duan, 2 Seamus Thomson, 3 Fearghas Thomson. 33a. Standing Triple Jump (women): 1 Phoebe Lewis, 2 Kerri Brown, 3 Carla Murray.
34. Lady Jean Cup, 100m Men, confined to Arran: 1 Archie McNicol, 2 Calum Johnston, 3 Robbie McDonald
35. Bob Cameron Trophy, 100m Women, confined to Arran: 1 Beth McCarthy, 2 Hazel Malakoti, 3 Freya Webster.
36. 200m Boys u14: 1 Jeremy Noblett, 2 Dylan Gee, 3 Connor Norman. 37. 200m Girls u14: 1 Aoibha Ballard, 2 Susannah Kay, 3 Erin McCoregray.
38. 200m Boys u16: 1 Gavin Withers, 2 Aidyn McMahon, 3 Ally Mitchell. 39. 200m Girls u16: 1 Niamh Murphy, 2 Aoibha Ballard, 3 Mary Jane MacInally. 40. 200m Men

16+: 1 Seamus Thomson, 2 Kit Diggan, 3 Alastair Eccleswood. 41. 200m Women 16+: 1 Phoebe Lewis, 2 Niamh Murphy, 3 Isobel Carter. 42. Tom Dickie Trophy Men 880yds confined to Arran: 1 Calum Johnston, 2 Andrew Bunting.
43. Tossing the Caber: 1 Paul Dearie, 2 Craig Nicholson, 3 Ernie Weir, 4 Steven Fraser, 5 A Butler. 44. Ladies Tossing the Caber: 1 Yvonne Currie.
45. 1500m Boys u16: 1 Angus Stoneham, 2 Archie Gunaydi, 3 Myles Lindsay Smith. 46. 1500m Girls u16: 1 Niamh Murphy, 2 Ellie Anderson, 3 Mary Jane MacInally. 47. 1500m men 16+: 1 Fearghas Thomson, 2 Drew Dutton, 3 Lee Shaw.
48. 1500m Women 16+: 1 Jennifer Martin, 2 Holly Morrison, 3 Chloe Cameron. 49. Mixed Relay: 1 Kilmarnock Harriers, 2 Granite City Harriers +1, 3 Knacked Old Men. 50. Tug-of-War: 1 Ormidale, 2 Allstars.

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Stewart Dickie Trophy (Boys) – Connor Norman
Stewart Dickie Trophy (Girls) – Shannon Brown
McMillan Trophy – Yvonne Currie
Local Strongman – Andrew Earle



The girls' three to four years race is a dash to the line. 01_B33games29



Connor Norman on his way to win the Stewart Dickie Trophy for boys. 01_B33games33



Determination on the young faces in the boys' three to four years race. 01_B33games28

events at the games



Games secretary Sheila Gilmore presents Paul Dearie with the Rodden Middleton Rosebowl. 01_B33games12



Comper and previous champion Allan Pettigrew, and some of the other competitors watch the heavy events. 01_B33games04



Heavy event champion Paul Dearie receives the Rev James Currie Cup from Charles Currie. 01_B33games11



Sheila Gilmore presents Ernie Weir with the William Cook and Sons Trophy for the best caber toss and the Tom Dolan Challenge Trophy for success in seven named events. 01_B33games13



Beth McCarthy receiving the Bob Cameron Trophy from Charles Currie. 01_B33games48



Archie McNicol receives the Lady Jean Fforde Cup from Charles Currie. 01_B33games49



The Malakoty family were the winners of the lucky programme draw seen here with Charles Currie getting their prize. 01_B33games47



Connor Norman and Shannon Brown, both of the NAC Athletics Club, with their Stewart Dickie trophies. 01_B33games35



Calum Johnston won the Tom Dickie Trophy for winning the 880-yard race. 01_B33games02



Sheila Gilmore presents the only female heavies competitor, Yvonne Currie, with the MacMillan Trophy, which is presented at the secretary's discretion. 01_B33games14



Heavy events competitor Andrew Earle is congratulated on winning the Local Hero title by his daughter Trixie. 01_B33games15

Arran Farmers' Show trop

Here are the full results of the silver cups and trophies presented at the 183rd Arran Farmers' Society Show held at Glenkiln Farm, Lamlash on Wednesday August 7.

Overhead

The James Bone Esq Memorial Cup for the Overhead Championship of the Show: N and D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm, Kilpatrick.

The Robert Heggie Perpetual Cup for the Reserve Overhead Championship: D McKinnon, Hillhead, Bannan.

The James Dunlop Donald Perpetual Points Challenge Trophy for most point gained in Cattle, Sheep and Horse Sections: R, N and S McMaster, Springfield, West Bannan.

Cattle

The late Mary, Duchess of Montrose, Challenge Trophy for the Championship in the Cattle Section: D McKinnon, Hillhead, Bannan.

The Major Thomas Milligan R.E. Cup for the Championship in the Beef Section: D McKinnon, Hillhead, Bannan.

Silver Chalice presented by

John Currie for the Reserve Champion in the Beef Section: A Currie, Birchburn, Shiskine.

The John Paterson Bowl for opposite sex to Beef Champion: A Currie, Birchburn, Shiskine.

Silver Cup for the male champion in Class 16: D McKinnon, Hillhead, Bannan.

Lagg Challenge Cup for Best Suckled Calf: N and D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm, Kilpatrick.

James Inglis Trophy, re-presented by Dr. John C Jenkins, for Best Cow in Milk bred in Arran: A Currie, Birchburn, Shiskine.

Perpetual Trophy for Pure Bred Traditional/Native Cattle Breeds, presented by Minuteman Press, Ayr: D McKinnon, Hillhead, Bannan.

The W.A. Robertson Perpetual Trophy for the Best Stock Handler 16 years or under in the Cattle and Sheep Sections, confined to Arran: A Robertson, Valleyview, Blackwaterfoot.

Horse and pony

John M Hamilton Perpetual Trophy for the Championship in the Pony Section: T Warwick, Kings Cross.

Beverly Morrow Trophy for the

Reserve Champion in the Pony Section: H Adamson, Lamlash.

Murchie Harvey Trophy for Overall Winner in Classes 25/26/27/28/29: T Warwick, Kings Cross.

Corriegills Arabian Stud Trophy for Best In-hand Horse or Pony in Classes 20/21/22/23 presented by D and C Hendry: H Adamson, Lamlash.

Saddle Up Trophy for Overhead Working Hunter: T Warwick, Kings Cross.

Arran's Cheese Shop Trophy for Reserve Champion Working Hunter: H Adamson, Lamlash.

Arran Farmers' Society Perpetual Trophy for Best Rider 14 years and under: D McNamara, Whiting Bay.

John C Picken Perpetual Trophy for Best Pony 13.2 hands and under: C Henderson, Kilpatrick.

Kings Cross Point Memorial Trophy, in memory of Margaret L Abram, for Childhandler with Pony 13.2 Hands or under: E McCrae, Brodick.

Sheep

Craig Wilson Ltd Trophy for Overhead Champion Sheep: N and D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm, Kilpatrick.



Overhead champion Texel gimmer with a smiling David Henderson and daughter Emma. 01_B33farm05



A young girl takes an interest in the calves. 01_B33farm01



Judging in the Blackface sheep ring. 01_B33farm02

Morton Perpetual Cup for Best Male or Female Blackface Sheep: J K and C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash.

John Selkirk Memorial Trophy for Reserve Champion in Blackface Sheep Section: J K and C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash.

R J Tod Perpetual Trophy for Male Champion Blackface Sheep: J K and C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash.

G and J Tod and Sons Silver Cup for Best Home Bred Male: J K and C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash.

Perpetual Trophy for Best Home Bred Female: J K and C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash.

F H McLeod and Sons Trophy for Best Woolled Sheep (BF): J K and C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash.

Duke of Montrose Silver Award for Best Leicester, Male or Female: R, N and S McMaster, Springfield, West Bannan.

