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GENEROUS ISLAND QUICK TO HELP

Arran Heritage Museum is now only £500 away from its £5,000 target to finance its new shop.

After generous donations from Islanders and £1,500 from *The Arran Banner*, the total now stands at £4,500.

The people of Arran have rallied round after the Brodick museum lost £5,000 when a company providing the new shop building crashed last month. Islanders have been quick to respond.

Museum chairman John Sillars said: 'People have been very understanding and have responded very quickly and very sympathetically.

'That they give so generously reflects on the committee and volunteers who run the museum. If they hadn't done it to a good standard we would not have got the support.'

The museum committee and volunteers had hoped to open on April 4 with a new shop, which would have freed up much-needed space.

But when its shop supplier went into liquidation the museum lost the £5,000 match funding it had given to purchase the log-cabin style building.

The Island's tradesmen are queuing up to help to put the shop up when it arrives.

Once the target is reached the shop will be delivered by the Belgian company making it in six to eight weeks.

The new shop will be delivered to Arran Haulage's depot in Glasgow and the company has offered to deliver it to the Island free of charge.

Volunteers of Arran Heritage Museum, helping to prepare for the 4 April opening, on the site of the new shop.

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The concrete base was laid before Christmas.

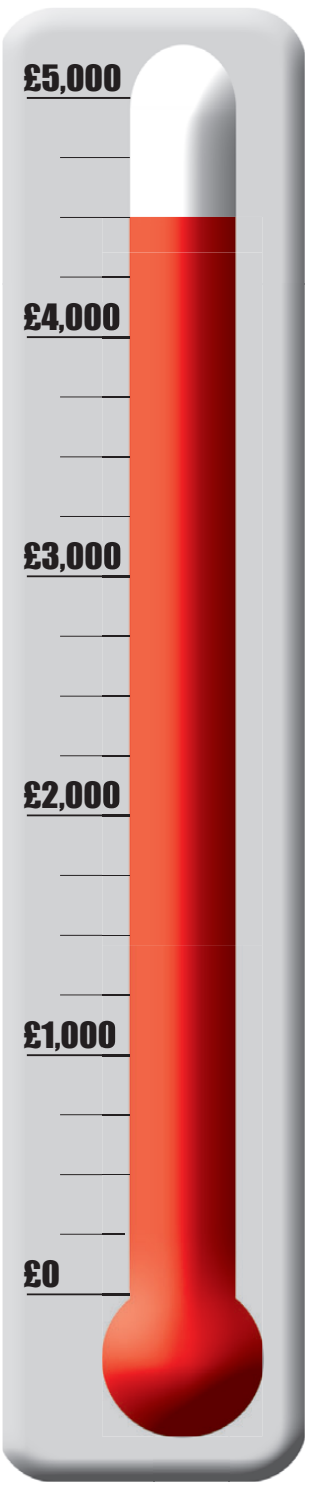
When the museum opens this year the current shop will be open to sell books, jewellery, postcards and other souvenirs. There should be no disruption to the museum when the new shop is put up. The museum attracts 10,000 visitors annually from all over the world to its historical archives and genealogy sections as well as its internationally renowned geology department.

Its permanent displays of various aspects of Arran's past include old photographs of village life and farming methods, a schoolhouse and a smiddy.

Its long seafaring traditions are also remembered from the days of sail, through steam powered puffers, paddle steamers and warships, to the latest car ferry, and includes a model replica of a Viking ship of the kind assembled in Lamlash Bay in 1263 before the Battle of Largs.

Also to be seen is Clachaig Man, 5,000 years old, re-created by computer technology from a skull found in a long cairn at Clachaig in 1900, and sculpted by local artist Marvin Elliot.

People can make donations to the 'Save Our Museum Shop' account in the Royal Bank of Scotland, Brodick. Sort code: 83 16 37, account number: 00 173 525.



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Toys for wheelchairs at Whiting Bay

The children of P3, 4 and 5 at Whiting Bay Primary School have been busy raising funds for those less fortunate than themselves.

Some weeks ago members of Isle of Arran Rotary Club showed the children a video of the work of the Wheelchair Foundation in providing chairs throughout the world for youngsters and adults without mobility.

The children were so moved that they decided to help by raising money in the school. They brought in toys and games and sold them to other pupils for sums as small as 20p and managed to make a grand total of £230.

Last week the children presented a cheque for that sum to Rotarians David Gray and Douglas Meldrum when they visited the school.

Local Rotary president David Gray said that he was delighted to receive the money on behalf of Rotary International Great Britain.

He said: 'For every £50 that we raise the Wheelchair Foundation matches that. Worldwide we have helped to provide 568,000 wheelchairs so far.

'There are 100million children and adults throughout the world who require wheelchairs for independence and mobility.'

Douglas Meldrum said: 'All seven Arran primary schools are raising funds but this one is setting the pace.'

The children said: 'We would like to thank everyone who helped with donations of toys, books, videos and CDs to sell at our bring and buy sale.

'It has helped us to raise £230 towards the Rotary's Purchase a Wheelchair campaign.'

The children should receive a presentation certificate including a photograph of the wheelchair recipient and a certificate indicating the person's name, age, country and wheelchair number.

The children of Whiting Bay Primary School, P3, 4 and 5, presenting a cheque for £250 to Rotarians David Gray and Douglas Meldrum. Holding the cheque are Talulah McConnell, Lizzie Mowatt and Ellie Miller. b11rot1

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'There are drugs on Arran'

'I hate to tell you, but there are drugs on Arran,' Strathclyde Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Hamish Cormack told a small gathering in Lamlash police station last Thursday.

'If anyone has got any information about drug use or possession they should call Crimestoppers confidential telephone line on 0800 555111. They don't have to give their name or personal details. We just need a whisper or pointing in the right direction.'

Chief Inspector Bob Pollock said: 'Operation Atlantis was a success last year when a number of officers and sniffer dogs travelled all day on the Arran ferry.

'We will be doing it again, but have to build an element of surprise into it.'

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Police Files

Ferry breach

Following an incident on the ferry *MV Caledonian Isles* on Tuesday 6 March a 51-year-old Lamlash man was charged with alleged breach of the peace and detained in custody to appear at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

Brodick breach

A 23-year-old Glasgow man was reported for alleged breach of the peace in Brodick on Friday 9 March.

Arrest

A 23-year-old Lamlash man was arrested in Brodick on Saturday 10 March and charged with alleged breach of the peace and breach of bail conditions.

Women arrested

Two Brodick women, one 42-year-old and one 48-year-old, were arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal for alleged breach of the peace after an incident in Glen Road, Brodick at 6pm on Monday 12 March.

Car crash

There was a road traffic accident involving a blue Renault Clio on the bends near Lamlash Golf Club last week. The road was closed for a short period but there were no injuries and no charges.

Children lifted

On Saturday evening 10 March police apprehended six children in the vicinity of Brodick Co-op. Some were in an intoxicated condition and they were returned home to their parents in Whiting Bay, Lamlash and Brodick.

Police thank Donald and Mary

Donald and Mary McNiven will no longer be offering a bed to visiting police officers. They are retiring from their five-bedroom guest house at Stanford, Whiting Bay after 18 years in the hospitality business.

Since 1999 all summer secondment officers have been billeted at Stanford but the police have now had to find alternative accommodation for seasonal and relief staff.

Last Friday Chief Superintendent Hamish Cormack and Chief Inspector Bob Pollock came to Arran to make a special presentation to Donald and Mary to mark their service to the force.

Home

Chief Superintendent Cormack said: 'Every officer has spoken very highly of the accommodation and service at Stanford. It has been a home from home for the officers.'

Donald is no stranger to the police force having served for 30 years as a special constable. He said: 'Mary and I are used to call-outs in the middle of the night and hearing footsteps running down the stairs. That is the nature of policing, but we shall miss the company.'

Mary and Donald McNiven received a presentation clock and flowers from Chief Inspector Bob Pollock, Sergeant Helen Murison, and Chief Superintendent Hamish Cormack last Friday. b11sta1

A Princess calls into Brodick Bay

The five-star luxury cruise ship *Hebridean Princess* was an eye-catching visitor to Arran waters last week.

Built in Aberdeen in 1964 as a Caledonian MacBrayne ferry, she was converted to a small cruise ship 18 years ago and joined the fleet of Hebridean International Cruises.

The *Hebridean Princess* spends the year cruising around the west coast of Scotland and was on a six-day trip from Fairlie pier on the north Ayrshire coast. Her complement is 38 crew and 49 passengers accommodated in 30 cabins.

Prices for this six-day trip varied from £1,490 for a double cabin to £3,340 for the top of the range Isle of Arran suite on the port side. The suite has a large double bed, marble-tiled Victorian style bathroom, balcony and two television sets in case the mist rolls in to obscure the view.

The ship has exercise bikes in the gym on the former car deck and small tenders in the old vehicle lift which was originally used to hoist cars up from the ship to disembark at pier level.

Tour

After taking her guests up Loch Fyne for a tour of Crarae Gardens and Inveraray Castle the *Hebridean Princess* cruised into Brodick Bay last Friday 9 March.

The guests disembarked for a tour to Arran Aromatics factory shop and the Cheese Shop at Duchess Court and then re-embarked for the short cruise into Lamlash Bay where some of them took the option of a trip to Holy Isle.

This elegant ship slipped out of Lamlash Bay on Friday evening bound for her next stop at Campbeltown.

The luxury cruise ship *Hebridean Princess* which called into Brodick Bay last Friday, with Brodick Castle in the background.

Three charged in drugs operation

Strathclyde police carried out a drugs operation on the Island last Friday 9 March.

Twenty-one officers and a sniffer dog travelled on the 9.45am ferry from Ardrossan.

Local police sergeant Helen Murison said: 'The officers visited a number of premises and in separate cases three people were charged with alleged drugs offences.'

A 34-year-old Lamlash man was charged on three counts of alleged possession of class A and class C drugs. A 46-year-old Lamlash man was given two charges of alleged possession of a class C drug and a 26-year-old Lamlash woman was given two charges of possession of class C drugs. Drugs to the value of nearly £1,000 were recovered.

The officers and sniffer dog carried out another operation on the return 4.40pm ferry sailing with the co-operation of Caledonian MacBrayne.

Sergeant Murison said: 'This is as a result of information gained over a period of time. There will be further operations.'

Islanders warned of scam

Arran residents are being warned about a possible scam.

Sergeant Helen Murison said that people are receiving letters promising that they have won over 785,000 euros on the El Gordo lottery with the ticket attached. 'Under no circumstances should anyone send bank details. This is a scam.'

Jetpatcher in business on the roads

A large new yellow council lorry appeared on the Island this week.

