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Arran's Persian poem



Pool win on cue



Malcolm Whitmore of the Arran Access Trust cuts the ribbon to officially open the new steps watched by, from left, Hamish McNeil, David MacPherson and Stevie Bunyan.
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Road class reduced

Almost 30 miles of Arran's roads are about to be downgraded from A class to C class.

A meeting of the North Ayrshire Council (NAC) Property Services Committee on 23 January agreed to re-classify more than half of the A841. It is proposed that the road from Lochranza down through Blackwaterfoot, Kilmory, Kildonan and as far as Whiting Bay would become a C road.

Shock
At the monthly Arran Community Council meeting on Tuesday night 30 January councillors were in shock. 'We are supposed to represent the community and there has been a complete lack of consultation,' said chairman Campbell Laing.

Kildonan councillor Alastair Yates said: 'They'll be up in arms in the southend. I don't want to see the roads down there deteriorate any more than they already have.'

'They're downgrading 50 per cent of the Island's roads,' exclaimed Shiskine councillor Neil Arthur.

Councillors felt that this would probably mean more money being spent on the upkeep of the remaining A road from Lochranza through Brodick to Whiting Bay but less spent on the rest.

'How will it affect the tourist trade,' said Ian Small. 'Will tour bus companies look at the map and see a yellow road down one coast and decide not to come

here?' Mr Laing added: 'The folk on the west side already feel neglected, now they'll feel disenfranchised.'

On Wednesday NAC head of roads Ronnie Small said: 'I can give an absolute assurance that there will be no reduction in the overall funding for Arran roads. This is not a money-saving exercise. There have been extensive surveys done.'

Using the past tense another NAC spokesman said: 'The re-classification of the A841 on the west and south side was done on road safety grounds because the road did not meet with A classification criteria. Re-classification of roads is not a consultative matter. The road either meets the requirements or it doesn't.'

Safely
'If anything, the road becoming a C road will alert drivers to the fact that the road alignment and carriage width, which has not changed, means driving more slowly and thus more safely. All services which used the road will be able to continue to do so.'

Hotel plans for second public meeting

There will be a further public meeting in the McLaren Hotel, Brodick at 7.30pm next Thursday 8 February to discuss new proposals for re-developing the hotel.

Following a recent public meeting on 10 January, owners Billy and Janie McLaren have come up with a preparatory plan for the new building.

They feel the new plan is more likely to meet with approval from Island residents than the original plan.

The new plans show 12 hotel bedrooms, 11 two-bedroom flats and two one-bedroom flats.

'We want to put people in the picture,' said Billy.

'The McLaren will need to be demolished and rebuilt.'

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Strange objects in water around Brodick Pier

Observant travellers may notice strange objects in the water around Brodick pier next week.

Caledonian MacBrayne (Cal-Mac) has commissioned a team of divers to carry out a survey of the underwater sections of the linkspan and pier.

Brodick pier manager Colin McCort said: 'It's a routine survey and we shall be in communication with the ferry as she is approaching the pier to make sure that the divers are safely out of the way.'

A new bus for Kilmory



Kilmory Primary School children with, from left, Peter Geddes, Mandy MacDonald, headteacher Margaret Parker, Pat Geddes, Phyllis Picken and Chris Jones with dog Wallace. b05bus1

The people of Kilmory have a new bus.

A brand new bright yellow bus was delivered to the southend community last week.

In 1989 the local people were not satisfied with the regular bus service so clubbed together and raised £1,100 to buy a second-hand minibus from Arran Outdoor Centre.

Over the years Kilmory Community Bus has been maintained by a local committee and replaced from time to time.

This is the fourth such bus and

is a 17-seater Jumbo Transit T430 with full seat belts and disabled access.

The new bus cost £39,593 with £29,154 coming from the Rural Community Transport Initiative, £5,000 from Awards For All and £5,439 from local fundraising.

Local groups

Many local groups use the bus, including Lagg pool team, ladies darts, Whiting Bay and Kilmory Rural, keep fit club, Brownies and Kilmory Primary School.

Committee members are Pat and Peter Geddes, Isobel Adamson,

Mandy MacDonald, Chris Jones and chairperson Phyllis Picken. It is available for anyone to drive as long as they have a clean licence and bookings can be made through the chairperson.

Phyllis said: 'It's great to get a new all-singing, all-dancing bus. We much appreciate the efforts of those who have made donations and raised funds for this lifeline service.'

'It has to get the name written on the side yet, and there will be space for sponsored business signs if anyone is interested.'

Steps open up Silver Sands

One of the finest and most popular beaches on the Island is again accessible to the public.

For many years a long twisting line of 48 steps led down to the beach known as the Silver Sands from the road at Low Kildonan, next to the coastguard house.

Over the years the steps have fallen into disrepair and at the end of last summer they were closed to the public.

North Ayrshire Council (NAC) parks supervisor Stevie Bunyan said: 'We maintain the steps and they had become dangerous. For health and safety reasons the footpath had to be closed.'

Now with funding from Arran Access Trust, NAC and Kildonan Village Hall and Improvements Committee the steps have been reinstated and made safe.

Committee chairman David MacPherson said: 'We have had very good co-ordination between the trust, the council and local volunteer support. The trust provided materials and the 70 concrete slabs for 36 new steps and Hamish McNeil and John McDonald brought them round to the site along the beach by tractor and trailer.'

Stevie said: 'The job took three of our men four weeks and they worked through some hellish weather. A special mention should be made of council worker Donald Stewart for a good clean up at the end.' The ground is owned by Mamie Stewart of Dervaig and she explained: 'The beach was always popular in years gone by but folk had to scramble down a muddy slope to get to it.'

'In the early 1940s my father-in-law George Stewart, who farmed the Craighend, gave access rights to the village and improvements committee. They tidied things up and eventually got a Lamlash builder to lay concrete steps.'

Mamie's late husband John's family have owned and farmed the land around Low Kildonan for six generations. The steps are surrounded by tall reedy grass and Mamie said: 'John used to cut thatch down there and bring it up to the fields with a horse and cart to cover the clamps of tatties. Boy scouts used to camp on the shore as well.'

'I know some people refer to it as the Silver Sands but I don't know where that name came from. It is really just the beach. And yes, I have been down the new steps and they are very good indeed.'

About 15 years ago the maintenance of the steps was taken over by the local authority and parks supervisor Stevie Bunyan said: 'This is a job I have been wanting to do for a long time.'

Arran road downgrade shock

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parts for my lorries. When you look at the standard of roads in Argyll and Bute, Arran is an embarrassment. We're the poor cousins once again.' NAC has said any new residential developments on a C road would not be required to have street lighting.