Arran Farmers' Society Trophy for Reserve Champion Leicester Sheep Section: M McNeish, Craigview, Kilmory.

Royal Bank of Scotland Cup for Champion Texel, N and D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm, Kilpatrick.

The Donnie McDonald, Balegra, Perpetual Cup for Reserve Champion Texel: J Murchie, Brandon Farm, Brodick.

The James Craig Ltd Perpetual Trophy for Best of Opposite Sex to Champion: R, N and S McMaster, Springfield, West Bannan.

A McKenzie's Cup for Champion Suffolk: J Murchie, Greannan, Blackwaterfoot.

Hamilton Bros. (Paisley) Cup for Reserve Champion Suffolk: J Murchie, Brandon Farm, Brodick.

Glenside Challenge Cup for Best Group of Three Suffolk Sheep, Male or Female: J

Murchie, Brandon Farm, Brodick.

McNiven Trophy presented by D McNiven and Son, Machrie for the Other Breeds Sheep Section: D and A Currie, Bellevue, Shiskine.

Robt. Young and Company Trophy for Reserve Champion in Other Breeds Sheep Section: J McNeish, Balgowan, Shiskine.

Fleece Trophy presented by Wool Growers Ltd: F Anderson, Thistle Dhu, Shiskine.

Drummond Trophy for Sheep with Most Points: N and D Henderson, Kilpatrick Farm, Kilpatrick.

Perpetual Trophy presented by the Prudential Assurance Company for Traditional Sheep Breeds: J K and C Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash.

Arran Gas Company Perpetual Trophy for Best Three Prime Lambs: R, N and S McMaster, Springfield, West Bannan.

Pet lambs

Bank of Scotland Cup for Best Pet Lamb: J Hamill.

Shorn fleeces

Perpetual Rosebowl for the Best Shorn Fleece presented by J and J Lammie: F Anderson, Thistle Dhu, Shiskine.

Dogs

Mrs P Muir Perpetual Trophy for Best Dog: J Crozier, Ardrossan.

Arran Farmers' Society Trophy for Reserve Champion Dog: McPhaile, Fife.

Sticks

Arran Fine Foods Trophy for Champion Stick: D Brown.

George Battison Perpetual Cup presented by K Sinclair for Best Shepherd's Crook: D Brown.

Tractors

Archie Hamilton Agricultural Engineers Trophy for Champion Vintage Tractor: L Craig.

Raffle prize winners

A £100 cash prize, donated by Arran Farmer's Society: A Ramsay, K McGloin, K McNair, D Brambles, G Irving.

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Forest Safari Tour for two, donated by Mogabout Arran: Iris. Whole lamb for freezer donated by C Currie, Bridge Farm: M Bain. Half day dog training experience donated by Mordor Gun Dogs: K Allan.

Round of golf for four, donated by Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club: M Banasik. After the Rain gift box, donated by Arran Aromatics: M Rooney.

Lawn mower, donated, by R and L Miller: E Simpson. Six Nations rugby fleece, donated by Brian Lees: Gill. Carrs Billington fleece and £20 voucher donated by Carrs Billington: S MacNeil.

Chopping board set donated by A Y Morton: J Craig and K Bone.

by winners



Champion vintage tractor winner Lex Craig with his 1963 Massey Ferguson 35x and reserve champion Gordon Kinniburgh with his 1968 Fordson Power Major. 01_B33farm06



Alastair Currie picks up a prize for his pure bred animal. 01_B33farm03



Judging underway for the young sheep stockhandler. 01_B33farm04

Phoebe marks birthday with a tough challenge

A student at Oxford University has decided to celebrate her 21st birthday with a big challenge by walking the Arran Coastal Way while also raising funds for Mind and Alzheimer's Research UK.

Phoebe Tealby-Watson will be joined by her old school friends and neighbours, sisters Ishbel and Shiona Luke, who all have Scottish relations and who have visited Arran previously on numerous occasions.

Friends

The three friends will be taking on the 105km Arran Coastal Way starting tomorrow (Sunday), with around five of their Oxford University friends joining them at various stages along the way.

The walkers and their families are meeting their own costs so every penny raised is going to the charities. A neighbour at home in Saffron Walden, Essex has thrown his support behind the group and printed t-shirts for the group while Arran friends, made



Phoebe Tealby-Watson's neighbour, David Daw, supplied Phoebe and her walking companions with printed t-shirts for their challenge which takes place this Sunday.

over the years of holidays, have already donated to the cause along with a number of Arran businesses.

Their donation page which can be found at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/>

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Phoebe said: 'Please, please give as much as you feel you can.'

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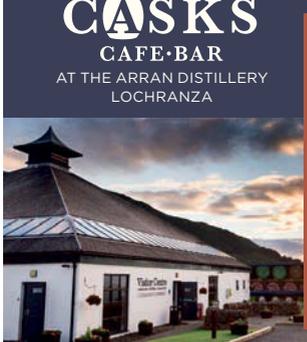


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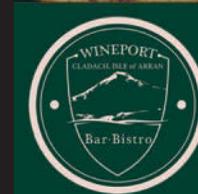

Summer dining on Arran



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range of daily specials, using a variety of local produce where they can. It is the perfect place to relax in the lovely big beer garden on sunny days after climbing Goatfell, or by the big roaring fire on colder days while sampling the local beer. In addition to alcoholic beverages they also serve tea, coffee and a range of fresh homemade baking for those looking for a morning or afternoon tea option. If you would like to book a table you can phone them on 01770 302101 or email info@wineport.co.uk



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Corrie's Capers ready for first Wigtown book festival

by Colin Smeeton
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The latest book in the Corrie's Capers series, *Tattoo Toorie*, is already following in its predecessors' successful footsteps and has just been signed up for the Wigtown Book Festival.

The children's book, written by Alison Page, tells the story of a little dog called Corrie who visits the Edinburgh Tattoo. Illustrated by Kirsty Oxley, the second book in the series has been welcomed by more than 33 stockists on Arran and further afield, including Edinburgh Castle and a number of bookstores in Edinburgh.

The series of books has already gained a loyal following and at the launch event of the latest book at the Glenisle Hotel, Lamlash, supporters joined the author for a book signing event where a large

number of copies were sold.

All of the titles in the Corrie Capers series are part of a not-for-profit venture with all of the sale proceeds being split between funding the next book and the charity Mary's Meals, for which author Alison Page is the Arran ambassador.

In addition to her work with Mary's Meals, Alison attends a great number of events where she hosts readings and book signing events with her young fans. One of her fans, Hari, a seven-year-old and winner of an art competition, recently visited Arran to meet the author and the star of the books, Corrie the West Highland terrier.

So successful has the story of Corrie Capers been, that the new book has been included in the programme for the Wigtown Book Festival which takes place between Friday September 27 and Sunday October 6 with more

than 100 events included in the festival.

Alison will be reading *Tattoo Toorie* at the Big Wig – the children's portion of the festival which features a number of well-known authors, workshops and puppet shows among many others.

Alison said: "Thank you to everyone who came to support the book launch. A huge thanks to Anne and Neil Kennedy for so generously hosting it at the Glenisle Hotel. It was a lovely launch event, enjoyed by old and young alike, and I look forward to the *Tattoo Toorie* appearing at the Wigtown Book Festival."

The *Tattoo Toorie* and the *Westie Fest* are both available online at <https://westie.scot> and at a number of outlets on Arran. A full list of stockists can be found on the website where further details about future events, and Corrie, can also be found.



Competition winner Hari visited Arran and met with author Alison Page and Corrie.



Fans of the series share a laugh with other supporters at the book launch. Photo: Cams Campbell.



Alison, with the help of a number of children, cuts the cake made by Kathryn Allan for the book launch. Photo: Cams Campbell.



Children at another launch event at the Book and Card Centre, Brodick, enjoy being in the Corrie's Capers frame.