It is the new jetpatcher lorry which is owned equally by North and East Ayrshire Councils and on Wednesday council workers were busy filling in potholes and doing patching road repairs.

Island officer Gus McLeod said: 'It is a new improved version and it will be working here for three weeks. We shall be running a road sweeper round to lift any loose grit after the patching.' He explained that the loose grit can't be lifted the same day as it takes 24 hours for the tar and grit to cure.

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Council takes Harry for a ride

North Ayrshire Council roads operation manager Joe Smith, right, meeting Harry Ross at Brodick pier. b11roa1

Harry Ross of Whiting Bay was taken for a ride round the Island on Tuesday by two North Ayrshire Council (NAC) officers.

Mr Ross has written several letters to *The Banner* pointing out what he regards as the unsatisfactory state of Arran's roads and has also been in communication with NAC at Cunninghame House on the subject. On Saturday 17 February the *Banner* published a copy of a letter from Mr Ross to Ian Snodgrass, chief executive, NAC, inviting him to come to Arran and see the roads for himself.

At the time he said: 'Our vehicles are being hammered to death and if I had my way I would refuse to pay road fund tax due to the parlous condition of our road surfaces.'

Possibly as a result, on Tuesday 13 March NAC roads operation manager Joe Smith came to Arran to look at the roads. He was met at Brodick pier by Mr Ross and local officer Gus McLeod.

They got into Gus's car and drove right round the Island and over the String, looking at the roads as they went.

Gus McLeod said that the roads were already examined weekly by a mainland officer. After the trip Mr Ross said: 'I was surprised that they took up my invitation, I'm just a member of the public.

'As we went around they explained why the roads are like they are. I began to see that there are two sides to every story.'

Harry Ross is taking up an invitation to drive around some mainland Ayrshire roads next Tuesday with Joe Smith so that he can make a comparison with Arran and says that he will report his findings back to the *Banner.*

Local businesses to help pay for trees and fences

Businesses along Market Road, Brodick are being asked to contribute £15,000 towards a fencing and tree planting project.

A masterplan for Market Road, Brodick was prepared and agreed with Argyll and the Islands Enterprise and approved by North Ayrshire Council (NAC) at the Corporate Services Committee on 2 February 2000. The plan set out a framework to define and maximise opportunities for the area by improving road and environmental works for what was described as 'this key industrial location in Brodick.'

The NAC planning committee heard last month that there has been considerable delay in implementing these improvements at Market Road.

Ian MacKay, NAC assistant chief executive, said: 'The delay was initially caused in large part by the failure of Scottish Water to obtain the necessary approvals for site acquisition and planning approval for a waste water treatment plant.

'The new road scheme has transformed the industrial area and has been warmly welcomed by all the area businesses and landowners at Market Road.'

Phase two of the environmental improvement works will comprise site frontage boundary fencing throughout Market Road and tree planting to the seaward edge of the site.

The committee heard that a Trust Fund has been set up to help implement the proposals and contributions would be sought from all businesses in the area. NAC has already committed £100,000 to the Trust and AIE has indicated it will contribute £10,000. NAC is looking for a contribution of £15,000 from local businesses.

Ian MacKay said: 'Discussions are ongoing with the area businesses on the boundary treatment to agree their individual levels of contribution.'

A planning application for boundary fencing and access gates will be lodged immediately and work is expected to start in April or May.

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Church restoration near completion

Work is expected to begin shortly on the final phase of restoration work at Kilbride Parish Church, Lamlash, and should be completed by September 12.

Scaffolding has gone up with a safety net installed in order for stonework repairs to be carried out.

Some stained glass is to be shipped to the mainland for restorative work by experts. There have been four major phases of renovation work which began in 1996. Work on the final phase will cost £370,000, with the total cost of renovation exceeding £1 million.

Project adviser for the church is Richard Haigh, with experts from a mainland architect's keeping a professional eye on works. Repairs so far have included the west-facing gable-end, re-pointing of the tower's stonework, work to the vestry as well as other stained glass windows.

The church was first dedicated in 1886.

Major funding came from Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund, grants and donations, while the church itself had to find £30,000 which it did through coffee mornings and similar events. The main contractor is John Thomson Construction, who will sub-contract out the stained glass work and stonework, said Richard.

Scaffolding goes up at Kilbride Parish Church at Lamlash. b11chu1

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Brodick and Lamlash seafronts scrutinised

At the North Ayrshire Council (NAC) planning committee on 26 February design frameworks for Brodick and Lamlash seafronts were approved.

Local councillor Margie Currie told *The Banner*: 'The design framework gives development guidelines and this will now go out to consultation.

'Spacing of buildings is a crucial feature of Brodick seafront.

'In Lamlash the derelict Lookout building and St George's Church continue to be an eyesore and there should be an easier way of de-listing them.'

The design framework details a number of key points on both seafronts such as the importance of the McAlpine Hotel as a landmark building on arrival at Brodick and the community focus of Lamlash pier head area.

It states: 'Brodick seafront is characterised by different layers of use and buildings from the shore back across the plot frontages including large free-standing buildings through to the residential backdrop. It should be noted that there is current interest in redeveloping the Marine House Hotel in Lamlash for a flatted development.'

Ian MacKay, NAC assistant chief executive, legal and protective, told the councillors at the meeting: 'There is no funding provision for the redevelopment of the Lookout building and St George's Church, both of which are listed buildings and in private ownership.

'A budget, however, is available for initial feasibility work at the Lookout to help determine the viability of moving forward on a potential project with Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust.

'A presentation of the design framework will be made in due course to the public, with the community council specifically invited to attend.

'The matter will be reported back to committee prior to approval of the documents as Supplementary Guidance to the Local Plan.'

Sgt Helen Murison and PC Miller receiving the defibrillators from Geoff Dawson of Arran ambulance service.

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Heart survival kits for Island

Vital medical equipment is now in the custody of police on Arran for use in emergencies.

Sergeant Helen Murison and Police Constable Scott Miller received two defibrillator kits, each valued at £4,000, from Geoff Dawson of Arran ambulance service.

The updated kits are especially for use in rural areas and will be used by the Island's police as they are often the first on the scene at road accidents or other occurrences which might prove difficult for an ambulance to reach quickly.

The defibrillator kits are used in the cases of cardiac arrest, by applying a controlled shock to the heart to restore its natural rhythm.

The police are often the first on the scene and defibrillation needs to be prompt to give a person a chance of survival.

Research shows that applying a controlled shock within five minutes of a collapse provides the best possible outcome.

Julian's Teacher's Day, Albanian style

Arran's very own Julian and Su Davidson are definitely experiencing the Albanian way of life during their social work sojourn in the needy east European country.

Julian experienced a special celebration – Teachers' Day on March 7 - when Albanian children pay homage to their teachers with cards and small presents.

He received a card and a small present and said he was very touched as the children were so poor.

Julian and his teaching companion Anila have a class of 12 and took them to Durres, a nearby coastal town with two new shopping centres – Blue Star and Galaktik, both with cafe facilities on the top floor.

'The car park at the Blue Star was full, probably just as well as the lifts were out of order,' said Julian. 'So it had to be the Galaktik. Another nightmare drive across town but least there was easy parking.

'The Galaktik isn't finished yet but has a cafeteria on the top floor overlooking the sea. Nice! Well, not quite!

'A set of escalators whisked able-bodied people from floor to floor – useless for wheelchair users. Two inadequate lifts served the less agile. The wheelchairs went in the lift one by one. Gezim, a big lad over six feet high, wouldn't fit at all. We had to put him in the lift sideways and prop his legs against the wall to get the door shut.

'We looked round the shops for a while. I lost Gezim on the third floor and panicked, but found him chatting to an assistant in the ground-floor supermarket deli. How he got down on his own in that tiny lift I will never know.'

Julian and Su are spending six months in Albania doing social work and send regular bulletins to *The Arran Banner*. Watch out for more in forthcoming editions.

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Jamie McKinnon cutting off an overhanging branch on the road between Whiting Bay and Kildonan with his chainsaw, watched by two council workers who were marshalling traffic. b11saw1

Chainsaw surgery on roadside trees

Local contractor Jamie McKinnon and a team of council workers carried out surgery last week to a number of roadside trees which had begun to overhang the carriageway of the A841 road round Arran.

Overhangs

North Ayrshire Council Island Officer Gus McLeod said: 'Jamie has done a couple of fairly major overhangs and our own operatives are tackling some branches on the String and North shore at Corrie.

'It is normally the responsibility of the landowner but if commercial vehicles such as buses and lorries are being forced out into the carriageway we will take action. It is a matter of safety.

'We can give the landowner 28 days notice in writing and then carry out the work and invoice him.'

He added that some lopping was done last year but it is not a task that involves much expense by the local authority.

High School News

Juniors Discover The Wonders of Broccoli: the miracle fruit

Last Wednesday much of Arran High School was subject to a takeover of mass proportions: there was a revolution in healthy eating.

Spreading like some sort of really healthy strain of celery, it wasn't long before even the most hardened burger fans were converted to the cause.

Students from first and second year were lucky enough to spend the day learning about healthy eating and living.

With Scotland having some of the worst health rates in the developed world, this latest 'Health Fair' comes as part of a drive to make Scotland's young people more conscious of maintaining a healthy diet and lifestyle.

The many wonderful workshops in which the students participated included awareness of alcohol, smoking, fitness and exercise, healthy eating, dental health and bullying awareness.

Guidance teacher Ms Wright was unable to confirm or deny rumours that the day's itinerary had indeed included the drinking of broccoli smoothies.

Gavin Dunn, *High School News* Health Correspondent, commented: 'Workshops such as this are incredibly important.'

It was a welcome break from classes for many of the first and second years. One pupil told us, 'I loved it all!'

It was felt to have been a great day all round. Hopefully everyone came away from the day feeling more aware of health issues, not to mention the pungent aftertaste of broccoli smoothies.

Liam Turbett and Calum Johnston, S5.

Dancing: Billy Elliot, but not

On Wednesday 1 March, Arran High School was delighted to play host to a troupe of the most flexible dancers in all of Ayrshire.

The 'Y-Dance group', renowned for their dancing prowess, spent time with third and fourth years to impart their skills and get them fit at the same time.

To the sound of urban beats, our students took to the floor to strut their stuff in a combination of aerobics and modern hip-hop dancing.

Fourth year pupil Megan McEachern had this to say:

'I was ecstatic to be a part of this event. It was exhilarating.'

The first thing the pupils did was warm up - as all good athletes should - progressing on to more strenuous activities such as hand stands and 'roly-polys', some of which were described as 'quite hard, but fun'.

The day concluded when pupils were invited to choreograph their own expert routines.