Police Files

Man arrested

A 35-year-old Brodick man was arrested in the early hours of Sunday morning 28 January and charged with an alleged assault in Alma Road, Brodick. A report was

sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Drink driving

A 17-year-old Whiting Bay youth was reported under section five of the Road Traffic Act for drink

driving late on Sunday evening.

Traffic accidents

There were two separate traffic accidents on Lamlash hill on Tuesday 23 and Friday 26 January. No other vehicles were involved and there were no injuries but police warn motorists should take care on this section of road until the damaged bridge is repaired.

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Caley Isles returns

Arran's regular ferry, *MV Caledonian Isles*, returned to active duty last Saturday 27 January.

She has been in an Aberdeen shipyard for her annual overhaul and returned to Ardrossan on Wednesday 24 January to undergo tests.

During her three-week absence the Ardrossan to Brodick route has been served by relief ferry *MV Clansman* which normally does the Oban to Barra to South Uist route. Her place has been covered in turn by another CalMac vessel, *MV Lord of the Isles* which operates the seasonal Mallaig to Skye service.

The last sailing of *MV Clansman* on this relief duty was the 6pm service from Ardrossan last Friday 26 January. The departure was delayed by 20 minutes and skipper Colin Bullimore announced: 'We apologise for the delay but this will be our last sailing to Brodick and we have to take our gangway with us.' The ship's own special gangway was duly towed round and onto the car deck. Meanwhile, *MV Caledonian Isles* was sat across the pier in the Lion berth, lit up like a Christmas tree and waiting to get back on duty.

During the crossing to Brodick the crew members were preparing for their next commission. Steward Roddy Ferguson said: 'After we leave Brodick tonight the ship is sailing to Stornoway to take

up relief duty while the *MV Isle of Lewis* is away for annual service. We are calling at Castlebay to drop off a gangway and should get there by 9pm on Saturday.'

Senior catering officer Eric Holmes explained: 'We don't start that service until Monday because they don't sail on a Sunday. The ministers up there don't like it.'

When the *Clansman* arrived at Brodick the passengers and vehicles disembarked and the gangway was trundled along the linkspan and onto the car deck before she left at 8pm bound for the Outer Hebrides.

MV Caledonian Isles did a ghost run from Ardrossan at 7am the following day and was in place ready for the 8.20am sailing from Brodick.

Apart from the usual engine overhaul the vessel has had a few other improvements.

There are shiny new bulkhead coverings leading down to the car deck and new carpets and flooring in the cafeteria and observation lounge. However, the main improvement is a new grey non-slip floor covering on the car deck.

Captain Colin Bain said: 'It was a 33-hour passage back from Aberdeen but most of the guys have got deep sea experience anyway. It's a pleasant change from going back and forwards across the Clyde.'



The new non-slip car deck surface with, from left, second mate Jay Shibel, mate Ken MacDonald and Brodick pier manager Colin McCort. b05cal2

Pontoon development public meeting

A proposed pontoon development for Lochranza may take one step nearer following a planned meeting next month.

Lochranza Mooring Association has called a public meeting for 7.30pm on Thursday 1 March in Lochranza village hall to discuss proposals for a new pontoon system.

It is hoped the pontoons would

not only be of value to local boat users but would also encourage yachts to visit the area.

Project

Association secretary Julia Graham said: 'We would very much like this to be an Arran project and we are holding this public meeting to present the project to the wider community of the area and to set up a new organisation to

develop and manage the pontoon system.' Preliminary studies have indicated that the pontoon development would cost in the region of £158,000.

The association is making applications for funding to North Ayrshire Council, Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, The Crown Estates Marine Stewardship Fund and lottery funding.

Two Saturday sailings cancelled - fuel tanker to berth in Brodick

There will be no 12.30pm sailing from Ardrossan or 1.50pm sailing from Brodick this Saturday 3 February.

This cancellation is to allow the BP fuel tanker *Border Heather* to berth at Brodick pier and pump petrol and diesel into the storage tanks along Market Road.

MV Caledonian Isles will stay in Ardrossan from noon and sail for Brodick as scheduled at 3.15pm.

Arran music festival misprint

Festival secretary Tony Smith has told *The Banner* that there is a misprint in this year's Arran Music Festival syllabus.

He said: 'Competitors entering Class 88 (Bible reading) should note that the set pieces should be 2 Chronicles, chapter 9, verses 1 to 12.'

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It used to give me pleasure to have a full page of graduation pictures in *The Banner*. It may not have been hard news but then local papers are just as much about recording everyday events and letting people see themselves. Such a page, say six graduations, showed young people at an important point in their lives, looking their smartest, and it was an indication of local family pride. In addition, since these young people had probably left school about four years earlier and lost touch with many of their school chums, it was a notification which was often picked up by these chums, of where they were at now.

Occasionally I had to defend some of these pictures. The occasional reader, one I remember in particular, would approach me and hector me over the value of some of the qualifications gained. Whether motivated by snobbery or a fear that their degree, gained when only 4 percent of the age group went to university, was being devalued, who can say? The result was that, as with any success, there are some who do not comfortably share that success and often sneer.

Nowadays almost everybody goes to university and comes out with something. The target is half of all young people gaining a degree. Was it Churchill who said more means worse? So potent is the symbol of a degree that many of those who do not have one live their entire lives with a feeling that they have missed out on something vital. Two who publicly stated this were prime ministers James Callaghan and John Major.

I know how they felt for my own teachers sneered at me leaving school to sail the high seas. My family did too and, while not necessarily a catalyst, the moment when my sister told me that I was like all those other yobos who could not get into university, was instrumental in my decision to go. The great problem was that, once at university, I discovered that I had been missing nothing. I gained a prize or two but little satisfaction and even felt that knowledge was slipping away from me. This may have been a growing realisation that nothing was quite as clear cut as in those delightful examinations, the Scottish highers.

Today, even before the 50percent target is achieved, far too many people go to university. They cannot benefit in the intended way and, jobwise, it means only that a degree increasingly becomes a necessary, but not a sufficient, quality for any job. I cannot recall if I ever encouraged my own kids to go to university. I think it was just assumed.

There is much talk of degrees being no longer an education but being merely vocational. Nothing wrong in that except they are not really degrees. The real trouble is that having a degree seems to make many people feel that it lifts them into the 'management' or 'professional' class. But it's getting awfully crowded there with more and more nebulous jobs being created to accommodate all the newcomers. Meanwhile fewer people are doing real work and a vacuum is being created, something we all experience when we try to find a good tradesman, or a cleaner.

Education should not stop when you leave university, nor should it divorce you from practical work. How long will it be until it is those who have been to university begin to feel they have missed something in life, the joy of practical skills and manual labour?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9)

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Letters to the Editor



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Thank you in anticipation of your support.

**Yours,
Ian McLaren
Depute Head Teacher
Arran High School
Lamlash**

Dunedin in the afternoon

Sir,
The Arran Music Society much regrets the loss of three consecutive concerts recently due to the storm conditions that have prevailed this winter.

