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Proclaimers to play Arran

WIN One lucky *Banner* reader will win tickets to see *The Proclaimers* play live

The Arran Banner has a pair of tickets up for grabs to see *The Proclaimers* when they play at Auchrannie this summer.

A ticket-frenzy took place this week when it was announced that the pop legends would play a gig here on Saturday 16 June.

Sold out

A total of 1,500 tickets, priced at £22 each, went on sale on Monday. The Auchrannie shop had 500 to be sold to local Island folk and 1,000 were available online. The online tickets were completely sold out by Tuesday and as *The Banner* went to press on Wednesday, Auchrannie had also sold out.

Mark Mackie of promoters Regular Music said: '*The Proclaimers* have always made a point of not just playing the major cities but playing halls across the length and breadth of Scotland.

'We are particularly looking forward to the Arran one, I think it will be fantastic.'

He added: 'The people at Auchrannie are very helpful so we thought we'd come and do a gig there.'

The Scottish band, made up of identical twins Craig and Charlie Reid, are most famous for well-loved anthems *I'm gonna be (500 miles)* and *Letter from America*.

Formed in 1983, the Auchtermuchty pair leapt to the public attention in 1987 after appearing on UK popular music programme *The Tube*.

Gold album

Letter from America peaked at number three in the UK singles chart, while the album *This is the Story* went gold. The follow-up album *Sunshine on Leith* featured *I'm Gonna Be* and *I'm on My Way*. The brothers are famous fans of Edinburgh-based football club Hibernian. *Sunshine on Leith* is played at every home match, and the refrain from *I'm Gonna Be* is played when Hibs score.

They are also well-known supporters of Scottish independence and have been activists for the Scottish National Party.

To win the tickets, just answer this simple question. What are the names of the identical twin brothers who make up *The Proclaimers*?

Send your answers, in a sealed envelope, to: The Arran Banner, Douglas Centre, Brodick, KA27 8AJ. Entries must arrive by noon on Tuesday 27 March. Please include your name, address and telephone number. The winning ticket will be drawn from correct entries.

Jean Fitzpatrick and Clare McQuade dressed up for Red Nose day at the Brodick Hydro-Electric shop last Friday. b12red3

Brodick shop best in the west

Brodick Hydro-Electric shop is on the way to being shop of the year for the company's west area.

Staff members Clare McQuade and Jean Fitzpatrick are justly proud of this recognition. Clare said: 'It is great to come out on top and a reflection of our service and sales.'

Shops

There are 14 other Hydro-Electric shops in the area ranging from Crieff to Campbeltown to Tobermory. When *The Banner* called on Friday the girls were celebrating Red Nose day in style.

They were both dressed in exotic Hawaiian shirts and tartan trousers. 'The trousers came from ArCaS,' said Jean. 'The shirts are borrowed from my husband John. He has a thing about Hawaiian shirts.'

The girls ran a sweepstake on Friday and raised £42 for Comic Relief with the winner being Craig Hamilton of Lamlash who collected the prize of £40.

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Arran business is the big cheese

Gordon Kinniburgh of the Island Cheese Company receiving the first Safe and Local Supplier Approval (SALSA) certificate to be issued in the UK from Lady Sylvia Jay who is chairman of Food from Britain at the International Food Exhibition in London on Monday. b12gor1

The Island Cheese Co is the first company in Britain to achieve accreditation under a new food safety scheme.

The Safe and Local Supplier Approval (SALSA) scheme is a low cost but highly rigorous UK-wide scheme which works with local producers to ensure they have robust food safety procedures in place.

Island Cheese Company managing director Gordon Kinniburgh was in London this week to receive a SALSA certificate.

Five Taste of Arran companies have been amongst the 15 Scottish producers chosen to pilot the new food safety scheme in the lead up to its national launch.

Arran Dairies, Arran Chocolate Factory, Arran Brewery and Wooleys of Arran have all gained accreditation this month.

Membership of the SALSA scheme allows producers and processors to demonstrate their ability to meet the necessary legislative requirements.

Local food will come under the spotlight again this month at an event which will celebrate the best of Arran food and drink.

A 'Local Food Lunch' will take place on Thursday 29 March at Auchrannie Country House Hotel in Brodick. The four-course lunch will highlight innovative ways of incorporating Arran products into a menu.

Hosted by Highlands & Islands Enterprise, guest speaker will be Shirley Spear from the internationally renowned Three Chimney's Restaurant in Skye.

A limited number of tickets remain for this event. Please contact Maureen McKenna of Taste of Arran on 302374 for more details.