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Marian Brambles receives the Corrie and Sannox Trophy on behalf of Shiskine SWI for the best item in show. 01_B33show03



Gisela Creed presents Lynn Jones with the Gardner Trophy for the runner-up to best in show. 01_B33show02



Angela Cassels receives the Joan Crawley Trophy for the best entry in the embroidery category. 01_B33show04



Jenny Harper receives the Magazine Trophy. 01_B33show06



Mary Adams receives the Brenda Waddell Trophy for the best knitted soft toy. 01_B33show07



Morag Murchie with the Isle of Arran Federation Trophy and towel for gaining the most points in the baking section. 01_B33show09

All the SWI handicraft show results

The Arran Federation of Scottish Women's Institutes (SWI) enjoyed another successful exhibition this year at the annual Handicrafts and Homeskills Show.

As reported in last week's Banner, the exhibition which showcased the talent and skills of members of Arran's five SWI institutes featured more than 337 exhibits from nearly 50 participants.

With items ranging from baking, artwork, and knitting to photography and quilting, the judges had a difficult time selecting the top items from each of the 67 categories.

Not only is the exhibition a showcase of the handicrafts and hobbies but it is also an opportunity for the institutes of Corrie and Sannox, Kildonan, Lamlash, Shiskine and Kilmory to enjoy some good-natured competition.

The afternoon's show concludes with a prize giving ceremony with 23 trophies which are awarded to individuals and groups who have exhibited the best items in show and those that achieve the most points in various categories.

This year it was Shiskine which won the Community Tray and was the institute which gained the most points in the show. It also won the Best In Show award and, out of the 23 trophies available, collected 14.

The show convener this year was Kirsty Forsyth who was assisted by vice convener Mairi Duff who will be responsible for next year's show. Special guest Gisela Creed presented the trophies.

The full results of the trophy winners are: Trophy donated by the late Duchess of Montrose for best community tray: Shiskine. Trophy donated by the late Dr James Buchanan for institute gaining most points in show: Shiskine. Trophy donated by the late Miss E Ferguson, Lamlash for best entry in handicraft sections: Dorothy Alllan, Shiskine. The Jean Anderson Memorial Tray for runner up to best entry in handicraft sections: Alison Thompson, Lamlash. Trophy donated by the late Mrs J

Petrie, Lamlash, for most points gained by an institute with 20 or fewer members: Corrie and Sannox. Margaret Haddow Trophy for community handicrafts: Shiskine. The Mary W McGarrity Memorial Trophy, donated by the late Mr J McGarrity, Corrie, for competitor gaining most points in handicraft sections: Marion Melvin, Corrie and Sannox.

Isle of Arran Federation Trophy for competitor gaining most points in baking section: Morag Murchie, Shiskine. Trophy donated by the late Mrs H Mitchell for competitor gaining most points in class 21: Anne Pringle, Corrie and Sannox, Jenny Harper, Shiskine.

Trophy donated by the late Mrs M Frew for Institute with 25 or fewer members gaining most points in class 19: Kildonan. Trophy donated by Arran Provisions for member gaining most points in class 17 - four item: Nici Sketchley-Kaye, Kildonan. Kilmory Trophy donated by the late Mrs Dale, Corriecravie for most points gained in class 15 - art: Morag Campbell, Lamlash. Queen's Jubilee Trophy donated by Mrs Elma Stevenson, class 16 - photography: Julie Wilkinston,

Shiskine.

The Rachel Trophy donated by Betty Bremner, Lamlash in memory of her sister Ray Bremner, for best knitted article in show: Jenny Harper, Shiskine. Brenda Waddell Trophy for best knitted soft toy: Mary Adams, Lamlash.

The Helen MacAlister Quaich for best thrift article: Marion Melvin, Corrie and Sannox. Magazine trophy, Farzier cake: Jenny Harper, Shiskine. Marvin Elliott Trophy for Shetland scarf knitted in two or three ply: Jenny Harper, Shiskine. The Nan Murchie Memorial Rose Bowl, class 15A: Dorothy Allan, Shiskine. Joan Crawley trophy best entry embroidery: Angela Cassels, Shiskine. The Gardner Trophy donated by Morag Gardner - runner up to best in show: Lynn Jones, Lamlash. Best in show - Corrie and Sannox Trophy donated by Anne Pringle: Shiskine community handicrafts tray.

Quilt Arran Quach for the most points in class to or three: Alison Thompson, Lamlash. Isle of Arran SWI - Mairi F T Turnbull Trophy donated by the Turnbull family for best exhibit in class 11 floral art: Jan Crawford, Shiskine.



Dorothy Allan receives the Nan Murchie Memorial Rose Bowl from Gisela Creed. 01_B33show05



Shiskine SWI members secured 14 of the 23 available trophies. 01_B33show01



Julie Wilkinson receives the Queen's Jubilee Trophy from Gisela Creed for her entry in the photographic section. 01_B33show08



Marion Melvin received the Mary W McGarrity memorial trophy for the most points gained in the handcraft section. 01_B33show10



Jan Crawford with the Mairi T Turnbull Trophy for the best exhibit of floral art. 01_B33show11



Morag Campbell receives the Kilmory Trophy for the most points gained in the art section. 01_B33show14



Alison Thompson was the winner of the new Quilt Arran Quach for most points in the quilting section. 01_B33show12



Anne Pringle and Jenny Harper shared the trophy for gaining the most points in the preserves and wine section. 01_B33show13

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The Blind Lemon Gators performing in Lamlash. 01_B33blind01

The Blind Lemon Gators in Lamlash

Above are The Blind Lemon Gators performing at the Rock 'n' Blues Festival in Lamlash recently and not The Brian Rawson Band, as stated in last week's Banner, who cancelled but were still listed in the programme.

The Blind Lemon Gators are the latest blues project from singer Greig Taylor and features Iain Donald on acoustic slide guitar and former John Martyn drummer Dave Cantwell on drums/percussion.

Very much a stripped back, 1930s' delta blues style, the Gators are currently performing at venues and festivals throughout the UK and Europe with their brand of acoustic blues and have released their debut full length album of original material titled Gatorville.

Get inspired to love the beauty of wood

Woodworkers, artists and anyone else who appreciates the beauty and versatility of wood is in for a treat this weekend as the Inspiration from Wood Festival takes place at Corrie and Sannox village hall.

Taking place today (Saturday) and tomorrow, between 10am and 4.30pm, the festival showcases the skills of the artisans, artists and woodworkers, while also exhibiting the varied items that have been created.

Well-known carvers Marvin Elliott and Henry Murdo will be exhibiting a number of their artworks and visitors will be able to try their hand at carving under their expert guidance.

Andy Leese, joiner and furniture maker, will be exhibiting a number of items and woodworker Mark Bunyan, among many others, will also be showing off the quality and wide range of items that can be created with wood.

The Inspiration of Wood event will appeal to a wide



Henry Murdo and Marvin Elliott, who hosted a demonstration and exhibition of some of their current works at the Arran Farmers' Show last week. 01_B33wood01

audience of people with an interesting and extensive variety of related things to

see and do. Visitors can walk around the hall and garden and marvel at the exhibits

while also being able to speak to the artists and creators themselves.

Brodick beach barbecue back on

The Brodick Improvements Committee (BIC) beach barbecue, which was postponed last Sunday owing to inclement weather, will now take place tomorrow (Sunday) starting at 2pm.

Weather permitting, all of the usual attractions will be available, including live music, traditional games, raffle, a well-stocked bar and a sandcastle competition.

The winner of the BIC fundraiser – the Brodick 200 Club – for the August draw was Lynn Ross of Brodick. Places are still available for the lucky draw where, for an annual payment of £20, participants are entered into a monthly prize draw to win £50. For more email bic.contactus@btinternet.com.

All funds raised from both initiatives go towards village improvements and the upkeep and maintenance of public amenities.

Lochranza draw winners

The winners of the Lochranza and Catacol 200 Club July draw were: first prize Ros Lyall, second prize Jean Platt.

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Poetry at McLellan Arts Festival

The time for McLellan Arts Festival is fast approaching.