At the end of the day, though thoroughly exhausted, all participants agreed that it had been a wonderful day and great fun for all.

Jessica Gillson and Jamie Cleland S5

White rabbit seen having a picnic

A white rabbit was seen at the top of Brodick hill on Monday afternoon.

Following reports of sightings of black rabbits in Shiskine and Lamlash in recent Banners local doctor Liz Guthrie declared on Monday that she had just seen a white rabbit at the Forestry picnic area.

There was definitely no looking glass or mad hatter in sight, but she decided that it would be better to keep the dogs in the car rather than jumping out for a walk.

'It was sat there on a picnic table,' she said. 'I was quite relieved when another walker came along and also saw the rabbit. It scurried off into the undergrowth but I could hardly believe my eyes.'

The dogs enjoyed their walk but did not get to chase a white rabbit.

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Arran events diary plan

An Island-wide tourism organization is looking to establish an accurate database of all events throughout the year on Arran.

VisitArran Ltd is the local tourism industry organisation set up in early 2006 to continue the role of Destination Arran which had come to the end of its three-year funding.

This new Destination Management Organisation (DMO), has set up a special working group looking at how to best harness the range, diversity and sheer number of Island events to attract visitors and enable them to experience the very best of Arran's heritage and culture.

Local project co-ordinator Maureen McKenna said: 'Clearly there are many different events taking place year round throughout the Island, and although many of these are primarily aimed at local residents, the range and geographical spread of these community events is important for tourism. Not only do these events show a vibrant destination with lots of activity, but they also provide visitors with the opportunity to get close to community life and experience the heritage, culture and Arran's unique atmosphere in a spontaneous way that undoubtedly enhances their holiday.'

Development of Island events is fundamentally important to the profile of Arran as a destination and thus, the VisitArran Events Group met for the fist time at Brodick Castle on Tuesday 20 February.

The meeting was chaired by VisitArran director Ken Thorburn and the group comprised: Heather Gough, Robert McLellan Festival; Ann Rhead, Arran Wildlife Festival; Paul Emsley, Arran Runners; Terry Stevens, Arran Folk Festival; Susan Wilkinson, The Viking Festival and Fiona Crawford, Arran Golf Pass. All agreed that their first task should be to establish a database of events along with a comprehensive and up-to date events calendar. It is planned to make this available through VisitArran's soon to be launched website: www.visitarran.com. The Group also identified that a major headache for event organisers is the difficulty in finding essential items of equipment such as public address systems, seating, marquee, staging, etc. Views on this subject and suggestions for equipment needed will be warmly welcomed.

VisitArran want to hear about you and your event and would be grateful if organisers could send their details info@visitarran.org by Friday 6 April 2007.

Please give your name, the name of your event, along with the dates, venue and a short description.

Members of Arran Middle Eastern Dance Association in Lamlash Church Hall. b11bel01

No limit for Arran's belly dancing enthusiasts

A lively group of belly dancers meets every Thursday night in Lamlash Church Hall.

The Banner caught up with Arran Middle Eastern Dance Association (AMEDA) as its members were practicing a tribal dance last week.

There are many different forms of belly dancing and the Arran ladies don't limit themselves to any one particular style.

Last month the group held its second annual *Hafla*, where they invited instructors across from the mainland and learned some new dances. After the workshops during the day, a party took place in the evening.

The dancers are gearing up for a busy summer. They have been booked to dance at The Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, on 19 Saturdays during the season.

AMEDA will perform for coach parties, and for anyone else who would like to go along and see them.

Dasher memorial service

A memorial service will be held next Saturday 24 March at 10.40am at the Brodick ferry terminal.

The service will be conducted by Rev Angus Adamson in memory of those who lost their lives when the aircraft carrier *HMS Dasher* sank between Ardrossan and Brodick during the Second World War.

HMS Dasher blew up and sank without warning on 27 March 1943. The casualty list of 379 is second only in home waters to the sinking of *HMS Royal Oak*.

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Twenty five years ago Arran was looking forward to a new, purpose built, ferry. That she would be named *Isle of Arran* was not then known. At that time, whenever on the mainland on business, I would drive round by Port Glasgow and call in at Ferguson's Shipbuilders. This allowed me to keep in touch with the progress of our new ferry; it always gave me an article for that week, thus compensating for my day away from the front; and, having established a good rapport with the managing director, he and I were always happy to enjoy a couple of whiskies together. This was mid morning and that I would then drive to Glasgow, and he continue working, seemed perfectly natural at that time.

These musings on past visits came to me last week on reading an article about Port Glasgow. Amazingly Fergusons is still there. But not for much longer. When CalMac's latest vessel, the *Loch Shira*, is completed she will ply between Largs and Cumbrae. The shipyard has no further orders and when the *Loch Shira* goes into service most of the staff will be laid off.

Ten years after my visits to Fergusons, Arran was again looking forward to a new ferry. This time *Caledonian Isles* was on the stocks at Richards Shipbuilders in Lowestoft. Further away, it was less easy to get there, but when passing Lowestoft - as one does! - I would always call and check progress. When our ship was launched at Richards, they too had no further orders. *Caledonian Isles* was the last ship they built before closing down.

Remembering such things does not necessarily mean having to analyse them. During the intervening years many of CalMac's vessels have been built in foreign yards offering, presumably, better value. Despite much extravagance and visible waste, public companies are charged to seek 'best value' on all large capital expenditures. For example CalMac, which sought the cheapest quote on *Caledonian Isles*, chartered an aircraft to take Arran and CalMac people to the launch, leaving only myself to drive down. Best value means best price, but not necessarily best quality or best overall result. Those tendering, knowing the ruthlessness in this, may even undercut their own profit to give themselves another two-year lifeline.

When the boot is on the other foot they know all the tricks. CalMac won the northern isles route from P&O and then found it had to increase the price. I think the subsidy jumped from a quoted £27m to about £80m. North Ayrshire did much the same with the garbage contract on Arran. They won the contract from four long established operators and then found that their direct works department was not able to give the same service.Before doing so they demanded more money, well above the quoted price.

Of course there are many reasons why our shipyards have closed, and why the few survivors are doomed. Wage rates, unions, attitudes to work at all levels, are but a few. Yet we all demand the best price whatever we are purchasing, whatever the real cost, and especially for our ferry travel. Now, as reported in last week's Banner, the first minister is trumpeting a ferry discount scheme just as the Holyrood elections approach. How cynical is that? What is the real cost? Often the price we pay is not the whole story and does not necessarily even give us the best.

Often the cheapest price has repercussions which, did we but think about it, we would not choose, and which we would never connect to our own part in creating.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the Love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord *Romans 8:39*

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Letters to the Editor

Arrogant response

Sir,
I was astonished to read the official response from Caledonian MacBrayne over the controversy of increased fares for coaches (Banner edition No 1581 – Coach Fares Cause Concern).

The response was arrogant and lacked any degree of diplomacy or tact. Nowhere was it suggested that part of CalMac's remit is to provide a public service for the residents and businesses of Arran as well as its visitors.

The subsidy paid to CalMac is for the provision of that public service which they have conveniently forgotten to mention, is not there to solely boost the dividends for CalMac's shareholders.

Most of Arran's businesses rely on the tourist trade which could sink as a result of the CalMac pursuit of profit whilst disregarding public service. A consequence of this would be that CalMac would eventually lose trade also.

But perhaps the company thinks it can just ask the taxpayers for additional subsidy to cover the reduced demand which they have brought about by such a cavalier attitude to the provision of such an essential public service.

Yours,
Sandra Bentley
Heatherhill
Middle Road
Whiting Bay

Fishing experience

Sir,
I am researching into the history of fisheries in the Firth of Clyde, and how they have changed over the past 100 years or so.

I am interested in the experiences of fishermen, both working and retired, to contribute to a survey and would be extremely grateful for any feedback.

Yours,
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Driven down wrong road?

Sir,
To all those who are persuaded to believe that NAC may honour their <u>verbal</u> agreement to maintain their newly reclassified C road I should draw their attention to the present state of the current Class B (B880) String road which, despite countless attempts at cosmetic surgery over many years, continues to disintegrate before our eyes.

Only last week another tyre and wheel were destroyed in a previously reported pothole. The String is by any definition a lifeline to the Island's west coast communities. Structural collapse of the String, which looks more likely by the day, would have a serious effect on most west coast inhabitants in preventing them reaching their employment or the ferry or in the daily delivery of essential goods and services.

As for NAC's promise to continue white lining on C class roads how does that square with the complete lack of white lines at the junction of the String and the A841 below the old Brodick graveyard? This was retarred approximately seven months ago and despite being potentially the most dangerous junction on the Island remains unmarked in any way which complies with national standards.

I invite motorists from all over the Island and abroad to take part in the Great String Challenge i.e. to drive from Blackwaterfoot to the top of the String at reasonable speed, (say 40-50mph) remaining entirely on the left hand side of the road without sustaining damage to either their vehicle, their sanity or their pocket!

Those doing so on a motor cycle qualify for double points while others travelling the route on a daily basis will, deservedly be nominated for a CBE or higher.

As road and council taxes continue to rise, often in excess of inflation, rash, but unspecific promises about road maintenance and equally unspecific sound bites and headlines about the 'slashing of ferry prices' less than two months before both Council and Holyrood elections are an insult to the Arran electorate.

It is time that paid officials and prospective representatives of both elected bodies woke up, smelt the coffee and realised that Arran residents and the Island's many thousands of annual visitors deserve better.

Let us have *detailed proposals* of candidate's intentions *before* polling day.

Yours,
Neil Arthur
Broombrae
Kilpatrick

Ferry fare news should have come earlier

Sir,
Two weeks ago we, as part of the Arran High Young Scot group, put much time and effort into organising a meeting which was to discuss a proposal for reduced ferry fares for young people on islands.

A week later we read in the *Banner*, much to our surprise, of the Labour manifesto promise to slash ferry fares.

Whilst obviously welcoming news of any kind of discount on CalMac ferries, we are slightly perplexed as to why we weren't at least given some indication of it prior to reading about it; particularly when we actually held a meeting on the subject, coincidentally just days before the Labour policy launch.

This is despite the fact that we had been in regular communication with Allan Wilson MSP during the course of our campaign – in fact, he had been due to attend the meeting we held on 2 March, but missed the boat from Ardrossan.

That a local group which was actually campaigning for ferry discounts was completely ignored, let alone consulted, and uninformed strikes us as unreasonable, as we were unable to even take this manifesto promise into consideration during our meeting.

Just as our campaign seemed to be building momentum we have discovered that the policy we have been campaigning for could well be introduced anyway.