Skipper uses Illegal fishing nets off Arran

A skipper has been fined £750 after fishing with illegal nets off the coast of Arran, Oban Sheriff Court heard this week.

Stuart Love admitted failing to comply with legislation on 21 April last year by using a net which was too big and with holes which were too small, two-and-half-miles north west off Arran.

Love, aged 39, of 17 Lindsay Street, Ayr, was the skipper of small prawn boat *Starlight*.

Procurator Fiscal Justin Farrell said: 'The vessel was boarded by fisheries inspectors for a routine inspection. While on passage to Troon the net was found to be undersized and illegally constructed.'

The circumference of the net breached the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) (Scotland) Order 2000 and Fisheries Act 1981.

The regulations state the circumference was bigger than the allowed 120metres with three rows of the net measuring 126m, 124m and 123m respectively.

The fiscal said the regulations were in place to protect immature fish, with the larger holes in the net allowing them to escape.

The holes should have had an average size no smaller than 90mm but the *Starlight's* net had an average size of 83mm.

Defence agent Duncan Durbin said his client had only become skipper of the 10-metre vessel 11 days before the offences.

Mr Durbin said: 'The vessel had been tied up for five months. He attempted to find the Fisheries Protection office in Troon, he was very aware of the legislation and the requirements but he had no prior knowledge of the gear in the vessel. The boat fishes for prawns between Troon and Arran. As far as I am aware there were no immature fish caught.' Love, who has been a fisherman for 20 years, has since bought a new net costing £3,000.

Fining Love, Sheriff Douglas Kinloch said he took into account that he had already been affected financially having to buy a new net and his guilty plea.

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Police Files

Men arrested on warrants

A 21-year-old Lamlash man was arrested in Lamlash on an outstanding warrant at 3.15am on Friday 16 March. A 19-year-old Brodick man was arrested at 7.30am in Brodick on the same morning, also on an outstanding warrant.

Both men were detained to appear at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

Dog abandoned in Corrie

Police attended an incident in Corrie at 8pm on Friday 16 March where a dog had been reported as being abandoned. A 37-year-old Saltcoats woman was charged with regard to the incident two days later.

Boys hurt on Ross Road

Two young boys were slightly injured in a road traffic accident at the west end of the Ross Road at 5.15pm on Saturday 17 March. The six-year-old and two-year-old boys were taken to Arran War Memorial Hospital but later discharged.

A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal and police enquiries are continuing.

Tagging order breached

An 18-year-old Saltcoats man was arrested in Brodick at 4.35pm on Sunday 18 March having allegedly breached a tagging order. He was detained to appear at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

Brodick breach of peace

A 17-year-old Kildonan man was arrested for an alleged breach of the peace outside Brodick Primary School on Sunday 18 March.

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Museum fund hits target

The Banner 'thermometer' for Arran Heritage Museum has well and truly blown its top with the target of £5,000 being smashed.

Tom Macleod, honorary secretary and manager of the museum, said: 'When I wrote to *The Banner* on 16 February to tell of our misfortune in being the victims of a liquidation, I would never have believed the events of the ensuing weeks.

'There has been a tremendous response to our problem and donations have flooded in from Arran and beyond to help us get back on track with our new building.'

The museum lost £5,000 when a company providing the new shop and reception building went bust. But local people were quick to respond and two museum members donated £1,000. *The Banner* then kick-started an appeal by opening up a bank account in the Royal Bank of Scotland, Brodick, with a donation of £1,500.

Big-hearted Iain Johnston of Auchrannie gave a very generous donation of £2,000.

Mr Macleod said: 'Add to this all of the other donations, both in money and in goods and services, donated directly to us and to the *Banner* appeal, and you get some idea of how much good feeling there is for the museum.'

The museum trust members are now able to get on with their plans and get the reception area up and running. The building is currently being built in Belgium and hopefully will be on site by the end of April. It will then be fitted out by a team of museum volunteers and brought into service.

Mr Macleod added: 'All of us at the heritage museum have been blown away by this response and feel very privileged to be the custodians of this fascinating museum. We thank everyone for their kindness and hope that you can find time to come and see the new building and have a look round the museum. I think you will find it is worth the visit.'

The museum is now a VisitScotland four star rated visitor attraction.

Surprise party 'Cooked' up

Willie Cook of Kildonan is a well-known character in the southend and probably in most of Arran. He is a familiar sight with his walrus moustache, large-rimmed glasses, slightly pronounced proboscis and always wearing a bunnet and blue boiler suit.