Next week there will be a full description of the many events taking place, including exciting theatre, traditional Scottish culture, opera, Kirsty Wark, Arran on Film and a performance of The Messiah.

The first event will be on Friday August 30 when the winners of the McLellan Poetry Competition will be announced at the prize-giving event in Corrie and Sannox village hall. After that, names and poems will appear on the poetry competition website.

There were circa 1,200 entries and every continent was represented. There was a large range of subjects, from the political to the personal, though only two on Brexit and one mentioning Trump. Prominent this year were poems about historical events and poems written about paintings.

So far, five of the winners (first and third and three commended) have confirmed they will be at the prize-giving on August 30. Please go along and give them an Arran welcome. After the winners have read their poems and received their prizes, Sean O'Brien will be reading from his own work. There will also be a musical interlude by Arran Dawn.

The poetry workshop, to be led by Sean, is now fully booked, though there is a waiting list. The workshop runs from 11am to 3.30pm and costs £12 including lunch. People can pay on the day. Please contact Cicely Gill on 01770700464 or email: cicelym39@gmail.com

For more information about this year's festival check the Arran Banner or go to arrantheatreandarts.co.uk or phone 01770 302670. Tickets are available online at arranevents.com or at The Book and Card Centre, Brodick.



Poet Sean O'Brien. Photo Gerry Wardle

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Community Theatre, Lamlash, 7.30pm
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Thursday 5th September
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Friday 6th September
OPERA GALA NIGHT
Community Theatre Lamlash, 7.30pm
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Saturday 7th September
DRAMA LIVE
Corrie and Sannox Hall, 7.30pm.
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Sunday 8th September
THE MESSIAH
Community Theatre, Lamlash School, Lamlash, 7.30pm
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Saturday 14th September
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with Music Arran
Community Theatre Lamlash, 7.30pm
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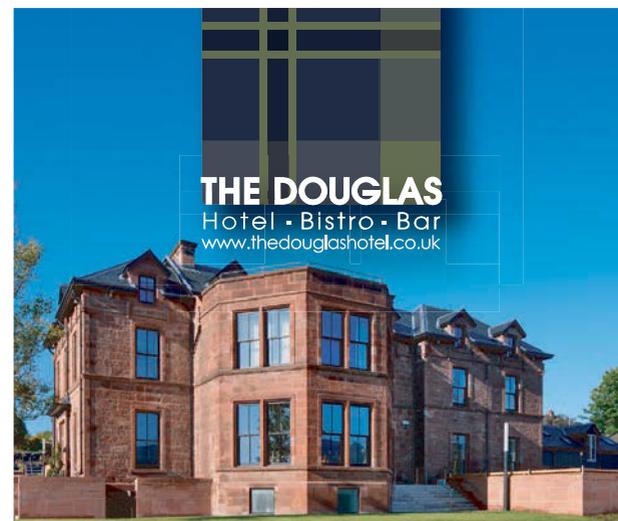
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Double July rainfall was good for breeding season

In comparison to June, the mean temperature of July was two degrees warmer. In comparison to last July the mean temperature was similar but the rainfall was 50 per cent more. The rain this year was concentrated in fewer days and 20 days in July had less than 0.2mm of rain.

Generally, the month was warm and settled.

In the main this was conducive to birds raising young and many species had a good breeding season. There were widespread reports of swallow and house martin with young and the sand martin colonies in Sannox, Glen Rosa and

Glen Catacol were thriving. There were signs that these and other summer visitors like willow warbler, white-throat and tree pipit were raising second broods. Some observers reported gardens 'buzzing' with the activity of young birds including blue tit, great tit, coal tit, house sparrow, robin, song thrush, starling, blackbird, chaffinch, goldfinch, siskin and encouragingly, greenfinch.

Other signs of a successful breeding season included: a family of dipper in Glenashdale on 5th, five young and two adult kestrel over Cnocan Cuallaich on 6th, Arctic tern with young at the colony on Pladda on 11th, a red-breasted merganser with eight young in Loch Ranza on 13th, a family of spotted flycatcher on the Holy Isle on 15th, a pair of shelduck with five young on



Dunlin returning from nesting grounds in the north in their breeding plumage. Photo Brian Couper



Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

JULY

Starling with young, a typical of many sights in July of young begging for food from an adult. Photo Brian Couper

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Cleats Shore on 18th, a family of common sandpiper on Slidery Shore on 22nd, three active nests at the heronry at Lagg on 27th, more than 20 Black Guillemot at the colony by King's Cave on 28th and a pair of mute swan with six young at Clauchlands on 30th. In addition healthy vole populations in some areas sustained good breeding numbers of hen harrier and short-eared owl.

There was some concern expressed that increased human activity on the hills near lochans was adversely affecting breeding red-throated divers and diminishing records of breeding curlew and fulmar is a continuing cause for concern.

July marks the end of the breeding season for some birds. It can be an interesting time looking out for birds dispersing after breeding. None of the following species breed on Arran: an adult and a young sandwich tern at Machriewaterfoot on 8th, two chough at the Fairy Dell on 15th (first Arran record since 2011), two kingfisher on the Rosa Burn on 18th and three rook in Slidery on 30th.

A number of northern breeding species heading south from their breeding grounds, many still in their breeding plumage, were reported, including: a green-

shank at Machriewaterfoot on 24th, 17 golden plover at Machriewaterfoot on 26th, three whimbrel and 17 dunlin on Slidery Shore on 27th and three turnstone at Machriewaterfoot on 31st. A whooper swan was reported at Sandbraes on 31st. This bird has over-summered and will feature in a future bird note in the Banner.



Kingfisher, no confirmed breeding on Arran but regular sightings of dispersing birds after the breeding season.

Photo Dennis Morrison

Over 100 species were reported in July. Other highlights included: two swift over Slidery on 2nd, 20 gannet and two puffin in Brodick Bay on 5th, 40 shag in Auchenhew Bay on 7th, three goosander off Rubha Glas on 15th, 30 manx shearwater in Brodick Bay on 16th, two moorhen and one little grebe

in Mossend Pond on 19th and that solitary long-staying magpie first reported on May 11 was seen in Porta Buidhe on 16 July.

Finally in the June Bird Notes I wrote: 'Cuckoos, whose decreasing numbers are a cause for concern nationally, seem to be thriving on Arran. Throughout May and June there have been many widespread reports. People need no prompting to report the first cuckoo. How about reporting when you hear or see the last cuckoo this year?' My thanks go to those of you who have responded. By now the adults will have left the UK leaving the young to be brought up by their foster parents. The young have a distinctive white spot on the nape of the neck. The latest date that I have had so far for young cuckoo is two by the Goatfell track on July 28.

Enjoy your birding.

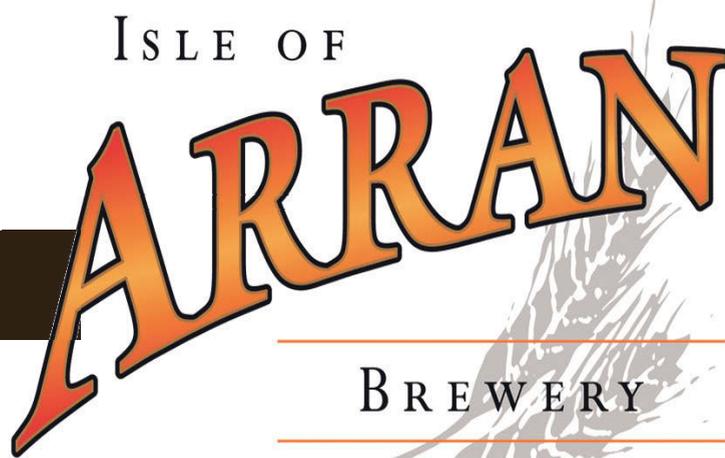
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Swimming lessons
Arran Brewery
Arran Heritage Museum

Monday - Friday, 10am - 12noon
Loch Garbad, bank fishing
Lochranza, 9am - 5pm
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Saturday 17th August