Obviously we are pleased that Labour are taking the high cost of transport so seriously – but the fact that our local MSP did not even bother to inform our group, who were actually campaigning for such a policy, does make us think this promise has been announced as more of an opportunity to win votes rather than a way to engage with local groups.

We hope that in future local organisations, particularly when representing young people, will be given more consideration when relevant major policy or manifesto announcements are imminent.

Yours,
Liam Turbett and Calum Johnston
Rannoch
Shiskine

Recycling cleared up

Sir,
Further to my letter (*The Arran Banner* March 3) concerning the destination of recycled goods, I feel it is appropriate and re-assuring to have had the courtesy of a long telephone call from Brodie, the Arran recycling officer.

I feel that with verifiable information the whole process of where our waste goes to is now resolved to my satisfaction. Briefly, glass goes to Irvine for sorting, some by automation, some by hand, and the plastics go to China for conversion, not landfill.

I wish to say 'thank you' to Brodie for his clarity and invitation to follow the process from start to finish to settle my mind, which he has done.

Yours,
Peter Ryan
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Hogmanay party aids mountain rescue

Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) has just benefited from a £3,000 donation.

The cheque was handed over by Duncan Russell (Funky Dunky) and represented the profits from the Whiting Bay Hogmanay party which he organised this year. Members of AMRT acted as marshals at the popular all-night event.

Local impresario Duncan said: 'I thought this would be a great opportunity to raise a lot of money for a very worthwhile cause.'

Team leader Jamie McKinnon said: 'This donation will just about cover half the team's annual expenses. We get no funding from any outside source and our members are totally unpaid volunteers. There is a constant need to maintain and upgrade our equipment. The team has a new all-terrain Argocat vehicle which was used for the first time in a rescue two weeks ago and featured in *The Banner*. Jamie said: 'It is a great addition to our squad and can get ropes and climbing equipment to a troublespot in a hurry.'

Arran Mountain Rescue Team members Tim Keen, left, and Mark Bunyan, right, receive a £3,000 cheque from Duncan Russell. b11res1

The team is still waiting for a new rescue hut which should be erected at Cladach and replace the existing one. Jamie said: 'At the moment a lot of our equipment is kept in members' garages and sheds but a new hut would be an ideal base.'

He added: 'With the approach of the tourist season I would like to remind all walkers and hill climbers to leave a note of their route and timetable. People sometimes don't realise how quickly the weather can change at altitude and they can soon find themselves in trouble.'

There are currently 28 members in the mountain rescue team, mostly male, plus search dog Briar, the golden retriever from Corrie Hotel.

The AMRT members would like to express their appreciation to the many helpers at the Hogmanay fundraiser party including the Book and Card shop and Cameronia Hotel for selling tickets, Julie, Bill and Jim of the Whiting Bay Hall committee and Doreen, Sheila and Keeno.

Duncan says that he has set himself the challenge of climbing Goatfell this year. We hope he does not need the services of the rescue team during this expedition.

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The *Spirit of Fairbridge* schooner provides an opportunity for these young people to travel and work together and this week enabled them to see Arran at its best in the bright March sunshine. b11yac1

Spirit of the sea for city children

A splendid-looking schooner was anchored in Brodick Bay for a few hours on Tuesday.

The *Spirit of Fairbridge* is a 92 foot replica Victorian pilot schooner owned by the Fairbridge charity which supports disadvantaged inner city children. It is crewed by the 13 to 15 year-olds who are guided by qualified adult sailors.

The children are not in education, employment or training and have been identified as being at risk of dropping out of society into a life of crime.

Arran's *Jack the Ripper* makes it as a musical

It's an unusual subject for a musical but the story behind the Jack the Ripper murders of Victorian London makes for a highly entertaining night.

Isle of Arran Music and Drama Club is staging the musical romp *Jack the Ripper* from Monday 28 May to Saturday 2 June in Brodick Hall.

First performed in London's West End, the musical has a colourful cast which takes you back to the autumn of 1888 and the East End with its corruption, friendships and seedy goings-on, with a big dollop of cockney humour and a touch of Victorian vaudeville and music hall thrown in to make it hugely entertaining.

Fusion

Jack the Ripper has been called a fusion of rock opera, musical theatre and historical fact.

The streets of the East End were full of strange characters at the time - there were around 88,000 'ladies of the night', as well as scoundrels, an educated beggar, drunks and others as well as innocent (and some not so innocent) urchins – little 'cockney sparras'. Involved in the massive hunt for the murderer of several prostitutes is the royal family, the head of London's police force, conmen and possibly the killer himself – was he an aristocrat, an escaped lunatic, a surgeon?

The cast has plenty of catchy songs in the music hall style including the comical *Ripper's Going to Get You*.

Memorable

This is only one of the memorable songs you'll hear, all of which capture the ambience of Victorian London.

Jack The Ripper is an enchanting fusion of Rock Opera, physical theatre and eerie historical fact.

It's partly set in a music hall and partly in the streets of Whitechapel and there's more than a hint of who is thought to be have been the killer. There's comedy among the pathos, and liveliness and fun.

So, as the fog thickens in the alleys if the East End, the 'ladies of the night' huddle under the gaslight, ever watchful of a terror that could be lurking round the corner and wondering who's going to be next.

You'll have to see *Jack the Ripper* for yourself to find out.

The drama club is busy rehearsing on Thursday nights at Brodick Hall. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Walk your way to health

Ute Locatelli and Janet Hamilton are two of a number of the volunteer Walk Leaders who have been trained to lead Health Walks on Arran.

This is part of North Ayrshire Ways to Walk, a major walking project which is aimed at encouraging thousands of people to make steps towards improving their health and well-being.

The Ways to Walk initiative plans to help residents enjoy the social and health benefits of walking. It is recommended that adults do a minimum of 30 minutes of moderate physical activity, such as brisk walking, and that children do one hour of moderate activity on most days of the week to benefit their health.

Mary Allison, Scotland's Physical Activity Co-ordinator said: 'Walking is an accessible and enjoyable form of exercise and can help put many people on the path to becoming more active.'

This month, walks have been arranged in different Arran villages in order to attract members of the public to the health bonuses of walking – physical, mental and social – of getting out in the fresh air and meeting people.

The walks are at a leisurely pace and cover different routes within the villages, often finishing with coffee and a chat.

Notices giving details of the March walks have been placed in doctors surgeries, pharmacies and shops on Arran.

Ann Hart, North Ayrshire Council activities co-ordinator said: 'It is hoped that if there is sufficient support for the walks then walking groups may be set up in all the villages.'

Ute Locatelli and Janet Hamilton, volunteer walk leaders for Health Walks on Arran. b11way1

Museum update at annual meeting

The annual meeting of Arran Heritage Museum takes place on Thursday 22 March at 7.30pm in Brodick Church Hall, when, in addition to normal business, members will be brought up to date with the situation regarding the new shop/reception building – its financing and delivery.

Afterwards Neil Mac Lean will give a talk entitled The History of Arran's Creamery at Kilmory, where he was manager for so many years.

Anyone interested in the museum is welcome to attend.

Membership subscriptions can be taken out, or renewed, at the meeting.

Fifty years of jazz

Fionna Duncan and Forrie Cairns are leading the Scottish Jazz All Stars back to Arran at Easter, exactly 50 years after they first played together.

Fionna was a featured folk singer in an STV show in which Forrie starred with his band in 1957.

He was so impressed he invited Fionna to join his band, and they both went on to form the great Clyde Valley Stompers band.

Success

Their great international success was attributed to an intensive six-week period on Arran in 1959, when the lack of travelling during their seven nights per week playing schedule allowed afternoon rehearsal time to enhance and improve their very popular repertoire.

Their careers took separate directions in 1963, with Forrie residing in Zurich and playing all across Europe, while Fionna toured world-wide with bands of every jazz-playing nationality.

In 2004, they met up again, on the formation of the Scottish Jazz All Stars. And of course their favourite venue is Arran.

It might be 50 years, but just watch how these two veterans cast aside their years when backed by Scotland's greatest jazz youngsters.

Pianist Brian Kellock and drummer Alyn Cosker weren't born when Forrie and Fionna first played Arran!

As Al Jolson used to say: 'You ain't heard nuthin' yet!'

PS: Does anyone have any photos or stories from the 1959 Clyde Valley Stompers season on Arran. If so could they let *The Banner* know and we will pass them on to the band.

Forrie Cairns of the Scottish Jazz All Stars.
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Arran Music Festival

The 78th Arran Music Festival takes place in Whiting Bay Hall next week, commencing Wednesday 21 March and runs for three days.

The successful format of the festival has remained largely unchanged over the years. Aspiring performers who typically number well over 100 spend the preceding months rehearsing songs, recitals, solos, duets, choral pieces, readings and dances. They will have chosen their piece from a syllabus published in January or they have entered an open class and chosen their own.

Performers have the opportunity to overcome the apprehension of being on stage and will do their best to entertain the audience and adjudicator with their recital.

Entrants range from young primary school children to High School pupils, adults, choirs and bands. Most of the classes in the festival are competitive and this generally adds an edge to the performances.

This can motivate entrants to achieve their best, supported by family, friends and peers.

Adjudication is usually gentle and concerned with providing an appreciation of the performance whilst suggesting pointers for improvement. The opportunity to perform in front of an audience is an invaluable experience for young people. It builds self-respect and confidence which can only benefit an individual in later life.

Most of the classes have trophies, some of which give a tangible sense of history.

A small but very dedicated committee of volunteers give up a significant amount of time to reviewing, planning and delivering the festival each year. Not only that, but tuition is provided free of charge by festival secretary Tony Smith.

The festival starts on Wednesday with Scottish Country dancing followed by youngsters reading poetry.

On Thursday it is verse speaking and group choric speaking with music in the afternoon in the form of piano and string recitals.

Friday starts with playgroup performances and vocal solos. Then there are four primary choirs followed by duets. The evening starts with piping, solos, piano and brass.

Tony Smith said: 'We look forward to welcoming plenty of parents and grandparents to enjoy the sessions.'

Top afternoon expected at antiquarians lecture

Gathering in memory of Dr Hugh McKerrell

A first-class afternoon is promised by Arran Antiquarians on Monday 19 April when Lionel Masters gives the Hugh McKerrell Annual Memorial Lecture at Brodick Hall.

His talk is entitled *Under the Ash: Akrotti (Thera), a volcanic eruption and a dating problem.*

This is the first of the memorial lectures given in memory of Dr Hugh McKerrell, a founder member of the society who was instrumental in its continuing success.

Academic

With his many academic contacts Dr McKerrell was responsible for several of the lecturers from the mainland.