Last Tuesday was his 64th birthday and a group of his friends thought it would be fun to celebrate with a surprise party of Willie look-alikes.

Consequently they gathered at the Breadalbane Hotel that evening in appropriate dress.

Apparitions

When Willie turned up for a quiet birthday drink he had cast off the blue boiler suit and bunnet and was completely taken aback by the vision of over 20 apparitions of himself.

He took the fun gesture as a compliment and settled down for a couple of celebratory drinks with his friends.

Right: Willie Cook, seated centre, with a host of Willie look-alikes to celebrate his birthday. b12coo1

Suicide mission tourist convicted

An Asian tourist who sparked a terrorist alert by joking he was on a 'suicide mission' while boarding the ferry to Arran has appeared in court.

Kulasegaram Jayendran made the remark to a booking clerk at Ardrossan as he drove onto *MV Caledonian Isles* in a minibus packed with 13 laughing men, women and children.

But the clerk called police, who arrested Jayendran and evacuated the ferry.

Jayendran, 34, described his breach of the peace conviction as racist, insisting his comment had been taken the wrong way.

He had been taking three families for a holiday on 28 June 2006 but was told most accommodation on Arran was full. He then told Caledonian MacBrayne ferry employee Evelyn Everson: 'We have to get over. We're on a suicide mission.'Mrs Everson told Kilmarnock Sheriff Court: 'I was concerned something was going to happen on the ship.'

Police arrived and arrested Jayendran. The captain evacuated the vessel while a search was carried out and sailed an hour late. Jayendran, a shop owner of Marlborough Avenue, Hull, Yorkshire, but originally from Sri Lanka, told the court: 'I said it's like a suicidal because I have three young children and also because I had organised the holiday.'

Jayendran was convicted by a majority verdict of breach of the peace by causing fear and alarm.

Sheriff Alistair Watson told Jayendran he had no doubt about his good character but the consequences of what he had said were clearly disturbing for those that heard it.

Sentence was deferred for background reports and bail was continued.

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Don't shoot the pianist

'Don't shoot the pianist… he's going his best!' is a recollection of Oscar Wilde's from his view of the Wild West.

And this Easter it will be particularly appropriate when Brian Kellock arrives with the Scottish Jazz All Stars. Because Brian, who is rated as one of the world's top ten jazz pianists, and was recently awarded the BBC's Jazz Musician of the Year Award, is bringing his own piano with him for two concerts on Arran! Readers may remember Biff Simpson's review of the 2005 Whiting Bay concert in The Banner, when Brian was playing a portable electric keyboard, instead of a proper piano.

She said: 'The enthusiasm and energy generated on stage by Brian Kellock on piano left you in fear for the life of the keyboard, but it would have died happy.' This year, the piano may well be happy to be played so magnificently, but die it won't!

Scottish Jazz All Stars appear in Whiting Bay on Saturday 7 April and Brodick on Sunday 8 April.

Auchrannie goes all out for Comic Relief

Staff at Auchrannie did their bit to raise cash for charity on Friday when they held a balloon race and wore red noses and Comic Relief t-shirts. Auchrannie bought the t-shirts and noses for full price from Comic Relief and asked staff to make a donation towards them. This gave staff the chance to donate and have some fun at the same time. The owner of the first balloon to be returned to Auchrannie will receive a prize, as will the person who returns it. b12red1

Arran Society of Glasgow

The Annual General Meeting of the Arran Society of Glasgow was held at 125 West Regent Street, Glasgow on Wednesday 7 March.

David Oakes was elected as president to succeed Russell Duncan.

The treasurer has received several bequests and donations in the past year and the finances were in a healthy state.

The Annual Dinner of the Society was held in the Marriott Hotel on 9 March. There were 82 guests present. In his toast to the Arran Society, Russell spoke of the grants given during the past year – many of them to students of Arran High School going to far flung places in their gap year.

Russell suggested that a future dinner might be on Arran and invited comments on this.

The secretary, Nan Murchie, was presented with a beautiful bouquet by Russell.

The Toast to the Island of Arran was by Lord John Maxton who has served 22 years as an MP.

He has a 40-year connection with Arran and now has a house in Shiskine. The toast was replied to by David McMillan.

He spoke of holidays in Lochranza and recalled stories of a time when there were 29 captains in Lochranza.

Entertainment was by Jack Henry and a talented contralto – Cheryl Forbes.

This year there was hospitality from Arran Dairies who supplied cheese and oatcakes as the final course of an excellent meal.