Inspiration from Wood Exhibition and Demonstration
Rink Games
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Family games
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Gym Induction
Fun in the pool
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Live Music - Mike Edwards
Live Music - Matt Scott and Anna Sweeny
Live Music - Earthbound, Indie Rock band
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Corrie Village Hall, 10am - 4.30pm
Brodict Bowling Green, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
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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, Brodict, 8pm
Douglas Hotel, Brodict, 8pm -11pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 10pm

Sunday 18th August

Inspiration from Wood Exhibition and Demonstration
Live Music - Mike Edwards
Brodict Beach BBQ
Family games
RNLI Shop - Open
Gym induction
Fun in the pool
Live Music - Audioclass Acoustic
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Folk Music Session

Corrie Village Hall, 10am - 4.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 1pm - 4pm
Brodict 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
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Monday 19th August

Morning Fitness
Arran Geopark - King's Cave and Drumadoon Walk Meet
Adult Tennis
JogScotland mixed ability running group
Circuit training
Summer Bridge, all welcome, phone 600835 or 700396
Rink Games
Rink Bowls
Live Music – Arran Dawn
Tae Kwon Do, adults and over 10s

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am-10.30am
King's Cave Car Park, Shiskine, 1.30pm
Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Whiting Bay, 5.30pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6pm - 7pm
Arran High School, 6.15pm for 6.30pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 8pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 20th August

Body Blitz (booking essential)
Healthy Outdoors Team
Meet the Ranger at the Squirrel Hide
Eco Savvy Energy Surgeries
Rink Bowls
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
Arran Pace Makers – Jog Scotland beginners' group
Steak Night – two ribeye steaks and bottle of wine
Gym induction
Arran Hockey Club – juniors (5-14yrs)
Flow Yoga

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodict Country Park Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Brodict Country Park Ranger Centre, 11am
Home House House, Brodict, 10am - 3pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm-4.30pm
Ormidale pavilion, Brodict, 5.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, Brodict, 5.30pm
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 6pm - 7pm
Corrie Hall, 6pm

Whiting Bay Drama Summer Plays
Family Badger Watch
Eco Savvy Food Share
Trev's Pop Music Quiz
Traditional Music Sessions

Whiting Bay Village Hall, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
Brodict Country Park Ranger Centre, 7.45pm
Whiting Bay Eco Savvy Hub Shop, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm
Brodict Bar, 9pm

Wednesday 21st August

Yoga
Hydrofit
Brodict Gardens Volunteers
Coffee Morning in aid of Mary's Meals
Archives and Genealogy Service
Bronze Age Roundhouse Open
Chair Yoga Exercise Class
Knit and Blether
Talk Introducing Arran's Archaeology
Arran Pace Makers Running Group
Flow Yoga
Junior Rugby (P3-P7)
Rink Games
Rink Bowls
Tae Kwondo juniors 6.30-7.30pm, advanced juniors and adults, AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
Summer Ceilidh with Arranach Ceilidh Band
Live Music - Charlie Harrigan
Family Friendly Pub Quiz
Rock 'n' Pop Bingo

Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.30am - 10.30am
Brodict Castle and Country Park, 9.30am - 1pm
Lamlash Church, 10.15am - 12noon
Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am -12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Brodict Country Park Ranger Centre , 11am
St Molios Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am
Bay Wool and Crafts, Whiting Bay 11.30am - 1.30pm
Arran Heritage Museum, Brodict, 1.30pm and 2.30pm
Brodict, 5.30pm
Shiskine Hall, 6pm
Ormidale Park, Brodict, 6pm - 7pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.45pm
AHS, 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodict Hall 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Crofters' Music Bar and Bistro, 8pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 8.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Thursday 22nd August

Three Beinnns Mountain Walk
Morning fitness
Macmillan Cancer Support
Chair Yoga Exercise Class
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

Brodict Country Park Ranger Centre , 9am
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30 -10.30am
Brodict Medical Centre, 10am - 4pm
Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 10.30am
Blackwaterfoot, 5pm
Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavillion, Brodict, 7pm - 8.30pm
Brodict Ormidale Pavillion, 8.15pm
Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Hotel, Brodict, 9pm

Friday 23rd 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 - Shindig
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, Brodict, 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 and Bistro, 8pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay, 8pm

Saturday 24th August

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)
Live Music - Davie Anderson
Live Music - Scott MacDonald
Live Music - Contraband, playing songs everyone loves
Over-21s' Disco

Brodict Hall, 11am - 3pm
Brodict Bowling Green, 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
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Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
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Sinking feeling

There was some rough weather last weekend and two small boats sank in Brodick Bay. One of them was only put in the water that week and was left lying with its nose sticking out. Coastguards visited the site on Sunday afternoon to assess the situation but it was only on Wednesday that a minor salvage operation pulled them out again.

Lucky escape

Four children had a lucky escape after a dingy incident which came within a hairsbreadth of tragedy.

On a beautiful sunny afternoon Mrs Jo Earle had gone down to Torrylinn beach with her two children and some friends. The children were playing in the water with an inflatable dingy while Mrs Earle, mindful of potential danger, was keeping a watchful eye on them. But she said: 'It all happened so quickly. Just before my eyes the wind suddenly came off the shore and within seconds they were out of reach.'

In the dingy were four children all under 10. There was Andrew Earle and Ailsa Barr, who live at the Southend and two visiting children Craig and Robyn McDowall. The dingy was swiftly blown out to sea and those on shore watched helplessly as it got smaller and smaller among the waves. Mrs Earle's elder son, Robert, ran to the Post Office and raised the alarm.

From the beach Mrs Earle saw a helicopter approach although by this time the boat was no longer visible. While flying overhead the Campbeltown lifeboat appeared and, going directly to the boat marked by the helicopter, it picked up the children and returned them to Mrs Earle, a little shocked but completely unscathed.

Arran institutions

The 112th Brodick Highland Games were held last week at the Ormidale Park with the traditional meeting of the pipe bands from the 10.35am ferry. During the parade along the front it began to rain and continued to rain with the result that the Highland dancing competition had to be relocated to the village hall.

However, as the day went on the weather improved and the games proceeded with little disruption – only the high jump events were cancelled. In the field events no new records were set but Scott Clark managed to improve all of the local marks and emerged as a worthy winner of the heavy events competition.

Attracting a record breaking audience the 1999 Arran Farmers' Society Show saw more than 4,000 people attending. Sadly, the number of beasts looked down, evidence of the changing times, but the quality and variety of the animals was high and the interest in farming still very much evident.



Robert Earle, Ailsa Barr and Andrew Earle were all involved in the dingy drama at Torrylinn beach. 01_B33twe01



It could almost be a century ago as these young children show off their outfits at the Brodick Castle Victorian Day. 01_B33twe04



Members of the Arran Hockey Club at Blackwaterfoot just prior to their fundraising round the island relay run. £460 was raised by supporters for the club. 01_B33twe02



The main prize-winners at the Brodick Ladies Open at which Olive Keith won the championship trophy. 01_B33twe05



Ladies of the Arran Women Writers Group have celebrated the publication of their first book with the clever title of The Biggish Ewe (The Big Issue). 01_B33twe03

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Stranraer Oyster Festival is packed with fun and flavour. Celebrating the wild, native oysters of Loch Ryan this food festival includes celebrity chef demonstrations, the Scottish Shucking Championships, foodie workshops, dining experiences, an artisan market, family friendly activities, street food, live music and more.

Your Stranraer Oyster Festival package, worth £320 must be taken on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 September, includes dinner, bed and breakfast, plus room upgrade and wine. As well as weekend tickets to Stranraer Oyster Festival and to one celebrity chef demonstration, and two tickets to the Saturday evening Big Oyster Bash.

If you'd like a chance to win this amazing prize, answer the following question.
What national chef competition takes place at Stranraer Oyster Festival?