Lionel is well known to society members not only for his noteworthy monthly lectures but also for taking extra-mural classes ranging from Scotland's ancient monuments to the ancient civilisations of South America.

Non-members and visitors are very welcome.

Arran companies' chance to be among the best

Arran businesses are being urged to enter The National Business Awards for Scotland.

Businesses of all sizes and from any industry can enter. The closing date for entries is May 22.

The awards allow the best companies to showcase their achievements and benchmark their successes against others. The winners will be-being unveiled at an awards ceremony in Glasgow on 13 September.

For more information visit www.businessawardsforscotland.com or telephone 0141 548 1444.

Catacol Bay Hotel
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Friday 23 March
8.30pm

Arran Society of Glasgow dinner

The annual dinner of the Arran Society of Glasgow was held at the Marriott Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday 9 March with main speakers Lord John Maxton and David MacMillan, pictured here on either side of dinner chairman Russell Duncan.

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A new season begins at Brodick

Brodick Castle will soon be opening its doors to the public again.

The National Trust for Scotland (NTS) property is one of the most successful in the West Region. Administrator Ken Thorburn said: 'Visitor numbers to the NTS built sector are in decline but we have had a very good year. Last year we had about 100,000 visitors in total with 65,000 coming round the house.

'Next year will be the 50th anniversary of Brodick Castle and Country Park being handed over to the Trust and we are looking to mark the occasion with something appropriate, tasteful and sensitive. This could possibly take the form of a country fair.'

Beavering away

Local NTS staff and volunteers have been beavering away throughout the winter to prepare for another busy visitor season. Ken Thorburn and his team have been busy both indoors and in the grounds.

The popular tearoom has had a facelift with new brighter décor and custodian Bill Cowell has overseen cleaning and maintaining the public rooms and exhibits.

Ken said: 'Our helpers in the Friends of Brodick Castle group now number over 170 and they give us invaluable assistance.

'The storms over New Year created such devastation in the grounds that our ranger team has been flat out to clear away fallen trees and repair damage. In some cases we have had to get contractors in to help.'

Head ranger Kate Sampson said: 'The trails in the grounds are all operational again and we have printed a new trails guide for visitors giving information and distances. This includes a new sculpture trail in Merkland woods which has three large stone sculptures carved by Tim Pomeroy.'

'We're getting there,' said Ken. 'Guided walks will start in May. The paybox at Cladach has been moved up into the gardens which should be more effective.

Washed away

'Armitage Groundworks has installed sleeper steps where the path had been washed away. Certain of the garden walks are now suitable for battery cars and wheelchair access is more than it has ever been.

'The special Castle bus will start at Easter running from Brodick pier every half hour from 11.05am to 4.10pm. This joint exercise with Stagecoach was very successful last year and carried over 14,000 passengers.'

Local Stagecoach manager Steve Kirk said: 'The Castle bus will run for a few days over Easter then start a full-time service in May.'

Ken added: 'We'll have a new large poster in Ardrossan ferry terminal advertising the Castle and hope to have volunteers manning the desk on the 9.45am sailings to extol the virtues of the Island in general and Brodick Castle in particular.'

Kate said: 'The ranger centre is well-used but I really would like a new building. I dream of an interpretation centre here for Arran.

Healthy

'The young naturalist group is very healthy with several new members and the classrooms are used for community arts groups.'

Ken said that they will be having all the tried and tested events throughout the summer with a few additions. Sue Tozer of finance

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Administrator Ken Thorburn and his team on the Castle steps. They are, from left, custodian Bill Cowell, visitor service manager Judy Cook, administration and finance Sue Tozer, head gardener Colin Totty, Ken Thorburn, head guide Eileen McAllister, education officer Christine McKerrell, cashier Chris Mills and head ranger Kate Sampson. b11cas1

Brodick Castle front elevation. The popular tearoom at the castle has had a facelift with new brighter décor and custodian Bill Cowell has overseen cleaning and maintaining the public rooms and exhibits. Last year the castle had about 100,000 visitors in total with 65,000 going round the house.

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ARRAN MUSIC FESTIVAL 2007
WHITING BAY HALL

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH

1.30pm	Scottish Country Dancing
3.15pm	Junior Verse
7.30pm	Adult Verse and Reading

THURSDAY 22ND MARCH

9.30am	Junior Verse and Reading
2.00pm	Choric Speaking, Piano, Fiddle

FRIDAY 23RD MARCH

9.45am	Playgroups
10.05am	Vocals solos
2.00pm	Action songs, primary choirs, duets
6.00pm	Piping
6.50pm	Vocal solos,choirs, brass, piano and fiddle

Full details of classes and times are shown in the Festival Programme

Available (50p) from many island shops and at the door. Anyone can come and join (or leave) the audience at any time except briefly, while a performance is actually in progress.

Admission: single session £1.50 all day £2.50 3 day session £3.50 Children half price

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THURS 22ND – **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ** 10PM
Real Ale (Recommended CAMRA Good Beer Guide)

Arran Heritage Museum
AGM
7.30pm Thursday 22nd March
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Castle and Country Park

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and administration said: 'A young persons art exhibition will run through summer, there will be a special poetry picnic and a stand-alone garden event.'

Kate Sampson outlined the extensive work being carried out on the higher ground.

'Up on the hills the Goatfell Path is not in bad nick,' she said. 'We try to clear ditches to help drainage and prevent water erosion.

'The path from the Saddle to North Goatfell is highly eroded and there are five foot trenches in the Three Beinns path. Footpath teams are working on these under the Scottish Mountains Heritage project and they try to do repairs with material from the hill itself rather than taking stone up there. It's a never ending job.'

Brodick Castle and Country Park continues to be a major attraction for tourists and Island residents and Ken and his team are ready for business.

A collection of Easter bonnets at the Castle on Easter Sunday last year. b11bro1

Fun and games on the aerial ropeway. b11bro3

The adventure playground is popular with youngsters.

b11bro2

Blackwaterfoot beach-clean

Residents of Blackwaterfoot will be undertaking a beach-clean on Sunday 25 March.

The members of Shiskine Valley Trust are organising the project

Volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves but bags and pickers will be provided.

The area under treatment is the Blackwaterfoot beach adjacent to the golf course.

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What's on the box? your weekend TV Guide

Saturday 17th March

BBC 1

6.00am **Breakfast**
10.00am **Saturday Kitchen**
11.30am **Bill's Food**
12.00pm **News**
12.10pm **Football Focus**
1.00pm **Six Nations Rugby**
3.20pm **Six Nations Rugby**
5.20pm **Six Nations Rugby**
7.30pm **Eurovision. Making Your Mind Up**

Artists including Justin Hawkins, Liz McClarnon, Big Brovaz and Brian Harvey compete to be the UK entry for the Eurovision Song Contest in Helsinki. With Terry Wogan and Fearne Cotton

8.30pm **National Lottery**
8.40pm **Casualty.**

A World Elsewhere: Cyd is haunted by the death of a patient and begins to believe the girl's spirit is warning her. Neither Dixie nor Greg believe her but Cyd is determined to trust her instincts

9.30pm **Eurovision. Making Your Mind Up**

Terry Wogan and Fearne Cotton announce the winner of this evening's show and reveal the UK's entry to this year's Eurovision Song Contest.

10.00pm **News and weather**
10.25pm **Match of The Day**
11.45pm **Cricket World Cup Highlights**
12.45am **FILM: Nirvana**

Sci-fi drama about a computer game designer who finds that his latest product has a virus which has given consciousness to the main character of the game.

2.20am **Joins BBC News 24**
5.00am **Cricket World Cup Highlights**

BBC 2

6.00am **Cbeebies. Balamory**
6.20am **Tweenies**
6.40am **Big Cook Little Cook**
7.00am **Roar**
7.55am **Arthur**
8.10am **Lizzie McGuire**
8.30am **The Story of Tracy Beaker**
9.00am **Hider in the House**
10.00am **The Story of Tracy Beaker**
10.30am **Time Warp Trio**
10.50am **Secret Show**
11.00am **Krypto the Superdog**
11.30am **The Fairly Odd Parents**
11.45am **Sportsround**
12.00pm **See Hear**
12.30pm **The Flying Gardener**
12.45pm **Film 2007**
1.15pm **Becoming Jane**
1.45pm **'Allo 'Allo**
2.10pm **Conference 2007 Scottish National Party**
4.55pm **Sportscene**
5.20pm **Meerkat Manor**
5.45pm **Meerkat Manor**
6.10pm **TOTP 2**
6.45pm **Natural World**
7.35pm **FILM: Emma**

Romantic comedy based on Jane Austen's classic novel. Emma Woodhouse (Gwyneth a young woman who plays matchmaker for others while missing out on opportunities for love. (1996)

9.30pm **Wagners Ring Gotterdammerung**
2.30am **FILM Terror**

A witch's curse is reactivated when surviving members of the family that persecuted her base a horror film on the hex. Inseminoid director Norman J Warren piles on the gleefully gory chills, sleazy thrills and showbiz send-ups and the nonsensical plot detours just about manage to belie the movie's micro-budget.

3.55am **CLOSE**

STV

6.00am **Fun Song Factory**
6.10am **Engie Benjy**
6.20am **Pocoyo**
6.35am **Dora The Explorer**
6.55am **Mickey Mouse Clubhouse**
7.25am **Lilo and Stitch**
7.50am **Spongebob Squarepants**
8.10am **Avatar**
8.35am **Kim Possible**
9.10am **Spongebob Squarepants**
9.25am **CITV Horrid Henry**
9.35am **CITV Del's Boys**
9.50am **CITV Tricky Quickies**
9.55am **CITV Art Attack**
10.20am **CITV Drake and Josh**
10.50am **Coastal Kitchen**
11.20am **Saturday Cooks**
12.50pm **ITV News and weather**
12.55pm **Scotland Today**
1.00pm **American Idol**
3.00pm **American Idol**
3.30pm **F1. Australian Grand Qualifying**
5.00pm **Scotland Today**
5.15pm **ITV News**
5.30pm **New You've Been Framed**
6.00pm **Harry Hill's TV Burp**
6.30pm **Dancing on Ice: The Final**
7.50pm **Primeval**
8.50pm **Dancing On Ice. The Final Skate Off**
9.40pm **The Dame Edna Treatment**
10.40pm **ITV News**
10.55pm FILM: Stakeout
1.00am **ITV Play: Make Your Play**
1.25am **Don't Move, Improve**
2.00am **F1 Australian Grand Prix Live**
5.05am **ITV Nightscreen**
5.30am **ITV Early Morning News**

Channel 4

6.15am **The Hoobs**
6.40am **The Hoobs**
7.05am **Goalissimo**
8.00am **The Morning Line**
8.55am **T4 Friends**
9.25am **T4 Musicool**
10.25am **T4 Popworld**
11.15am **T4 Friends**
11.50am **T4 Friends**
12.25pm **T4 Shipwrecked 2007 The Hut Cam Diaries**
12.55pm **T4 Shipwrecked 2007 Battle of the Islands**
2.00pm **Racing from Uttoxeter**
4.10pm **Let the Music Play. The Barry White Story**
5.10pm **Deal of No Deal Classic**
6.00pm **Monarchy with David Starkey**
7.00pm **Channel 4 News**
7.30pm **Born Survivor. Bear Grylls**
8.30pm **Bremner Bird and Fortune**
9.30pm **FILM: Patriot Games**

Harrison Ford plays an ex-CIA agent who, on a visit to London with his family, foils the assassination of a government minister by the Ira, killing one of the attackers in the process. Swearing vengeance Ira man Sean Bean follows Ford and his family to their seaside home in America where he and his followers plan to exact their revenge.