However, Lev Atlas, an old friend of Arran and a consummate performer, promises that he and his Russian accompanist will get here for the next concert, come hell or high water. (Not too literally, we hope.)

Meanwhile, though it is not a Music Society production, Arran has the great consolation of the Dunedin Consort in a performance of Handel's *Dixit Dominus*.

Since this is scheduled for the coming Saturday afternoon rather than the evening, we have fingers crossed that the weather gods will be kind. Please apply to the Book and Card Centre, Brodick for all details.

**Yours,
Alison Prince
Burnfoot
Whiting Bay**

Disappointed evening

Sir,
Have been holidaying in Arran for many years and on this occasion we were over for the new year, and our friends had joined us for a weeks holiday.

On the Tuesday night we all decided to visit a local bar.

Unfortunately on this occasion Brodick had a power cut but only for a short time.

When we arrived in the bar we were served a drink, and soon after we were told to finish our drinks as the bar was closing.

The person in question was extremely rude and our friends were disgusted by his manner.

Soon after the power was restored but he never came in and said we could stay.

Other people entered the bar and he seemed happy to see them and even offered them a free drink.

It's a shame he does not greet all his customers in the same way. Our friends won't be put off visiting Arran again but they won't be visiting these premises.

Arran is renowned for its kind people and its hospitality but not on this occasion and certainly not on this establishment.

**Yours,
Jane Mcaleny
46 Kelvin Crescent
Murray
East Kilbride**

Sniffer dog?

Sir,
This is not really a letter but merely a word of sympathy for the owners of the missing little West Highland terrier coming on top of their devastating house fire.

We once had a similar incident in our village where a traumatised young dog went missing and on that occasion I suggested using a good sniffer dog.

In this case it was a Springer Spaniel but it could have been a Labrador which followed the missing pet's scent and we found her not 200 yards from her home in an allotment. - She was very tired and disorientated.

Has the dog-searching-dog been tried?

**Yours,
Ginger Bright
Engine House
Dacre Banks
Harrogate**

Children look at the past

Sir,
The pupils in Shiskine Primary six and seven class are doing a project on what it was like being a child in the 1930s/40s and 1960s/70s and comparing it to the present day.

We were wondering if anyone has any photographs, diaries,

old newspapers or other artifacts that we could borrow from these periods. These will be returned. Also we would like to interview some people and hear about their memories.

If you have any information please contact us at Shiskine Primary School, telephone 01770 860207 or email contactus@shiskine.n-ayrshire.sch.uk

If possible we would like information to be received by Friday 16 February.

**Yours,
Andrew, Eilidh, Anna, Jenna and Zoe
Primary 6/7 pupils
Shiskine Primary School**

Wedding



Scott - Brass

Married at St Marnock's Church, Fowlis, Dundee on Saturday 30 December were Gareth Brass, younger son of Bob Brass and Linny Scott and Dr Angela Little, middle daughter of John and Mary Little of Birmingham. The couple are enjoying a skiing honeymoon in Whistler.

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VisitArran go ahead

Maureen McKenna is local project co-ordinator for VisitArran and is keen that Arran residents and particularly those involved in the tourism industry understand the purpose of the organisation.

She said: 'When Destination Arran came to the end of its three-year funding in early 2006 it evolved into VisitArran.'

'Anything that worked well for Destination Arran will come under the umbrella of the new organisation.'

Improve

'VisitArran is a privately managed Destination Management Organisation (DMO) aiming to improve the visitor experience and do better business as a result of investing in the community and natural environment.'

'We are trying to take the lead in local tourism from a private sector perspective,' said Maureen. The seven unpaid directors of the VisitArran board are Alastair Dobson, chairman, Linda Johnston, Penny Brass, Robert Waine, Gerard Tattersfield, Ken Thorburn and Douglas Davidson. Maureen describes her own role as 'part-time, two days a week at the most.'

So far, 34 businesses have signed up, ranging from Elengowan bed and breakfast to Arran Haulage.

'We already have VisitArran.org which is a site for Arran people.'

'It is intended to be a business forum for locals.'

'It is planned to launch a visitor-aimed website in March which will have easy links to all participating businesses,'

said Maureen.

The DMO has successfully secured £40,262 private funding from local businesses and this has been supported by funding from public agencies as follows:

Funding

Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, £22,000 (phase one application), North Ayrshire Council, £33,000 over a three-year period, VisitScotland Challenge Funding, £18,600 (round five application).

Over the coming months VisitArran has committed to developing a series of groups.

These will focus on product development and improved marketing, including events, outdoor activities, environment and local produce.

Arran Antiquarians

No fewer than 86 people gathered in Brodick Hall for the annual meeting of Arran Antiquarians – surely a record by any standards, and an unexpected but very welcome glass of wine got the proceedings off to a good start.

Tributes were paid to retiring chairman Duncan Cameron who in turn thanked his committee for all their hard work and loyal support during his time in office. He also thanked those very important people – the tea ladies!

His successor Margaret Bryce was warmly welcomed and reports from secretary Harry Davidson and treasurer Norval Murray confirmed that the society was in good shape both numerically and financially.

With the addition of one new member, the committee was re-elected en bloc and the subscription remains at £7.

The business part of the meeting over, Harry Davidson, assisted by technical expert Tom McLeod and with wife Norma working the projector, showed and commented on slides of field trips and outings over the past year.

This was followed by a video made by Tom McLeod of several mainland outings.

As the antiquarians meet once every month except December, finding speakers is no easy task, but if the new syllabus is as good as the last one an interesting and successful year lies ahead.

The season begins with a ceilidh on Monday 19 February.

Lamlash Guild

The next meeting of Lamlash Guild will be at 2.30pm on Tuesday 7 February in the Church Hall. There will be a talk and video on *The Mercy Ships* and everyone is welcome.

Arran folk help young brass players get in tune



Folk club treasurer Terry Stevens hands a cheque for £250 to Arran Schools Brass Band leader Craig Masterton. b05ban1

Thirty-five members of Arran Schools Brass Band will be flying off to Italy in June with a little help from Arran Folk Club.

On Monday folk club treasurer Terry Stevens presented band leader Craig Masterton with a cheque for £250.

'This is part of the money in our kitty at the end of the year,' explained Terry.

Following the demise of the annual folk festival a couple of years ago, the folk club has kept going, running folk sessions at Island bars throughout the summer.

'We have a mandate to try and promote youth music,' said Terry.

'The fact that this is not folk music is not the point.'

Craig and the band are flying

from Edinburgh on 24 June for six days at Lake Garda. 'We will be giving three concerts,' said Craig.

'The youngsters will also gain from the benefit of playing abroad as a group.'

The band members are hard at work, practising for the trip

which will be costing each of them £450.