NB: The closing date for this competition is Friday 30th August

T&Cs – the prize is for the Stranraer Oyster Festival Package, plus upgrades, at the North West Castle Hotel, plus Stranraer Oyster Festival tickets. The prize must be taken on 13th and 14th September 2019. The prize is for 2 adults sharing a room. The winner will be sent a voucher for their prize. The room and Big Bash tickets have already been reserved and allocated to the winner by North West Castle. Use of data: Stranraer Development Trust, organisers of Stranraer Oyster Festival, will use any data received from this competition for the purposes of sending email marketing about Stranraer Oyster Festival, including details of programmes and ticket offers. It will not be sold or given to any third parties, and will not be used for any other purpose.

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine Independent but working together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson,
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 18th August

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

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland
Charity Number: SC014005
Sunday 18th August
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.

The Sunday School begins again and we look forward to welcoming our young people back.

Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods.
All most welcome.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 18th August
9th Sunday after Trinity Sung Eucharist at 11 am.
Revd Adrian Fallows
Coffee after service

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 18th August
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick

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Sunday 18th August

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Left of the Douglas Hotel, opposite the ferry terminal.
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ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 18th 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

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 18th August
Shiskine at 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick at 6pm
Services will be taken by Rev John Mann

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 17th August
Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Sunday 18th August

Sunday Morning Mass at 11am

DEATH

PRESTAGE: Richard - Sadly passed away on Monday, 5th August 2019. Richard, aged 59 years, cherished son of Fiona Tait and loving father of Martin. Funeral ceremony at Clyde Coast and Garnock Valley Crematorium on Tuesday, 20th August at 1:00 pm to which all are welcome. Transport available from 11:05 ferry and returning, after refreshments at the Seamill House Hotel for 6:00 pm ferry. Family flowers only please.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday July 31, The Betty Black Cup. A total of 28 played on yet another fine summer's day. Following some rain on Tuesday the course was offering generous shot-making conditions tempered by some not so generous flag positions.

CSS stayed at 63 and after an injury enforced layoff, for the second competition in a row, Stan Rainey confirmed his return to winning ways, this time with a net 60. 1 Stan Rainey 11, 60, 2 Colin Nisbet 13, 63, ACB, 3 Kerr Drummond 6, 63, ACB, 4 Danny Head 6, 63. Alan Foggo returned the lowest gross score with a 68. Magic twos Craig Simpson @ second, Stan Rainey @ third, Neil Richardson @ fourth Murray Foggo @ sixth, Colin Nisbet @ 17.

Wednesday August 7, The McNicol Cup. A total of 16 played in the McNicol, one of the club's oldest and grandest trophies. Conditions were fine and some marvellous golf was played and with five threes on the back nine, four of them on successive holes. Captain in charge of vice Wolfi Kroner must have thought his fine net 60 would prevail only for Kevin McAleney to sneak in an even finer net 59 to win. 1 Kevin McAleney 10, 59 and lowest gross, 2 Wolfi Kroner 15, 60, 3 Ronnie Mann 12, 63, 4 Markus Kroner 8, 64. CSS came down to 62. Magic twos Markus Kroner @ ninth, Kevin McAleney @ 13th.

Sunday August 11, The Lifeboat Stableford. A total of 15 played on what was, by recent standards at least, an uncharacteristically dreich morning for the last of the 2019 charity support opens. CSS went out to 65/34 Stableford points and Wolfi Kroner continued his recent winning ways to beat that by two shots. 1 Wolfi Kroner 14, 36pts, 2 Douglas Graham 14, 34, 3 Danny Head 6, 32, 4 Stan Rainey 10, 31. Magic twos Wolfi Kroner, Stan Rainey @ 17th.

Fixtures: Friday August 16, AGA Champion of Champions at Lamlash Golf Club. Sunday August 18, The Aitken Rosebowl Foursomes, one draw for partners at 10am. Wednesday August 21, Summer Trophy.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday August 1, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Robert Calder 71-10=61, 2 Iain Murchie 69-6=63, 3 John O'Sullivan 89-24=65, BIH, 4 Jim Young 82-17=65, BIH, scratch Dougie MacFarlane 66. Magic twos R Calder @ fifth, G Andrew @ fourth, W Currie @ 16th - roll-over continues.

Friday August 2, Dan Crawford Salver - Lifeboat Day. 1 Tom McMillan 42pts BIH, 2 Robert Calder 42pts, 3 Alan Short 40pts. Best scratch



SWI president Jerry Arthur presents the SWI Trophy to Alice Anderson, winner of the SWI 12 hole competition. Joining her are runner up Ellie Jones, and third place winner Pat Adamson and Elizabeth Kelso, scratch.

Dougie Macfarlane 34pts. Magic twos, six recorded.

Thursday August 8, Summer Cup, CSS 65. 1 Martin Wallbank 75-16=59, 2 Robert Calder 72-9=63, 3 Iain Murchie 71-6=65. Best scratch, Iain Murchie 71. Magic twos Alan Smith @ 16th, Iain Murchie @ 16th - rollover continues.

Monday August 12, Hamilton Bowl, CSS 64. 1 Lee Dutton 85-19=66.

Ladies' section: Monday July 24, Stroke 4, CSS 66, par 65. 1 Liz Sinclair 88-19=69, 2 Alison Young 90-12=78. Scratch, Liz Sinclair 88.

Wednesday August 7, Fleet 5, CSS 64, par 65. 1 Kate McAdam 83-16= 67, 2 Sheena Murchie 85-14=71. Scratch, Kate McAdam 83.

Fixtures: Sunday August 18, Jamieson Cup, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday August 22, Summer Cup, make up own groups.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday August 8, Captain's Prize - ladies. Silver: 1 Jenni Turnbull 53-11=42. Jenni won Scratch Barometer and Veterans Trophy, 2 Liz Kerr 56-11=45, 3 Sue Biggar 59-9=50. Bronze: 1 and winner of Captain's Prize, Carol Calder 62-20=42 BIH, 2 Rosemary Dobson 67-24=42, 3 Julia Salton 66-21=45.

Saturday August 10, Gents' Captain's Prize. First class: 1 H Bannatyne 45-4=41, 2 C Watson 49-7=42, 3 T Gowan 49-5=44. Scratch, Ali Gray 44. Second class: 1 R Black 56-19=37, winner of the Captain's Prize and Veterans' Tankard, 2 I Robertson 51-11=40, 3 G Ash 53-13=40. Magic twos C Watson, D Markham, H Bannatyne, T Gowan, R Traill.

Sunday August 11, Allan Maxwell Golf Day. A total of 19 teams took part in what could only be described as a wet and cold supposedly summer's day. With donations from those who could not play, the group raised around £1,100 which goes to Marie Curie. Many

thanks to all who played, donated prizes or both. Thanks to all the local businesses for their contributions. This day would not be possible without them.

Prize winners were: 1 64pts, J Dalziel, J Nimmo, J Paterson, M Smith; 2 59pts, A Brown, J Keohome, J Ferrier, G Dunlop; 3 58pts, Team Para Para, Stevie Crawford, Joe Faulkner and Graham Martlew. Most putts on the 10th with 12 putts, Colin Aitken, David Duthie, Iain Robertson, Alison Robertson. Hole prize winners: first Hole n/p in two gents, Louis Taylor. Second hole n/p in three ladies, Ghislaine Taylor. Third hole n/p gents, Craig Young. Fourth hole n/p ladies, Fiona Henderson. Fifth hole longest putt sunk open, Sandy Miles. Sixth hole n/p in two ladies, Ghislaine Taylor. Seventh hole n/p gents, John Graham. Eighth hole longest putt sunk open, Barbara Wilson. Ninth hole longest drive gents, Sandy Kerr. Tenth hole n/p ladies, Sandra Miles. Eleventh hole longest putt sunk, Duncan Markham. Twelfth hole n/p open, John Paterson.

Clare Buchanan (Maxwell) said: 'Congratulations to all our winners. Hope to see you next year. Check our website for date and details.'

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday August 7, Sweep and magic twos: 1 J McGovern 72-13=59, 2 R McLean 76-14=62, 3 G Andrew 71-9=62, scratch.