11.40pm **FILM: Donnie Brasco**
2.05am **FILM: Harry, He's Here To Help**
4.10am **God is Green**
5.10am **Scrappy Races Rally**

Channel 5

6.00am **Sunrise**
6.55am **Franklin**
7.25am **Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends**
7.35am **Peppa Pig**
7.50am **Make Way For Noddy**
8.00am **Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs**
8.30am **Rupert Bear**
8.45am **Rupert Bear**
9.00am **Jane and the Dragon**
9.30am **Don't Blame the Koalas**
10.00am **No Girls Allowed**
11.00am **Excalibur**
11.30am **Aliens Among Us**
11.45am **The Gadget Show**
12.40pm **FILM: Ride Clear of Diablo**
2.15pm **FILM: Baby Bedlam**

Family comedy about a boy whose fondness for practical jokes lands him in trouble when a baby is accidentally kidnapped.

3.55pm **FILM: Flash**
5.45pm **FILM: Don Quixote**

Although John Cleese and Robin Williams were once linked with a big screen adaptation of Cervantes's classic satire, it's John Lithgow and Bob Hoskins who headline Peter Yates's marathon TV feature. Lithgow is quite magnificent in a role he'd long hoped to play. Admirably quixotic and suitably gauche to pull off the physical comedy, he invites genuine pathos as the delusional knight whose undimmed sense of chivalry is responsible for sending devoted squire Sancho Panza in search of challenges to please the fair Dulcinea.

8.25pm **News**
8.40pm **NCIS**
9.30pm **CSI NY**
10.30pm **Law and Order**
11.30pm **Grey's Anatomy**
12.30am **Grey's Anatomy**
1.30am **Quiz Call**
5.35am **Wildlife SOS**

EMMA
Saturday | 7.30pm | BBC 2

PATRIOT GAMES
Saturday | 9.30pm | Channel 4

THE ENEMY BELOW
Sunday | 4.05pm | BBC 2

BICENTENNIAL MAN
Sunday | 5.45pm | Channel 5

What's on the box?

Sunday 18th March

BBC 1

6.00am **Breakfast**
7.35am **Match of The Day**
9.00am **Sunday AM**
10.00am **Heaven and Earth**
11.00am **Countryfile**
12.00pm **The Politics Show**
1.00pm **Cash In The Attic**
2.00pm **'Allo'Allo**
2.25pm **Keeping up Appearances**
2.55pm **EastEnders**
4.25pm **Lifeline**
4.35pm **When Love Comes To Town**
5.05pm **Songs of Praise**
5.45pm **News and Weather**
6.10pm **Antiques Roadshow**
7.00pm **Rough Diamond**
8.00pm **Casualty**
8.50pm **Comic Relief 2007 Highlights**
9.00pm **Castaway**
10.00pm **News and Weather**
10.20pm **Extras**
10.50pm **3lbs**
11.30pm **Cricket World Cup Highlights**
12.30pm **FILM: Dead Heat**
2.10am **Sign Zone: Antiques Roadshow**
3.00am **Sign Zone Bill's Kitchen**
3.25am **Sign Zone Gene Detectives**
4.10am **Join BBC News 24**
5.00am **Cricket World Cup Highlights**

BBC 2

6.00am **CBeebies: Balamory**
6.20am **Tweenies**
6.40am **Big Cook Little Cook**
7.00am **Batfink**
7.10am **The Batman**
7.30am **Smile**
10.00am **Something For The Weekend**
11.30am **A Taste Of My Life**
12.00pm **Animal Park**
1.00pm **FILM: Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella**
2.25pm **FILM: The Thirty- Nine Steps**
4.05pm **FILM The Enemy Below**

This is one of the best submarine movies, a stunning drama about a Second World War German U-boat and the US destroyer that's stalking it, whose captains only meet in the final reel. As the respective skippers, Curt Jurgens and, particularly, Robert Mitchum turn in fine performances. The special effects won an Oscar, but it is the direction by former crooner Dick Powell that is really remarkable - The film was actually based on a real story.

5.40pm **Masterchef Goes Large**
6.40pm **Diving With Whales**
7.10pm **Meerkat Manor**
7.35pm **Meerkat Manor**
8.00pm **Jeremy Clarkson: Greatest Raid of All Time**.
9.00pm **The Trap: What Happened To Our Dreams of Freedom**
10.00pm **Kombat Opera Presents**
10.30pm **Match of The Day 2**
11.30pm **Graham Norton Uncut**
12.15am **Premier Rugby Union**
12.40am **Dragons' Den**
1.40am **Family Guy**
2.05am **Family Guy**
2.25am **FILM: Persecution**
4.00am **CLOSE**

STV

9.25am **CITV Mr Bean: The Animated Series**
9.35am **CITV Feodor**
9.45am **CITV Curios George**
9.55am **CITV Pocoyo**
10.05am **Jim, Jam and Sunny**
10.20am **Jim, Jam and Sunny**
10.30am **Bigeil**
10.55am **Sin Thu Fhein**
11.30am **The Sunday Edition**
12.25pm **Scotland Today**
12.30pm **Planet's Funniest Animals**
1.00pm **Dancing On Ice: The Final**

Highlights of yesterdays final

2.20pm **Dancing On Ice: The Final Skate Off**
3.10pm **Primeval**
4.10pm **F1 Australian Grand Prix**
6.30pm **Scotland Today**
6.45pm **ITV News and Weather**
7.00pm **Emmerdale**
7.30pm **Coronation Street**
8.00pm **Wild At Heart**
9.00pm **Mansfield Park**
11.00pm **ITV News and Weather**
11.15pm **F1 Australian Grand Prix Highlights**
12.15am **The Moral of The Story**
12.40am **ITV Play: Glitterball**
4.05am **The Jeremy Kyle Show**
5.00am **ITV Nightscreen**
5.25am **Scotland Today**
5.30am **ITV Early Morning News**

Channel 4

6.10am **The Hoobs**
6.30am **Trans World Sport**
7.30am **Velux 5 Oceans**
8.00am **World Cup Skiiing**
8.55am **T4 Popworld**
9.45am **T4 Hollyoaks**
12.15pm **Shipwrecked The Hut Cam Diaries**
12.45pm **T4 Musicool**
1.50pm **T4 Beauty and The Geek**
2.55pm **T4 Beauty and The Geek**
3.55pm **T4 The OC**
4.55pm **Deal Or No Deal**
5.45pm **Time Team**
6.40pm **Shipwrecked 2007 Battle of The Islands**
7.40pm **Channel 4 News**
8.00pm **100 Greatest Stand-Ups**
12.00am **Live From Abbey Road**
1.05am **Shockwaves NME Awards 2007**
2.40am **FILM: Holy Matrimony**

A dire comedy from former Star Trek star Leonard Nimoy, which suffers from a clutch of one-note performances and unlikeable characters. After Havana (Patricia Arquette) and Peter (Tate Donovan) rob a county fair, they hide out in the Hutterite community where Peter grew up. However, when Peter dies, Hutterite tradition means that Havana has to marry his younger brother - even though he is just 12 years old. With bad jokes, a contrived plot, ill-advised "comic" scenes and weak performances, this should only be watched as an example of how not to make a comedy

4.15am **Wild Things**
5.00am **Scrappy Races Rally**

Channel 5

6.00am **Tickle, Patch and friends**
6.25am **Old Bear Stories**
6.35am **Sailor Sid**
6.45am **Bird Bath**
6.55am **Franklin**
7.20am **Miss Spider's Sunny Patch friends**
7.30am **The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and his Best Friends Corky**
7.45am **Make Way for Noddy**
8.00am **Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs**
8.15am **Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs**
8.30am **Rupert Bear**
8.45am **Rupert Bear**
9.00am **Jane and The Dragon**
9.30am **Michaels Wild Challenge**
10.00am **Round the Twist**
10.30am **A different Life**
11.00am **Billie, Girl of The Future**
11.30am **RAD: The Groms Tour The Baltics**
12.00pm **Rooted**
12.35pm **Divine Designs**
1.05pm **Built for the Kill**
1.35pm **FILM: Devil's Brigade**
4.05pm **FILM: Ghost Dad**
5.35pm 5 News and Sport
5.45pm **FILM: Bicentennial Man**
8.00pm **Grey's Anatomy**
9.00pm **Grey's Anatomy**
10.00pm **FILM: Not Another Teen movie**
11.40pm **World Greatest Police Videos**
12.40am **Sunshine Tour Golf**
1.30am **Senior Tour Golf**
2.20am **Rolex Grand Am**
3.10am **Motorsport Mundial**
3.35am **Football Argentina**
4.30am **Dutch Football**

The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday 14 March 1987

Lamlash takes honours

Lamlash Drama Club took almost all the honours at the 1987 Drama Festival. Best play was Love All produced by Helen Macfarlane, best contrasting play was Death and Nellie Miller produced by Mary Young and best actor or actress was Eilidh Campbell as Nancy in Love All.

Alec MacDonald retires

CalMac crew member Alec MacDonald is retiring in two weeks after 45 years service on the Ardrossan to Brodick run.

Last Wednesday evening crew members of the *MV Isle of Arran* and the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee met in Brodick Bar to give Alec a presentation and a good send-off. Councillor Evelyn Sillars spoke glowingly of how well the crew and especially Alec had served Arran and gave him an oil painting of Brodick Bay.

Arran ladies on TV

Next Tuesday three Arran handspinners will appear on the ITV programme Busman's Holiday and compete against two other teams.

The Arran ladies are Margaret Wellington, Shauna Lees and Ann Hollingworth and if they win they will stand to gain a holiday to their taste.

Peter is Brodick's pro

The new professional at Brodick Golf Club is Peter McCalla who is at present the pro at Westhill Golf Club, Aberdeen.