That will only cover part of the expense and Craig said that they had already raised £7,000 from donations and fundraising but needed to reach £10,000 to pay for the whole educational experience.

How are the youngsters going to cope with the language?

'I'm making sure they will learn some basic Italian,' said Craig.

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Persian poems translated on Arran

David Pendlebury of Corriegills, Brodick has just completed a new translation into English of the works of a highly-regarded Persian poet, Baba Tahir, who lived more than 1,000 years ago.

Most of the work for this book, entitled *The Ocean in a Jar, the Rubayat of Baba Tahir* was done on Arran where David and his wife Pat spend six to seven months of the year. The 63 verses in the book, written in dialect in the 10th century, have caused Baba Tahir to be called the Robert Burns of Persia. David Pendlebury doesn't completely agree with this, but in his afterword essay, refers to or quotes Burns on several occasions.

For instance, both Baba Tahir and Robert Burns, he says, were similarly aware that loving 'sae kindly and sae blindly' is better than never loving at all and that both knew that heartbreak may be not an end, but a beginning.

The first reference to Burns in the very first paragraph of the essay, is a wry one, pointing out the similarities in 'their most

grotesque inappropriateness' between the memorials to both Baba Tahir in Hamadan in Iran and Robert Burns in Mauchline. In the book he says: 'The truth is

that Baba Tahir presents far less of a problem to someone with a knowledge of standard literary Persian, than would a typical piece of Burns to Home-counties Eng-

lish folk.' David said: 'Prompted by various friends, I set about studying the Persian text of Baba Tahir and slowly producing a new version in plain English. It may

help English-speaking readers to locate Baba Tahir in history if they reflect that he flourished at a time when the western fringes of Europe were crawling fitfully out of the Dark Ages and into the Middle Ages.'

Among David's earlier works is a translation of Yusuf and Zulaikha, a 15th century version of the Biblical story of Joseph by the Persian poet Jami. That book was also written in Corriegills and selected as one of the *Observer* newspaper's Books of the Year in 1981. David's wife Pat, also a writer, said: 'We have a place in Hampstead but spend most of the year here now. I've been coming to Arran since I was four years old and the family has had the cottage in Corriegills for 28 years.'

On each page of David's book the four line verses are reproduced both in Persian script and English. Renowned writer Doris Lessing who was born in Persia said: 'Baba Tahir is a famous Eastern classic, but perhaps now he may be assimilated into our tradition too.'



David and Pat Pendlebury in the beer garden in front of Corrie Hotel. b05dav1

Lamlash Bridge

29 January
The annual team of fours competition, the Peggy Currie Cup, was played at Lamlash on the Monday 29 January. Seven teams competed.

The winning team and winners of the Peggy Currie Cup, with a score of 38 points, were Jean Barclay, Jennifer McArthur, Liz Paul and Tricia Martin.

Runners - up, taking the Ann Cook Salver, were Evelyn Sillars, Lilma Primrose, Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie.

22 January
N/S: 1 E. Paul & E. McNiven + 1360; 2 T. Martin & A. Bilsland - 150; 3 J. Barclay & J. McArthur + 720. E/W: 1 J. McClure & A. McKelvie + 1310; 2 H. Boyd & J. Murchie + 580; 3 R. & J. McBride + 400.

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18 January
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Raving fans for Arran experience

Did you know that it costs five times as much to attract a new customer as to keep one you already have?

This was one of the opening statements at a two-day course run through 100K Welcomes at the Best Western Kinloch Hotel last week.

100K Welcomes gets its name from the ancient Celtic greeting Ceud Mile Failte.

It is a nationally recognised and supported tourism strategy programme and the Kinloch management team had decided to take advantage of one of the many training events offered to help kick start their 2007 season.

The course was led by Darlene Russell, an experienced 100K Welcomes trainer.

Darlene, who is originally from Glasgow, has recently moved to Southend on Kintyre and is now based at Argyll College in Campbeltown.

Over the two days leadership course the team learned among other things that the reality is that in today's highly competitive world, 'satisfied' is no longer good enough and, in order for Arran tourism businesses to compete with the rest of the world, it needs to create 'raving fans'. These are customers who will be so wowed by the services offered here on the Island that they will go home, do the marketing for the Island, come back time and again while at the same time encouraging others to sample the Arran experience.

Over the two-day course Darlene guided the team through seven action topics which ranged from leadership to creating service excellence, to becoming customer-driven.

Kinloch manager Robert Waine said: 'The 100K Welcomes philosophy is very similar to that of VisitArran and so I feel, as a director of VisitArran, that the events they run will be beneficial for any Arran business. At the Kinloch we are working towards being accredited by Hospitality Assured, a service and business excellence model and we feel the leadership training we have just completed will significantly help us achieve this.'

Anyone interested in 100K Welcomes training events should log on to www.hie.co.uk/100Kwelcomes.



The Best Western Kinloch Hotel management team, standing left to right, Eleanor McAllister, Tina McNeice, Robert Waine, Carolyn Howard, Marjory Campbell, Jamie Logan. On bench, left to right: Robbie Crawford, Rhonda Mason, Fraser Hendrie, Andy Pattison and trainer Darlene Russell. Not pictured Jenni Turnbull. b05kin2

Brain teaser for rural ladies at Kildonan

The January meeting of Kildonan WRI took the form of a quiz.

This was ably constructed and presented by Christine McLeod and Denise Mann.

The president, Jill Hollick, welcomed members and guests from Kilmory and Whiting Bay institutes and after much brain and memory searching, the team of Rosemary and Jill prevailed.

After supper and the prizegiving, the raffle was drawn thus bringing a most sociable evening to a close.

The next meeting is on the afternoon of Tuesday 20 February at 2pm in the village hall.

Jim Jack will be taking everyone on a horticultural journey from a garden centre to China. Anyone interested would be made most welcome.

'Privileged' Arran hosts Consort

This Saturday 3 February Arran is privileged to be the only venue outside Edinburgh and Glasgow to host the magnificent Dunedin Consort, together with a chamber orchestra, in their current performances of Handel's *Dixit Dominus*.

Anyone who heard these glorious singers in Lamlash Church last year will agree that they are unique in their clarity and liveliness, and in the wit and charm of their presentation. The forthcoming Arran concert in Whiting Bay Hall at 2pm features a total of 16 singers and players and is a rare treat.

Following on a winter that has taken its toll of planned musical events, a joyful occasion will be doubly welcome. Please note that the performance on Saturday 3 February is in the afternoon, and due to the refurbishment of Lamlash Church, the venue has been changed to Whiting Bay Hall. Until recently the Dunedin web-site still carried the original venue of Lamlash, and the singers hope nobody is confused. All details from the Book and Card Centre, Brodick.