Saturday August 10, 18 Hole Sweep: 1 R McLean 73-14=59, scratch, 2 L Dickson 74-9=65. Magic twos D Hayes @13th.

Fixtures: Saturday August 17, 18-Hole Sweep, ballots at 9am and 2pm. Wednesday August 21, Sweep and magic twos, ballot at 5.30pm.

Brodick Golf Club

Thursday August 8, Brodick Senior Open, 53 played, CSS 66. 1 R McCrae 38pts, 2 D Robertson 37pts, 3 C Wall 37pts. Sweep Results: age 55-64 incl. 1 C Wall 37pts, 2 C

Sparling 36pts, 3 C Derbyshire 35pts. Age 65 and over, 1 R McCrae 38pts, 2 D Robertson 37pts, 3 T Raeside 35pts.

Nearest the pin - fourth S Sharma, seventh D McKinnie, 13th S Sharma, 15th L Hartley. Thanks to sponsors Armitage Groundworks and Andrew Yates Engineers.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday August 6, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary: 1 Phil Betley 64, 2 Ross Trail 65, 3 Campbell Laing 67.

Fixtures: Tuesday August 20, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary final round, tee off 12.30pm/5.30pm. Tuesday August 27, Lawson Cameron Cup final day, 5.30pm and sweep at 12.30pm.

SWI Golf

Monday August 12, SWI 12 hole competition. A total of nine ladies played in the annual competition at Shiskine on a lovely sunny evening. The federation has donated a new trophy for this event which can have the winners' names engraved on it. President Jerry Arthur presented the trophy to the winner Alice Anderson. The other prize winners were Ellie Jones, who was second, Pat Adamson, third and Elizabeth Kelso, scratch.

The golf was followed by a delicious supper with sandwiches made by Alan and cakes baked by some of the golfers. The raffle raised £48 for federation funds. Fixture: Tuesday August 27, SWI National Finals with teams from all over Scotland will play at Shiskine starting at 10.30am.

Arran Golfers Association

Monday August 12, Champion of Champions round one at Lamlash Golf Club. This was re-scheduled from the postponed last Friday due to the road closures owing to flooding. The course was in wonderful condition.

A huge thanks to the greens staff, and also Lamlash Golf Club for such fantastic hospitality. Some good golf played. Whiting Bay (Danny Head) lost to champion Ewan McKinnon, Brodick (Ross Duncan) beat Lochranza (Graeme Andrew), Lamlash (Todd Jameson) beat Machrie Bay (Hamish Bannatyne) and Shiskine (Jack McNally) lost to Corrie (Gordon Hendry).

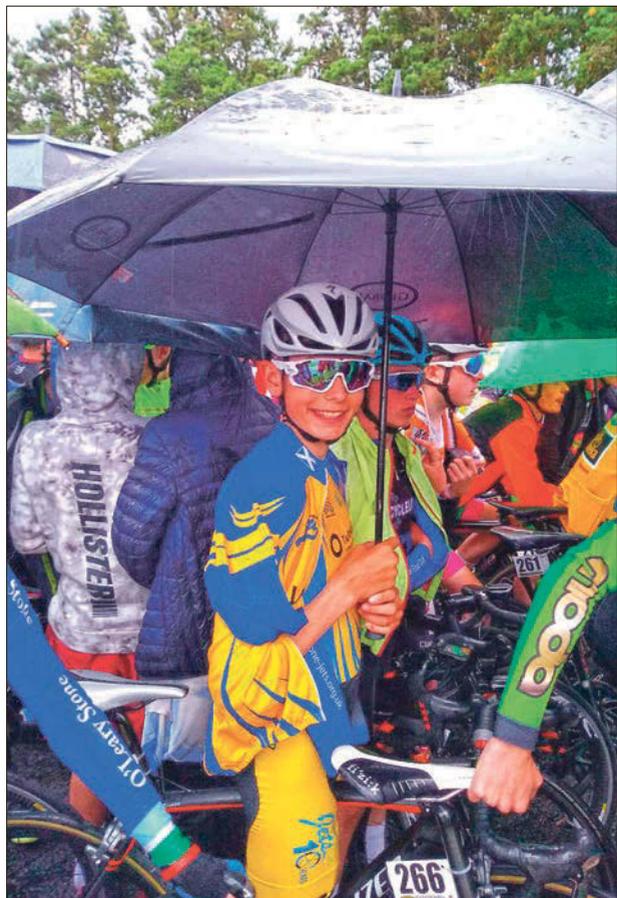
The host club suggested playing the next two games on Fridays. The players and officials were consulted and unanimous agreement to have the semis on Friday August 16 and the final on Friday August 23, both at 5.30pm. Please note this is different to the fixture list. The main reason is to attract more spectators, so hopefully people can go along and watch the best of Arran battling it out on an amazing course.

Jim Henderson kindly did the draw for the semis and it is champion Ewan McKinnon v Brodick (Ross Duncan), Corrie (Gordon Hendry) v Lamlash (Todd Jameson).

Louie holds his own on



Louie Urquhart-Dixon warms up during the event.



Louie keeps both himself and his bike dry during a downpour.

Louie is currently leading his age group in the Criterium series in the west of Scotland, with two races left

The first weekend of August saw Arran junior cyclist Louie Urquhart-Dixon participating in the International Youth Tour of Ireland in Erigal, Co Donegal.

The Irish Youth Tour is a four-stage race which takes place over three days and plays host to some of the best youth band cyclists from the UK and Ireland.

Stage one is a 47km stage with two King of the Mountain (KoM) sections; stage two, a hill climb time trial, 3.2km rising up along the road underneath the iconic mountain Erigal; stage three was a Criterium, a closed circuit race; and the final and queen stage was another hilly stage of 45km featuring the infamous Keellogues hill climb; a category one climb which maxes out at 17 per cent with one

KoM section. The racing was extremely fast with average speeds of nearly 38kmph, nearing what the professional adult males race at. The weather was kind for most of the time.

The weather and winds in Donegal are very similar to what is experienced on Arran, so Louie was comfortable with the rain, headwinds and the hills. That said there was a monumental deluge and localised storm which did not relent and saw the cancellation of the Criterium, with the riders possibly quietly happy at the decision.

Fifteen-year-old Louie, who currently rides with the Johnstone Jets, the youth section of the Johnstone Wheeler's, gave a sterling performance and held his own. He was racing against

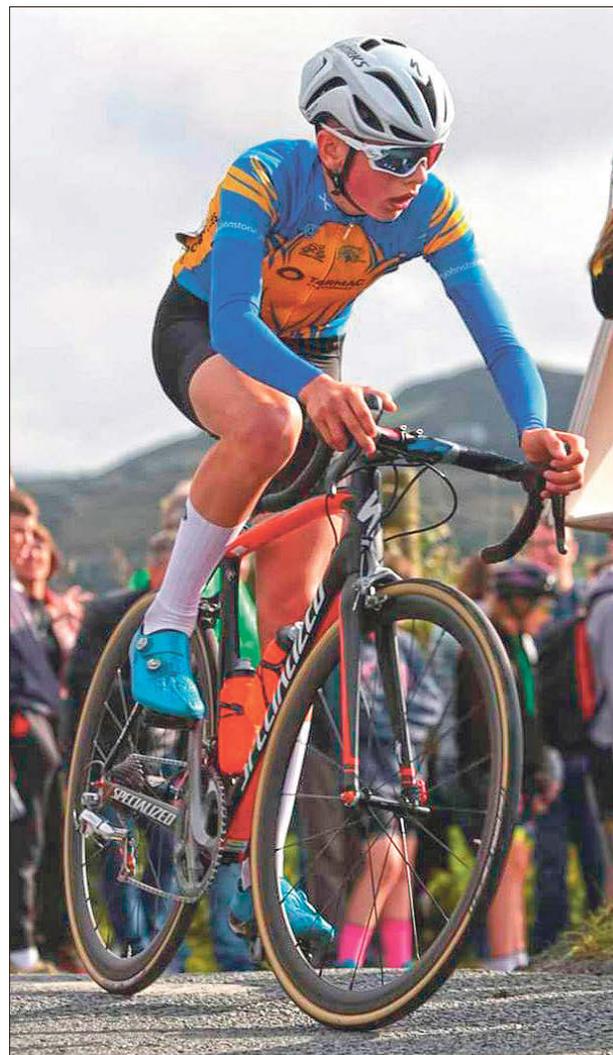
youth road champions from all of the nations entered and is still one of the youngest in his age band (Youth A, 14-16). He stayed with the main bunch through all of the stages raced, and finished over all placed 20th out of 80 riders in his age band. He had a third place in the Keellogues KoM section, the steepest hill of the whole competition narrowly missing out on the KoM.