He played Brodick for the first time three weeks ago and declared that it was short but very pretty. He will be moving to the Island with wife Shona later this month.

Sad death of young woman

Twenty-two-year old Ann Miller died at Crosshouse Hospital on Sunday morning. Ann was at work in Alexanders shop and apparently in good health last week.

At the end of the week she fell ill with meningitis which cut her life short two days later. Ann was brought up on the Island and attended Brodick Primary School and Arran High School. She was a keen guide in her teens and later helped as an assistant leader and became a well-known face at the haberdashery counter in Alexanders.

Ferry overhaul

The Caledonian MacBrayne vessel *MV Glen Sannox* will replace the regular Arran ferry *MV Isle of Arran* for three weeks while she undergoes her annual overhaul.

Long walk for Pramblers

The Arran Pramblers will commence their London to Arran walk at Regents Park at 10am on Friday 3 April and reach the Broomielaw in Glasgow on Saturday 25 April. The paddle steamer *Waverley* is to make a special nostalgic sailing from Anderston Quay that day to bring the Arran Pramblers doon the water to Brodick.

There will be a party to follow in the Ormidale to complete the venture just as the Adams-Actons and the Sillars families did 100 years ago.

New ferry

Preparations are under way at Lochranza for the arrival of the new ferry *MV Loch Ranza*. The old ferry *MV Rhum* was busy last week positioning the larger mooring buoys required for the bigger ferry.

Donald Dewar meets farmers

Labour's Scottish front bench spokesman Donald Dewar came to Arran last Friday with Labour prospective parliamentary candidate Brian Wilson to address a private meeting of farmers. They later spoke to 50 people at an open meeting in the Douglas Hotel.

Mr Dewar spoke highly of Mr Wilson whom he described as a journalist and agitator.

Petitions about Coopers

Shoppers are being asked to sign petitions to Gateway about the imminent closure of Coopers grocery store in Brodick. Some 40 people attended a public meeting on Wednesday to express their concern and discuss action.

Labour PPC Brian Wilson has written to the parent company asking them to reconsider this closure.

New Brodick golf professional Peter McCalla with his wife Shona. b11twe4

Sheila Johnston, Ian Small and Charles Currie in Cup Final by Shiskine Drama Club. b11twe1

Vandalism

Criticism was made at Wednesday's Community Council meeting of the current work going on at Ardrossan harbour.

Despite extensive upgrading work going on it was said that nothing was being done to prevent vandalism of cars left overnight in the car park.

Kilmory break in

Kilmory post office was broken into last Monday night and a quantity of cigarettes, beer and cash stolen. All the stolen goods except the money were later found nearby.

Bob Fisher, Zoe McGovern and Bill Morris in Temptation Sordid or Virtue Rewarded. b11twe2

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EVERYDAY

Brodick Castle Gardens & Country Park 11am - 4pm

Trout fishing, banks, Loch Garbad

Hawk Walks, Lamlash

SATURDAY 17th March

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching,
10.30am - noon

Arran Dancers
Brodick Primary School 11am - 4.15pm.

Over 21's 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

Jumble Sale,
Whiting Bay Village Hall, 2pm.

In aid of Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church

Spring Flower & Bulb Show,
Brodick Hall, 2pm

Live Music at The Drift Inn,
The Newsband 9pm

SUNDAY 18th March

Alcoholics Anonymous,
St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm

Family Games Kids & Adults.
Auchrannie Games Hall 2 - 3pm

MONDAY 19th March

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

TUESDAY 20th March

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

Citizens Advice
open 10am -2pm 4 - 6pm by appointment only

Ways 2 Walk,
Meet Car park in the square, Whiting Bay, 11am

WEDNESDAY 21st March

Mixed Hockey,
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

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

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,
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30pm

Beginners Yoga,
Kilmory Hall, 10.30am

Friends of Brodick Castle,
"Tay Bridge Disaster", Castle Tearoom, 2.30pm

Arran Music Festival,
Whiting Bay Hall from 1.30pm

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THURSDAY 22nd March

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

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

Arran Music & Drama Club,
rehearsal, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm

Aerobics,
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm

Heritage Museum AGM,
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm

Arran Music Festival,
Whiting Bay Hall from 9.30am

FRIDAY 23rd March

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

Over 21's disco,
10pm, Ormidale Hotel

Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm

Lamlash Friday Club,
Community Centre, 2.30pm

Arran Music Festival,
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SATURDAY 24th March

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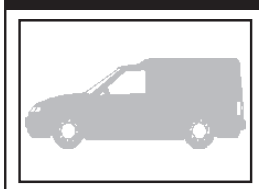

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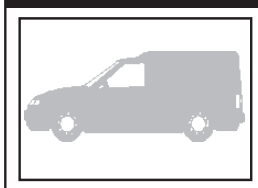

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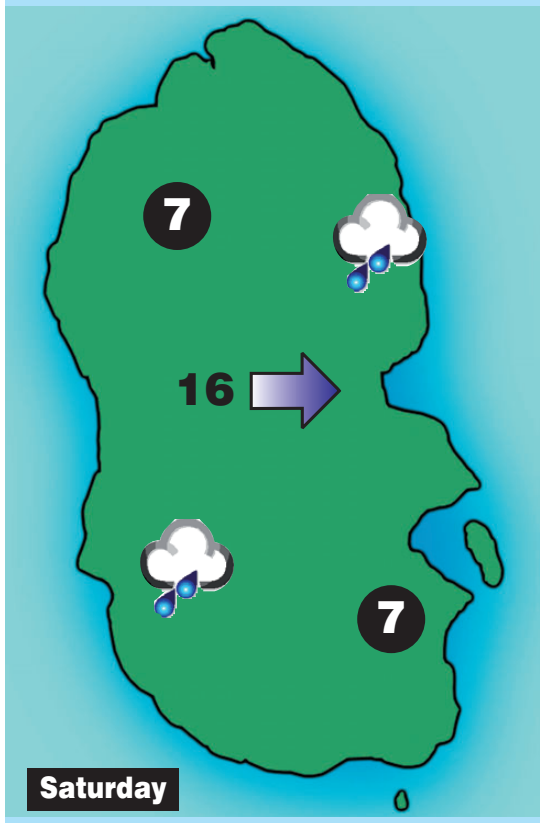
Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from
Saturday, March 17 2007
are listed below with differences
for major ports listed beneath.
All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	0409	0.6	1056	2.9	1642	0.0	2328	2.7
Sun	0454	0.3	1142	3.1	1723	-0.2	****	**
Mon	0011	2.9	0536	0.1	1224	3.3	1843	-0.3
Tues	0050	3.0	0616	0.0	1304	3.4	1843	-0.3
Wed	0126	3.0	0655	-0.1	1344	3.5	1922	-0.2
Thur	0200	3.1	0734	0.0	1422	3.4	2003	-0.1
Fri	0233	3.2	0817	0.1	1500	3.3	2048	0.2

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	Brodick Bay	+0.25
Kildonan	-0.05		



Saturday, March 17

Rain with a fresh westerly breeze throughout the day. Temperature 7ºC.

Sunday, March 18

Expect a colder day with risk of sleet or even light snow. Temperatures around 4ºC.

Monday and Tuesday

Temperatures to be similar to Sunday but expect some sunny intervals. Wind direction changes to northerly. Temperatures around 3ºC.

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate

Claonaig/ Lochranza - Moderate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 18 March,
Shiskine 11am
Brodick 7pm
Mr David Gregg
All welcome

Church of Scotland

North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine.
Independent but working together.
Sunday 18 March
Minister Rev Angus Adamson. Parish Asst Mrs jean Hunter
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times.
All welcome.
Brodick Church 10.30am,
Corrie Church, noon,
Montrose House 1.45pm
Lochranza, 9.30am
Pirnmill,10.45am,
Shiskine Church, noon

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.
Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept immediately after the service and there will be a sale of Tradecraft goods. All welcome.
At 6.30pm in the Church, there will be an informal evening service of praise meditation and communion
All welcome

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

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Kilmory Parish Church

'A faith to proclaim. A fellowship to share'.
Sunday 18 March, 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, 18 March, 11am Holy Communion.
Dr Tony Martin
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 21 March 12.15pm HolyCommunion,
All Welcome.

Lamlash Church

Sunday 18 March
You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 11 am.
Mr Ian Watt
All welcome.

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 18 March
Trust Housing Lounge, Brodick, 11am
Evening Service,7pm
5 Glen Road
Mr G Furzer
All Welcome.

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 18 March
11am, Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick
"A Caring Church"
Tom Hutchison
Everyone very welcome

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PERSONALS

DEATH

MALPAS
Richard Malpas, of Oxford and Corrie, husband of Margaret, father of Mary, Anna and John, died suddenly on March 4th 2007, aged 74

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LINDSAY – MICHAEL
May, Craig and Aunt Sharon would like to thank all our friends, neighbours and relatives for their cards, flowers and words of comfort at the loss of Michael. Also thanks to the ambulance crew and police for their assistance, to David Hendry for funeral arrangements and for the excellent service by the Rev Alan Saunderson.
Very special thanks to the Auchrannie and staff for their generosity, kindness and support that is very much appreciated at this sad time.

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Congratulations
A huge welcome to baby Jamie Jnr born on 6th March.
A wee brother for Ethan.
Congratulations to Jamie and Yvonne from Gran & Papa Sillars

May would like to thank Craig, Sharon and Shaun for all their support and comfort, as I could not have got through these past awful weeks without you. I love you all so very much

Happy 60th Birthday, Dougal

With love from all the Family

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AIRD – MOIR

On Saturday 3rd March 2007 at Lamlash Registry Office,
Shiona to William
Alene & Andrew Aird, Hamilton Terrace join with the happy couple in thanking Linda Murchie for her calm professionalism, Joan, Gavin & staff at the Glenisle for a wonderful meal & smiling service. Eleanor for beautiful flowers, Mr Hendry for his lovely daffodils and Margaret for caring for Gran.
We had a memorable weekend.

Top song writer performs in Corrie

Glasgow's songwriter of the year will be performing in Corrie Hall next Wednesday.

Ian Davison is known as a top songwriter with over 200 folk songs to his name. His songs are being sung in clubs and at festivals all over the world and recorded by artists such as Peggy Seeger, Archie Fisher, Adam McNaughton, Ed Miller and Toni Wood.

He has won every song-writing competition in Scotland, including all of them in one year, and retired from competition a number of years ago.

Ian Davison is an active member of the Glasgow Songwriters Club and Glasgow's Live at the Star folk club.