Six members of the Dunedin Consort. b05con3

St Brides Ladies have Scots night in Brodick

St Brides Ladies held their ever-popular Scots Night in Brodick Church Hall on Monday 22 January.

Over 90 people crammed into the hall to hear words of welcome from president Lavinia Hendry. Press secretary Margaret Anderson said: 'Rev Angus Adamson, resplendent in his new kilt, not only said grace but addressed the haggis forby. The latter had been piped in by Alistair Hume and carried aloft by Brian Boal, that's the haggis, not Angus. It was then devoured by a lot of hungry people.'

'In keeping with tradition, moothie maestro Stewart Lambie got the entertainment off to a good start with a selection of toe-tappers.'

'Our own Liz Lawrie, appearing for the first but definitely not the last time, recited a trio of humorous poems and dressed for the part in bunnet an' a.'

Hugh and Isobel Thomson sang, both in duets and solos, a selection of well-loved Scots songs accompanied by Moira Starks who also played for the usual sing-along.

Jean Hunter gave a comprehensive vote of thanks and the evening closed with Auld Lang Syne.

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McLellan Festival launched on Arran

Island celebrates life and work of writer

Sunday 28 January would have been the 100th birthday of Robert McLellan and, appropriately, as reported in last week's *Arran Banner*, the McLellan Centenary Festival 2007 was launched on Saturday 27 January in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall.

It was attended by members of the McLellan family, active participants from the previous McLellan Festivals and those who will be instrumental in realising this year's special centenary events.

The purpose of the evening was to celebrate the centenary of Robert McLellan's birth, help all those involved to understand more about what will be happening during the 2007 Festival and officially launch the Poetry and Play Competitions, the results of which will play an important part in the September festivities.

Special

It was a special evening which opened with a toast to Robert McLellan by Eddie Stiven, a playwright who writes in Scots himself, has always admired McLellan and who is one of the three judges of this year's Play Competition.

His tribute was insightful, moving, erudite and entertaining all at the same time, including many apposite references to McLellan's work.

This was followed by a carefully prepared programme presented with gentle expertise by John In-

glis, which helped to place Robert McLellan within the tradition of Scottish writing.

Included were extracts from Barbour's Bruce, King James I, Dunbar and Stevenson, expertly read by John Inglis himself, Stuart Gough, Sheila Gilmore, Ailsa McNicol and Jason Watts.

In between each literary item came delightful musical items of all sorts – Lorna Haliburton with lilting traditional airs on the accordion; Mairi McInnes with beautiful gaelic song and mouth music; Lucy Cartledge and Diana



Eddie Stiven and John Sillars act out a short extract from a McLellan play. b05cen1

Hamilton with a charming contemporary Scottish piece for flute and piano and, in the second half, haunting harp music composed for McLellan's lyrical play, *The Carlin Moth* performed by the composer, Elspeth Smellie.

After an interval for a delicious supper, the programme continued, concentrating largely on the work of Robert himself.

Entertaining

There were pawky, hugely entertaining extracts from *The Flowers O Edinburgh* delivered with immaculate timing by Stuart Gough, John Sillars and Eddie Stiven; an excellent presentation, written and delivered by John Sillars with images compiled by Margo Wheeler, which focussed on McLellan's *History of Arran* and a fine rendering by Eddie Stiven of one of the most charming Linmill Stories – *The Ringlets*.

One of the highlights of the evening was a performance by the Scottish poet, Janet Paisley, who will judge the Poetry Competition later this year.

Her poems, sometimes emotive and poignant, sometimes hilarious, had the audience enthralled.

All in all Saturday evening did McLellan's memory proud and, if it was an indication of what is in store for September, then the Island is in for a real treat.

Information about Robert McLellan, festival events and Poetry and Play Competitions can be found on the Festival website – www.mclellanfestival.com.

Entry forms for the competitions are also available at Brodick Library.



Elspeth Smellie plays a specially composed piece based on *The Carlin Moth*, one of McLellan's most moving plays. b05cen3

Right: Sheila Haliburton playing accordion at the McLellan centenary launch party. b05cen2



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High School News

Oui, j'adore le ski!

On Friday 29 December an excited group of 34 students from fourth, fifth and sixth year headed off to France on Arran High School's first ski trip in recent years.

After taking to the skies on a First Choice 757 plane bound for Grenoble Airport, the students set off on a comfortable coach journey to the famous skiing resort of Valloire in the French Alps.

Following lunch in the hotel, the pupils were given some free time to look around the picturesque town and explore its many tourist attractions.

But this was, after all, Hogmanay, and there was need for some kind of celebration to bring in the New Year. This came in the form of an open-air street party in the centre of Valloire, at which the Arran students arrived draped in saltires, complete with Robbie Adamson on the bagpipes.

The New Year was brought in to the sound of cheesy euro-pop and mind-blowing fireworks.

The next day brought our first experience on real snow as we took to slopes for our first ski and snowboard lessons of the week. By far the largest group was the first-time skiers. Although many found it difficult to begin with, under the expert tuition of their *Ecole de Ski Francais* instructors, they soon picked it up, and by the third day of skiing were competent enough to ski unaided down blue and even red runs.

There was much hilarity in

this group surrounding certain students and their kamikaze skiing style. Allegations that these now legendary crashes involved a certain Sam McCalla remain, as always, unconfirmed.

While most students had opted to ski, a group of eight students had chosen to spend the week snowboarding and could frequently be seen flying down the slopes 'en fakie' (backwards). This group was accompanied by the charming teacher Miss McGhee who, like much of the group, was a snowboarding novice.

On behalf of all the snowboarders, we would like to thank Miss McGhee for providing such beneficial encouragement and to say that Peter offers his most sincere apologies for all the crashes.

There was also a more advanced group of skiers who spent much of the week going 'off piste'. This proved to be very testing for them indeed, so much so that Sean Paul managed to get through three pairs of skis during the course of the week.

Ali 'Flocky' Lockhart, who proved so competent at skiing that he was allowed to go with the teachers, said of the trip: 'I thoroughly enjoyed my time skiing.'

The week skiing and snowboarding was enjoyed all round, especially once the snow park opened, fresh from its recent reconstruction. This, of course, led to many hilarious falls and crashes throughout all the groups as the



The Arran High School skiing party pose outside their Valloire hotel in the French Alps with snowboards and skis.

b05ski1

instructors, confident in their students' ability after the week's tuition, led them over many bumps and jumps.

However, our time on the slopes each day finished at 3pm, leaving much free time in the afternoon and evenings to explore and enjoy the beautiful scenery around the town as well. There was also the opportunity to spend some time

socialising and discussing the day's exploits over a game of pool and, of course, a non-alcoholic beverage in the hotel bar.

On top of this, there were several après-ski activities arranged through the week by our tour rep. These included tenpin bowling, 'bum-boarding' and ice-skating, each of which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The group of 34 students returned to Arran on Monday 8 January, following a night's stay in the Thistle Hotel, Irvine.