Louie is currently leading his age band Criterium series in the west of Scotland, with two races left to run. He has eight races between now and the end of September including the NFuse North West Youth Tour at the end of August, a three-day stage race in Lancaster which he was selected for and invited to, and in October will be racing in the Scottish

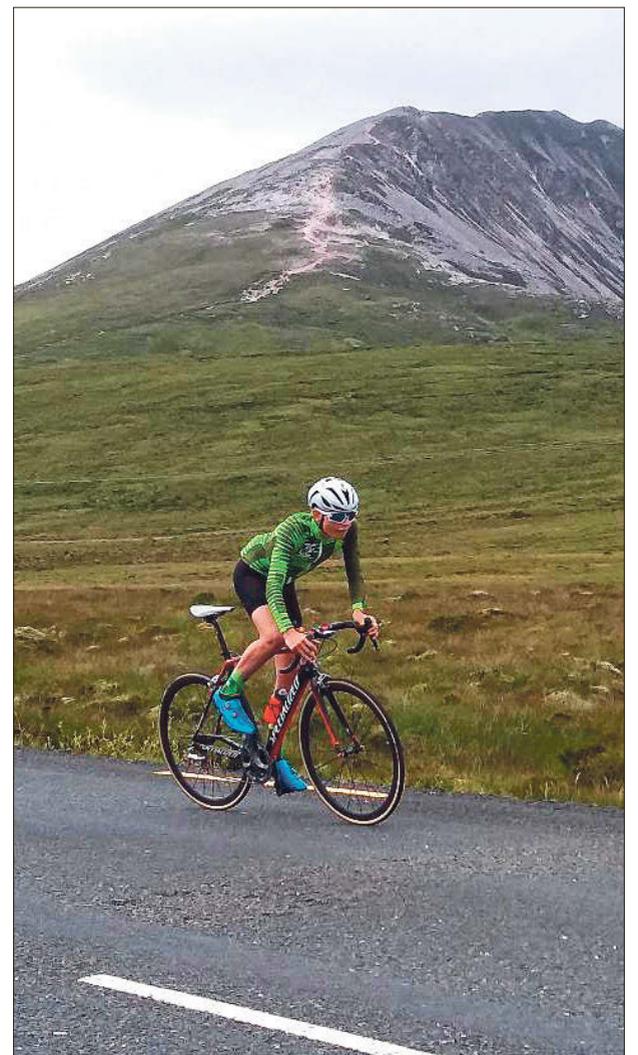
National Hill Climb event, and then British National Hill Climb event in Devon, and will be racing Cyclo-Cross and Mountain Bike events through the winter.

Earlier in the year he won the Cycling Time Trials (CTT) Junior National 10-mile Time Trial, then later that day he won the Hill Climb TT. Next year he will move up to Junior 16-18 and will be riding more road races, which he is more suited to. The hills and roads of beautiful Arran have been, and are, the perfect training ground for this talented and aspiring hill climbing cyclist.

Louie can often be seen riding the hills brightly clad or commuting to Arran High School or to the Velo Cafe in Lagg where he works, and often going very fast.



Louie is full of concentration.



Louie out on the open road in County Donegal.

tough Irish youth tour



Louie powers his way up the hill during the youth tour.



The end is in sight for Louis in Ireland.

Brodick prove too strong for Northend

Northend	2
Brodick	7
Arran Dairies League	

In the rearranged league fixture Brodick dominated over Northend at Lochranza where Kyle McNicol was on hand to score his first ever hat-trick for Brodick in emphatic style.

Joel Small also got a dou-

ble for the visiting team, while Dominick Demazeux and Christopher 'Babbies' MacNeil scored the remainder of the goals.

Consolation

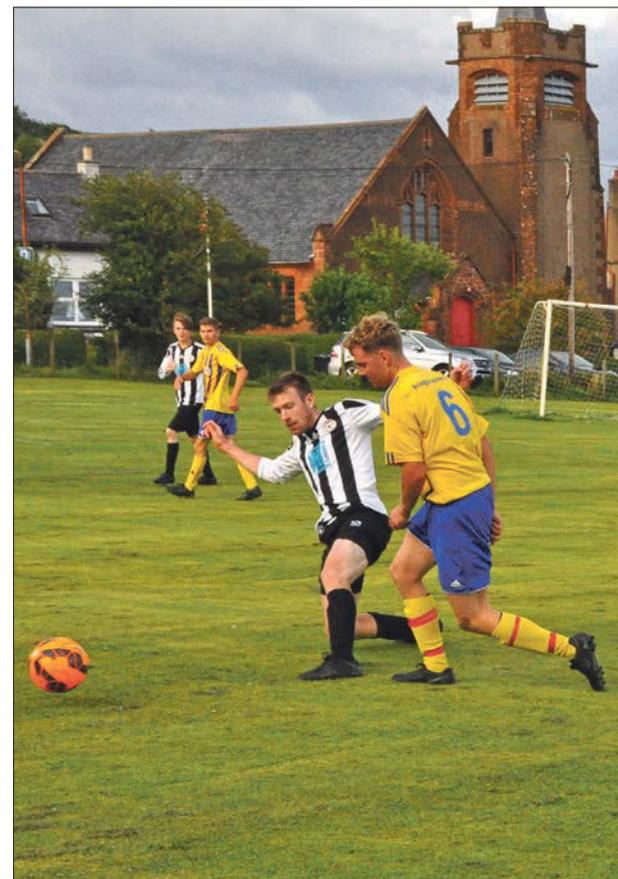
The consolation goals for Northend came from Archie Innes and Jean Demazeux.

Young Lachlan Campbell was awarded the man of the match for a great performance well ahead of his years.



Southend's Donald Park bears down on the Lamlash goal.

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Ben Tattersfield makes an important clearance with Southend on the attack. 01_B33footy05



A nice view of Sandbraes with the game in progress. 01_B33footy06

Louie holds his own on
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Seven up as Southend reach cup semi finals

Southend	7
Lamlash	1
Copperwheats Cup	

Southend booked their place in the semi finals of the Copperwheats Cup with an impressive display against Lamlash in the preliminary round of the competition at Sandbraes on Monday night.

Lewis Kennedy was in fine form in front of goal, banging in a first-half hat-trick for the home side. Jamie Sillars scored for Lamlash as well to make the score 3-1 at the break.

Liam Bremner added to his tally early on in the

second half to make it four before substitute Danny Head scored a goal-of-the-season contender with a long range half volley over the Lamlash keeper. Corey Allen kept his impressive goal scoring tally up from defence when he knocked in the rebound from a corner. Then Ryan Armstrong rounded off the scoring when his shot from the edge of the box wound up in the corner of the net.

Referee Ian 'Loc' McDonald gave the man of the match award to young winger James Currie for some great trickery and setting up a number of the Southend goals.

The semi finals of the

Copperwheats Knockout Cup will take place on Monday August 19 when Brodick take on Southend at Ormidale Park at 6.30pm and Northend face Shiskine at the Ewe Camp at 7pm.

More football on page 31

Lamlash, with the sponsors banner, who were knocked out of the Copperwheats Knockout Cup by a strong Southend side.

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Lewis Kennedy scores his second goal of a first-half hat-trick. 01_B33footy02



Two players go for a 50-50 ball. 01_B33footy03



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