He has performed on radio and television and many years ago his group did the first recording of the Jeelie-Piece song. Ian is a regular contributor to the Ian Anderson Show on BBC Radio Scotland.

2007 marks Ian's 50th year as a songwriter, performer, tutor and judge of first-class song.

Around Glasgow and the west of Scotland dozens of singers perform Ian's songs and the people of Arran have an opportunity to hear the man himself on Wednesday night in Corrie Hall.

The concert will be followed by a ceilidh with the Boguillie Band.

Glasgow's songwriter of the year, Ian Davison. b11fol1

A blast from the past

Brodick man John Corbett handed in this photograph of staff at the opening of the new Post Office in 1947. John, who was a junior postman at the time, can be spotted in the back row.
Pictured from left, back row are: J Corbett, R Dickie. Middle row: J Nicol, J Young, J Murchie, I Young, B Sillars, L Joss, W Southgate.
Front row: M Martin, A McCallum, Miss M Fraser, J McIntyre, L Seaward, Post Master Mr McCallum. b10old1

Charity tee off for Sri Lanka kids

Island golfers to help tsunami victims

A special project on Arran formed to help Sri Lanka after the 2004 tsunami is hoping the Island's golfers will make a big day of it at a charity golf match next month.

Arran Villages Together is putting together the final details of the match at Machrie Bay Golf Club on Saturday 14 April.

The money raised will go to the charity Children of Sri Lanka and Arran Villages Together spokesman Campbell Laing says Islanders are the only people now supporting it.

He hoped golfers would mark the charity match in their diaries and turn out in large numbers.

All the proceeds will go to the Arran Villages Together bank account to be forwarded to Janette Smith in Sri Lanka.

Janette is from the island.

Campbell said the Island gave massive support to Sri Lanka after the tsunami but the fund-raising wasn't over.

'A very considerable amount was raised and through the hard work of Janette Smith from Machrie and the support of the people of Arran many children in Sri Lanka now can attend school and have the very basics of life which we take for granted,' he said.

'But there is still much to do. Machrie Ladies Craft Group has been unstinting in its support and has given regularly to the various ongoing projects with the knowledge that through Janette they know where the money is going.

'It is not being swallowed up by a large organisation.'

He said Mr Wanniaracchi of Sri Lanka, the original organiser of Children of Sri Lanka with Janette, had told Arran Villages Together that the support for Children of Sri Lanka was now coming only from Arran Villages Together and not internationally.

'We in Sri Lanka feel proud to say this project belongs to Arran,' Mr Wanniaracchi told the group.

The details of the match have still to be finalised and Islanders should watch out for further information.

Arran bridge results

Lamlash Bridge Club

Monday 12 March; N/S 1, I McArthur and E McKellar -1360, 2, P Adamson and P Sloan -2020, 3, R and J McBride -2160.

E/W 1, T Martin and A Bilsland +4880, 2, J McLure and A McKelvie +4810, 3, D and M Bruce +2050.

Brodick Bridge Club

NS 1 M McGill and E McConnell +3440, 2 J Maclure and A McKelvie +2840, 3 I McArthur and E McKellar +2180.

E/W T Martin and D Hamilton +1010, 2 H Boyd and P Adamson –330, 3 D Bruce and D Scobie –800.

Early blooms ensure success

With global warming ensuring that Arran's gardens flourish much earlier these days the Island's annual spring flower show today, Saturday 17 March, should be a blooming success.

Doors open at 2pm for the public at Brodick Hall where the 21st Isle of Arran Horticultural Society's Annual Spring Flower and Bulb Show is taking place.

The hall will be resplendent with daffodils, cyclamens, tulips, crocuses, narcissi, hyacinths, floral arrangements, all in gorgeous bloom.

Hopeful entrants, however, will be taking their exhibits in from 10am to noon to make sure they are in the best position possible for the judges' keen eyes. And if last year's highly successful show is anything to go by the judges will have a hard task to choose an outright winner. This society has a new president, Neil McLean, although Neil's an old hand at the game, being vice-president of the society for the last 20 years.

He has taken over from John Sillars, president since the show's inception.

Despite Arran's small population the show has a high entry, with competitors hoping to win the coveted Royal Bank of Scotland Trophy for best exhibit.

Entry to the show is £1 and there will be home-baking as well as teas and raffles.

Gentlemen join St Brides Ladies

At its bi-annual open meeting on Monday 5 March the gentlemen joined members to hear Howard Wood give an update on the progress of COAST (The Community of Arran Seabed Trust).

This was formed three years ago to press for a no-fishing zone in Lamlash Bay to give life on the seabed a chance to survive and regenerate.

Since then news of the campaign has spread from Arran, even Her Majesty The Queen has apparently heard about it. The highlight of the evening was, of course, Howard's stunning underwater slides of animal and plant life, likes scenes from a top-quality flower show. These were preceded by one or two shots of the one-time Sea Angling Festival which was abandoned due to lack of fish. The vote of thanks was given by Dr Ian McLeod who reminded members that they were custodians, not owners, of the sea and that they must look after it for future generations.

The last meeting of the present session is the annual meeting on Monday 19 March, but a visit from Liz Dale is bound to liven things up and it will be an occasion not to be missed.

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Rugby resurrected at Easter

Pitch ready for rugby return

The 24th annual Arran rugby sevens tournament will take place at Ormidale Park on Easter Saturday 7 April.

The first Arran sevens was held in 1983 but last year's tournament was cancelled, partly due to damage caused to the Ormidale Park pitch by the over-zealous application of weedkiller to white line markings.

Recovered

The pitch is now fully recovered after great efforts by self-help local work parties and ready to host another popular rugby tournament.

Rugby club committee member Margo Wheeler said: 'We are hoping for a good entry from the mainland.

'There will definitely be a couple of Arran teams and hopefully an Exiles entry. The day should be rounded off with a dance in Brodick Hall on Saturday night.'

The last Arran sevens in 2005 was won by Irvine who took the Arran Society of Glasgow cup while the William Cook and John Robertson shield for plate finalists was lifted by Helensburgh.

2004 winners were Edinburgh University who had entered for the first time and were led by Robert Primrose of Lochranza who was then in his third year of a civil and environmental engineering course at Edinburgh.

Record

The earliest record of Arran playing sevens rugby was in 1980 when a team from the Island was invited to take part in the Kilmarnock sevens. The inaugural Arran tournament was held on 2 April 1983 on Lamlash Recreation Field and Arran actually won, beating Dumbarton, Jordanhill and Kilmarnock on the way.

Team

The team that day was Rob Logan, captain, Dougie Stuart, Angus Adamson, Ewan McNee, Robbie Crawford, Jimmy Morrison, Ian MacDonald and Alastair Dobson.

The Arran club does not have a senior team playing league rugby at the moment but there have been several competitive 15-a-side matches for High School teams.

Some of the High School players will hopefully be turning out on Easter Saturday.

Jim McKelvie presented the Arran Society of Glasgow cup to Arran, winners of the first sevens in Lamlash in 1983. They are, from left, back row, Jim McKelvie, Alastair Dobson, Jimmy Morrison, Dougie Stuart, Robbie Crawford, Ian MacDonald, front, Ewan McNee, Rob Logan and Angus Adamson. b11rug3

The Arran team which lost the plate final to Helensburgh at the last tournament in 2005. b15rug1

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

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 6 March Winter Cup yellow tees: 1, Alistair MacDonald 67 bih, 2, Drew Crawford 67, 3, Hamish Bannatyne 69 bih. Scratch: Hamish Bannatyne 72, twos Alistair MacDonald and Hamish Bannatyne (2).

Fixtures: Tuesday 20 March, Lochranza Hotel Cup, final day, noon start. Saturday March 24, junior h/cap, 10am start.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday 7 March, Dorothy and Walter Bainbridge Salver - winner T Cotton 35pts. Sweep: 1, T Cotton 76-15=61, equal 2, K Robertson 74-11=63 and D Raeburn 87-24=63. Sunday March 11 Brandon and Winter Cup 13 played css 64. 1, Bruce Jenkins 8, 61; 2, Douglas Robertson 16, 66; 3, Gordon Hendry 16, 67. Scratch: Bruce Jenkins 69. There were only two magic twos, Bruce Jenkins getting one at the first and Iain Macdonald getting the other. First Class Brandon, Bruce Jenkins, second class Brandon, Douglas Robertson.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 11 March, six played in the final round of the Winter Cup. 1, Malcolm Pennycott (2) 61, 2, Ronnie Mann (12) 63, 3, Gus Macleod (12) 70. Malcolm's 63 won scratch. Congratulations to Malcolm for winning this year's Cup and being selected for the Ayrshire under-18 squad.

Fixtures: Sunday 18 March, final friendly with Lamlash at Whiting Bay, tee-offs from 10.30am-11am. As many players as possible please! Sunday 25 March, Hunter Buidael (Old 'uns versus Young Guns), one tee-off at 11am.

Whiting Bay Golf Club Ladies

Sunday 11 March, Whiting Bay Ladies played for The Smiddy Brae Tankard in rather damp conditions. The competition was a close one with a count-back deciding the overall outcome. The winner was Jean Davidson and runner-up was Susan Kidston.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies Section: Please note the times of ballots from March 28, 1pm and evening (July and August 10am, 1pm and evening). Easter competition, April 4, 1pm and evening. Sunday 11 March Stableford Cup, six played ccs 37pts: 1, Alan Smith 37pts, best scratch Alan Smith 76, no twos recorded. Final day of Stableford for winter: winner Ian Bremner 146, runner-up I Murchie 132.

Sunday 18 March Lamlash v Whiting Bay at Whiting Bay at 10.30am for 11am start.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 10 March Stableford. Results: 1, A Macdonald 41pts, 2, John McConnachie 39pts, 3, B Sherwood 38pts. Monday Cup 12 March. 1, A Osborne 61, 2, R Welford 62, 3 S Cline 63. Fixtures: Saturday 17 March Winter Cup, Shotgun start at 1pm. Monday 19 March, Monday Cup, shotgun start at noon.

Shiskine Golf Club

Twelve-hole medal and final of Winter Cup 11 March. Class 1: 1, A Napier 45-4=41, 2, B Sherwood 47-4=43, 3, J Stewart 46-2=44. Class 2: 1, D Price 52-8=44, 2, L Cawley 53-8=45, 3, R Green 63-13=50. Best scratch: a Napier 45. Winner of the Winter Cup, A Napier.

Arran Pool League

Cameronia continue to top the league with Aldersyde hot on their heels.

The leaders have a gap of five points on third-placed Bar Eden followed by PHT, Breadalbane, Lagg, Corrie and Catacol. Finals day at Aldersyde at 3pm on Sunday 25 March. Would all semi-finals please be there.

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