On Monday morning, it was off to the bright lights of Ardrossan for the 9.45am ferry crossing and back home to Arran.

Once there, the now exhausted students returned home for some well-earned rest.

After their first night back on Arran the group returned, for the

most part, to school on Tuesday 9 January, all very tired and full of tales of our exciting adventures in the French Alps.

It was a wonderful trip that we all enjoyed very much, and we would like to thank Mr Auld, Mrs Auld, Miss McGhee and Mr Barr for organising this fantastic opportunity for all those involved.

Liam Turbett, Jamie Cleland and Calum Johnston, S5.

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Tenant dispute

A dispute over the right of a sitting tenant to buy the ground on which his house stands was unresolved after a day of court proceedings on Tuesday. Tenant James Ferguson and landlord Stephen Gibbs were both represented by lawyers and the two members of the land tribunal ruled that there should be an on-site visit to the property of Rose Cottage, Pirnmill.

Wilson on Waves

Brian Wilson, the Labour party prospective parliamentary candidate for Cunninghame North, will be a guest on Charles Currie's Arran Waves radio programme next Wednesday. As it is a phone-in programme Mr Wilson is hoping for numerous calls from Arran.

Viewbank diploma

Pete and Barbara Rawlin of Viewbank Guesthouse, Whiting Bay have been awarded a Farm Holiday Guide (FHG) Diploma Award. They were recommended by readers of the guide who have stayed there and nominees are judged according to standards of service, accommodation and catering.

Boneshaker bus

A 1956 Albion bus from the Guernsey Bus Company has arrived on the Island. It will be fitted out as a mobile transport museum by local transport buff Berni Mitchell-Luker of Lamlash.

Dumping rubbish

There have been increased incidents of illegal dumping of domestic rubbish at the Gaery below the road just south of Whiting Bay. Among the piles of rubbish are old cars, bedsteads and refrigerators.

An Comunn meeting

The annual general meeting of the Arran branch of An Comunn was held last Friday in the Cameronia Hotel with Murdina Currie in the chair. Members heard of the sad deaths of former stalwart



A 1956 Albion bus bought from the Guernsey Bus Company by Berni Mitchell-Luker for his travelling transport museum. b05twe2

members Finlay Henderson and Donald McLeod.

Rural get-togethers

The ladies of Brodick WRI are looking forward to a talk about Windsor Castle at their next meeting on Wednesday 11 February by Mr and Mrs Knox of Lochranza. The competition will be for two wheaten scones and a show of spring bulbs. Kildonan WRI ladies will be joined by Kilmory members for their meeting on Wednesday 11 February. The competitions are for four sausage rolls and a safety slogan.

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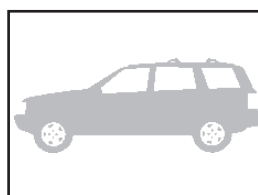
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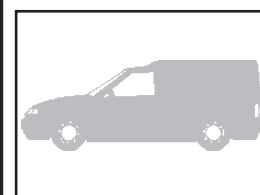
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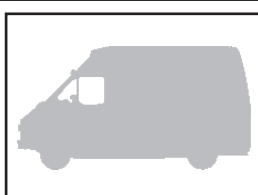
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Over 21's Christmas disco, 10pm, Ormidale Hotel
Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club, Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm
Karate Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am & 12.30pm
Winter indoor bowls, Auchrannie 2pm
Lochranza Ladies lunch club, Catacol Bay Hotel, 12.30pm
Burns Night, Loch & Cat Village Hall, 7.30pm
Bellydance/Flamenco Show, Kinloch Hotel, 8.30pm
M Currie, surgery, Library 1- 2pm
Live Music, Disco Dave, Cameronia, 9.30pm
Dunedin Consort, Whiting Bay, Hall, 2pm

SUNDAY 4th February

Alcoholics Anonymous, St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
Family Games Kids & Adults. Auchrannie Games Hall 2 - 3pm
Cairnhouse Stables, Winter Points, 11am

MONDAY 5th February

Senior Fitness, Auchrannie, 9.30am & 10.45am
Over 50s Badminton, Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Football coaching, Ormidale Park, 6 7.30pm (8-16yrs)
Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Quiz, Cameronia 9.30pm
Weightwise, Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm
Cardiac Rehab, Auchrannie, 12.45
Circuit Training, Auchrannie 6pm
Scottish Country Dancing, Corrie Hall, 2pm
Lamlash Bridge, Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
Indoor Cricket, Auchrannie Games Hall, 7pm
Badminton, Auchrannie Sports Hall 8pm - 10pm
Salsa Dancercise, Shiskine Hall, 6.30pm

TUESDAY 6th February

Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
Lochranza Swimming Club, Kinloch, 11am-noon
Pirmill Guild meeting - village hall 2pm
Legs, Bums & Tums, Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm
Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm
Pop quiz, Ormidale Hotel 10pm
Loch & Cat Coffee morning, hall 10am - 12pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Winter Bowls 3 carpets, Auchrannie 7pm
Scottish country dancing, Brodick church hall 7.30pm
Pop Quiz, Ormidale Hotel
Arran Rotary, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Isle of Arran Society of Music & drama, rehearsal, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm 4 - 6pm by appointment only
Lamlash Guild, Church Hall, 2.30pm

WEDNESDAY 7th February

Advocacy service, drop in session, ACVS office, Lamlash 11am-
Mixed Indoor Hockey, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-8pm
Youth Club, youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm
Aerobics class, High School 8pm - 9pm
Jnr Rugby Training, S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am
Hockey, Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Accoustic Jam Session, McAlpine Hotel
Circuit Training, Auchrannie 6pm
Arran Heritage Museum, archives and genealogy 10.30am-12.30pm
and 1.30pm-4.30pm
Shiskine Beavers, Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm
Shapers Slimming Club, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Beginners Yoga, Kilmory Hall, 10.30am
Coffee Morning, Lamlash Church Hall 10.30am
Salsa Dancercise, Lamlash Community Centre, 6.30pm
Feis Arrainn AGM, High School, 7.30pm

THURSDAY 8th February

Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm
Rock school, youth centre. Lamlash 7 - 9pm
Brodick Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
Badminton, Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm
Lochranza Craft Club, Hall 2pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am & 1.45pm
Only abs, Auchrannie Studio, 5.30pm
Cardiac Rehab, Auchrannie, 12.45
Outdoor run, Auchrannie, 6pm
Pilates, Auchrannie 6pm
Belly Dancing, Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Embroidery Club, Library, 7.30pm
Winter indoor bowls, Auchrannie sports hall 7pm
Arran Junior Singers practice, Whiting Bay School, 6.45pm
Brodick Toddlers, Church Hall, 10.30 - 12pm
Isle of Arran Society of Music & drama, rehearsal, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Public meeting, McLaren Hotel, 7.30pm

FRIDAY 9th February

Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.00pm
Loch & Cat Coffee morning 10am - 12pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club Quiz nights 9pm
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am
Water Polo, Auchrannie Pool, 7.30pm
Over 21's disco, 10pm, Ormidale Hotel
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
Arran Ceilidh Group, Corrie Hall, 8pm
Senior Badminton, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 2 - 4pm
Lamlash Friday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm

SATURDAY 10th February

Mixed Doubles Darts, Breadalbane Hotel, 7.30pm



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Brodict Church, 10.30am,
Corrie Church, noon,
Lochranza Church, 9.30am
Pirnmill Church, 10.45am,
Shiskine Church, noon

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 4 February.
The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.
Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept immediately after the service. All welcome.
There will be a service in Coorieoon at 2.30pm and in Craigielea at 3.15pm to which all friends are invited

Arran Open Gate Ministries (Linked with New Life Church Prestwick)

We are a group of like minded people from various Christian denominations who meet on Wednesday evenings. We enjoy lively meaningful worship and great company in a warm, friendly atmosphere.
New to Arran, or would like to know more about us. Telephone: 700424.

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 11am.

Kilmory Parish Church

'A faith to proclaim. A fellowship to share'.
Sunday 4 February, 10am.
Public worship
All are invited.
Kilmory Church dates back to the mid 16th century. It is situated at the Southend of the island in a charming rural setting and is well worth finding. Look for the road side signs in Kilmory near the creamery. Holiday visitors of all faiths or none will be especially welcome.

Rev John Webster, locum.

Scottish Episcopal Church (in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday, 4 February:
11am
Holy Communion.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 7 February
12.15pm
Holy Communion,
All Welcome.

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 4 February
Trust Housing Lounge,
Brodict, 11am
Evening Service, 7pm
5 Glen Road
Wednesday 31
Prayer Meeting 7pm
Rev D Macleod
All Welcome.

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 4 February
11am,
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict
"Gods Power for Salvation"
David Christison
Everyone warmly invited
Thursday 8th February
7.30pm
Ladies' Supper Club
Ormidale Sports Pavilion
All ladies invited

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

will hold a Meeting for Worship on Sunday 4 February
10.30am at
Balmichael bridge Cottage,
Shiskine
Enquiries to Jeni 302779
All welcome

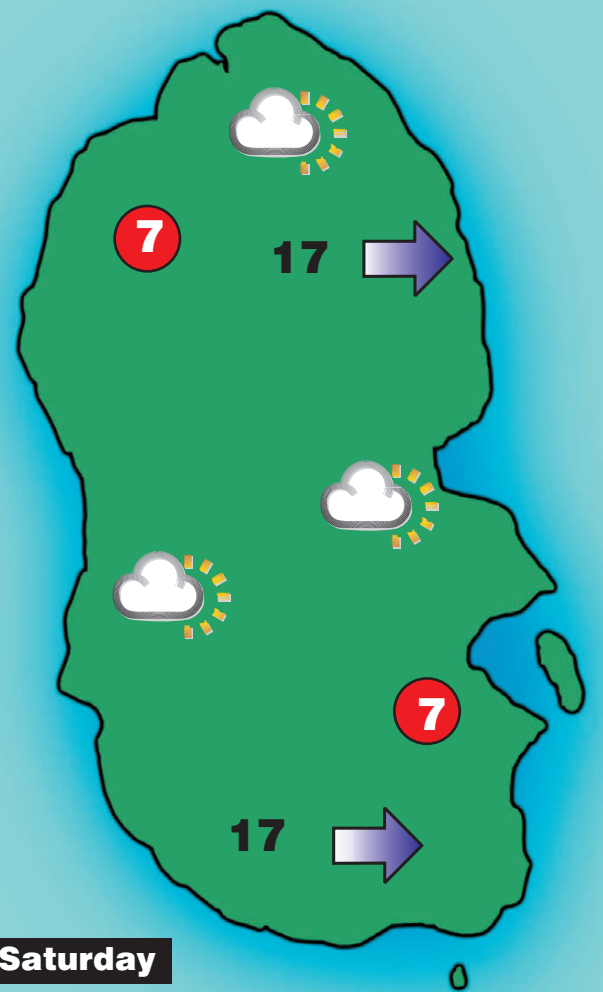
Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, February 3, 2007** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Sat	0111 2.8 0627 0.5	1259 3.3 1842 0.3
Sun	0146 2.8 0701 0.5	1333 3.3 1914 0.3
Mon	0216 2.8 0733 0.5	1405 3.3 1945 0.3
Tues	0244 2.8 0805 0.5	1437 3.3 2017 0.4
Wed	0313 2.8 0837 0.5	1507 3.2 2050 0.5
Thur	0341 2.8 0912 0.6	1538 3.1 2125 0.6
Fri	0412 2.7 0950 0.8	1613 3.0 2204 0.7

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Lamlash)

Blackwaterfoot	+0.25	Machrie	+0.25
Corrie	+0.20	Lochranza	+0.15
Whiting Bay	-0.02	Brodict Bay	+0.25
Kildonan	-0.05		



Saturday

Saturday, February 3

Cloudy but mainly dry. Very mild
Temperature 7°C.

Sunday, February 4

Light rain throughout the day,
Temperatures around 7°C.

Monday and Tuesday

Showers over the next few days, windy
8°C

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodict - Moderate
Claonaig/ Lochranza - Moderate

PERSONALS

Thank You

Tom and Barrie Ross-Bain and family would like to thank everyone who attended Margaret's funeral and for the very generous donations. Margaret would have been very touched and very honoured by such generosity; £270 has been donated to The Hospital Supporters League, as was her wish. Thank you to Rev. E. Watson for a very moving service and to Peter McArthur for the funeral arrangements. Many thanks also to Breadalbane Hotel and for the many cards, expressions of sympathy and support at this very sad time.

thanks

Peter Lubbock
Nick, Helen and family would like to thank everyone for their cards and words of comfort since Peter's death. Special thanks to all at Craigielea for their unstinting care and support.

Jim Cox

Norma would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy since Jim's sudden death. Special thanks to Dr Campbell, David Hendry and Rev. Elizabeth Watson for her thoughtful service

THANKS

I would like to express my gratitude to the Fire Brigade for their prompt and efficient action in extinguishing a fire at Cloyburn last weekend. I could hardly believe how soon they arrived and put out the fire. I am particularly grateful to them considering they are all volunteers for a potentially dangerous job.
I thank you all.
Sheila Kerr

DEATH

JACK - Agnes (Senga) Peacefully, after a short illness, at Crosshouse Hospital on 26th January 2007. Senga, aged 67, beloved wife of the late James and dear mother of Ann.

WEDDING

CAMPBELL-DOHERTY

Sharon Campbell, eldest daughter of Alexandra Kerr, of Sannox, to Edward Doherty, of the late Edward and Agnus, of Bank Street, Irvine. The wedding will take place at Caldercruix Parish Church on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 2.30 p.m.

40th Birthday



The day you ran up Goat Fell
You reached 'the top o' the hill'
Now you have run up to 40
We'd say you are 'ow'er the hill'
Happy Birthday, Michael!
LOVE
from the **Hagan Clan** in Arran

THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, the many phone calls and messages of sympathy I received on the death of my mum,
Mrs Neary
Mary Bremner

Calum and Joan

would like to thank everyone who came along to their 50th birthday party and made it go with a swing... thanks for all the cards and presents and donations to ARCAS, which raised £520 on the night

THANKS

to friends and neighbours for recent help. Also the many cards and enquiries, all staff at Crosshouse and Lamlash Hospital for getting me mobile.
J. McHarg

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Pool knockout for PHT

A team from the Pierhead Tavern, Lamlash (PHT) lifted the annual Arran Pool Knockout Shield at the Cameronia Hotel late on Sunday night.

Six teams entered the competition which kicked off at 2pm on Sunday afternoon 28 January and for the first time the PHT was the only representative from Lamlash. There were a few other absentees but local players soon made up the numbers with the Cameronia entering two teams.

Ronald McDowall had rounded up a PHT team and intended to be non-playing captain but in the event was press-ganged into a sixth scratch team called Take Two which was successful in winning the Second Chance Plate for first-round losers. League secretary Eddie Picken made the draw and kept scores and chairman Ross McKay presented both trophies at the end of the nine-hour tournament.

Results: Knockout Shield first round, Cameronia B 5 Lagg 4, Take Two 1 PHT 5, bye Cameronia A and Bar Eden. Semi-finals, PHT 5 Bar

Eden 2, Cameronia A 5 Cameronia B 2. Final, PHT 5 Cameronia A 3. Second Chance Plate semi finals, Take Two 5 Cameronia B 4, Lagg 5 Bar Eden 1. Final, Lagg 4 Take Two 5. Knockout Shield champions: PHT. Second Chance champions: Take Two.

□ The second round draw of the Arran Pool League doubles tournament has taken place. Ties are to be played on or by Sunday 11 February: L Dutton and S Heaney v R Norris and E Neil or B Hamilton and D Hackett (Cameronia), S and J Newall v A and M Picken (Cameronia), C Hamilton and S Campbell v J Kelso and G McLeod (Cameronia), D Prescott and S Gee v J Picken and M McNeish (PHT), C and A Duncan v A Neill and L Girbow (PHT), A Cook and R McKay v H Driver and S Thomson (PHT), G Willis and D Symington v D Kemp and J Smith (PHT), J Ferguson and C Galloway v J Ainsworthy and T Curtis or N McIntyre and J Copperwheat (Bar Eden).

Best of three games, winners to phone result to PHT on 600380.



Pool league chairman Ross McKay presents the Knockout Shield to winning team, the PHT. They are, from left, Davie Symington, Steve Scott, Peter McKinnon, Stevie Newall Mark West and John Copperwheat. b05cam1



The Take Two team receiving the Second Chance Plate from pool league chairman Ross McKay. From left, Ryan Armstrong, Jim Thomson, Martin Wallbank, Neil McMaster, Ronald McDowall and Murray Picken. b05cam2

Davie's first trophy win

The annual Gordon Davidson Memorial knockout pool singles tournament was held at the Drift Inn, Lamlash last Saturday 27



Davie Symington, b05sym1

January. The junior section was won by Craig Black. Twenty-two players took part in the senior section and the winner was Davie Symington. Crawford Duncan was senior runner-up and John Copperwheat beat Craig Black in the third-place play-off.

Davie has recently returned to the Island and used to be a regular player in Lamlash and Island tournaments. Following his victory he said: 'I'm really chuffed. After all these years of near misses this is my first trophy.'

All proceeds were donated to Arran Hospital Supporters League.

Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf

Brodick Golf Club

The Norman Peach Salver on 24 January was keenly contested by Wolfi and Gerry with Wolfi having a better last six holes. Well done Wolfi.

Sweep: 1 G Jameson 80-20=60; 2 W Kroner 76-14=62; 3 C O'Neill 79-15=64.

Sunday 28 January Winter Cup, 16 played.

1 Jimmy Armit 6 34pts, 2 Gordon Robertson 16 31pts bih, 3 Bert McGunnigle 9 31 pts.

Magic twos: J Armit, I MacDonal, B Smith.

Lamlash Golf Club

Sunday 21 January Glenburn Trophy.

Thirteen played CSS 66. Sweep: 1 Andy Pattison 75-9=66 bih, 2 Ian Bremner 71-5=66 bih, 3 John O'Sullivan.

Best scratch Dougie Macfarlane 67.

Magic twos: one at 5th and one at 12th Neil Mitchell, one at 2nd Alan Smith, one at 17th Ian Bremner. Saturday 27 January Winter

Stableford.

Nine played CSS 63.

1 Ian Murchie 36pts, 2 Ian Bremner 35pts. Best scratch Ian Murchie 69.

Magic twos: one at 16th Ian Murchie, one at 14th Ian Bremner.

Fixtures: Saturday 3 February Glenburn Trophy 9.30am and 11am.

Sunday 4 February AGA Winter League at Shiskine - Shiskine v Lamlash at 8.30am. Please note time.

Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday 3 February. Sweep at noon, shotgun start.

Sunday 4 February.

Winter league at Shiskine 9am.

Monday 5 February. Monday cup at noon, shotgun start.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Fixtures: Sunday 4 February. Winter league tie at Shiskine, 11.50am tee off.

Sunday 11 February. Winter cup round five.

Arran footballers take first steps on road to Hampden

Two Arran teams will be competing in the Coca-Cola sponsored Scottish Schools Football Association (SSFA) seven-a-side football tournament.

Arran High School has entered a boys team and a girls team in what is Scotland's largest schools football competition.

Over 7,000 youngsters are competing for a chance to play in the finals at Hampden Park.

The Coca-Cola Sevens are open to under-13 boys and under-14 girls and are now in their seventh year.

Twenty-eight boys teams and 19 girls teams from 22 Ayrshire schools including Arran High will be heading to Whitletts Activity Centre, Glenmuir Place, Ayr next Monday 5 February to take part in the first round.

Coaching

Each team will receive coaching from Scotland soccer legend Murdo MacLeod and his team of Gary Mackay and Chic Charnley who will put the players through a football skills programme.

There will be a teachers' challenge match before the final at Hampden Park which should be enough incentive for Arran High teachers Steve Evans and Ian McLaren to lace up their boots.

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