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Nomination Forms can be obtained from the Election Office, Third Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine. This office is open for the issue and delivery of nomination papers on weekdays excluding Good Friday 6 and Easter Monday 9 April 2007 from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Completed nomination papers **MUST** be delivered to the Election Office at the above address by **4.00pm on Wednesday 11 April 2007.**

An election will be held in each contested ward and voting will take place between 7.00am and 10.00pm on **Thursday 3 May 2007.**

Any elector may apply for a postal or proxy vote at this election.

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Arran Folk festival to be reborn

The 14th annual and apparently final Folk Festival took place in June 2003 but a small group of devoted music fans is working hard to resurrect the popular event.

Finlay Napier, Donal Boyle and Terry Stevens are directors of the new Arran Folk Festival Limited company.

'We've got to re-invent ourselves,' said Terry. 'When the festival stopped in 2003 the Arran Folk Club kept it ticking over. The first week in June had become synonymous with folk music.

'This time we are going to run it commercially rather than depend on a committee of volunteers.'

The first Arran Folk Festival was held in June 1990.

Donal Boyle said: 'At that time the folk festival was a very bold statement about Arran and our community.

'It linked us in a vibrant way to the raw essence of traditional music which thrives not only in Scotland but in all the Celtic nations and beyond.

'It brought together the finest and most renowned musicians from the international scene.'

The festival was an instant success and it grew. It was designed to attract visitors to the Island at a time when the weather is often at its best but the place is not busy.

It was big and ambitious with a full seven days of concerts, workshops and sessions.

The festival had a cycle; the ambition of the initial committee and its popularity started to cause difficulties.

Fire regulations reduced capacity in the marquee. The main concerts moved back to the village halls and the committee's enthusiasm began to wane.

Operating costs were increasing and bands were becoming more professional and commanding higher fees.

The committee elected to mothball the festival after the 2003 event and it placed the PA system and bank account in trust until such time as a successor was found.

Finlay, Donal and Terry were closely involved with the festival at different times and have now decided to create a new Arran Folk Festival and to do it in a commercially sustainable way.

Terry said: 'People will be paid to do a job rather than doing it in their spare time. An element of profits will be fed back into community groups. The community ethic of the Folk Festival has not been lost.'

Donal said: 'The idea is to run it as a business.

'Celtic Connections has provided a tremendous model which demonstrates that it is possible to run a successful enterprise without losing the essence of the tradition with informality, spontaneity and great sense of humour.

'It is proposed that the 15th Arran Folk Festival will take place in June 2009 and in the meantime the company will promote a series of concerts, acoustic sessions and family ceilidhs every Wednesday throughout the summer holidays.'

Information on Arran Folk Festival developments will be available from www.arranfolkfestival.com

Island Red Nose Day fun

The children of the Northend Junior Badminton Club held their Monday evening session in fancy dress this week under the guidance of leader John Milesi known affectionately as Geronimo. They have been raising money for Red Nose Day by sponsorship and to date have pledges of about £150. Our picture shows them from left to right, Iain Logan, Ben Innes, Katherine O'Donnelly, Anna O'Donnelly, Natalie Innes, Trefor Goronwy, Peter Gillson, John Milesi (coach), Catherine McEachern, Donald McEachern, Fraser Blain and Alastair Innes. b12ter2

Mums and toddlers of Lamlash Playgroup got dressed up for Red Nose day last Friday to raise funds for Comic Relief and to have a lot of fun. Even Lamlash Community Centre steward Allan Little got into the spirit of things b12lam1

Brodick fire fighters called

Brodick volunteers for Strathclyde Fire Brigade were called out on March 14 to examine premises in Brodick after a fire alarm went off. The incident turned out to be a false alarm with good intent.

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Arran to lose own councillor

After the local government elections on Thursday 3 May Arran will no longer have its own dedicated councillor. Instead the Island will become part of a larger mainland ward with four councillors, none of whom may necessarily live on Arran.

This year there will be major changes in the way that people cast their votes at the local government elections.

For the first time, electors will be voting by proportional representation using a single transferable vote. In the council election, voters will number the candidates in order of preference: 1 for first choice, 2 for second choice, 3 for third choice and so on. Voters can vote for as few or as many candidates as they like.

North Ayrshire Council will be split into eight wards with a forecast total electorate of 111,500. Arran will no longer have its own councillor. The Island will become part of the Ardrossan and Arran Ward number five with four councillors and an estimated electorate of 14,120.

Candidates' nomination papers have to be registered by 11 April.

Six candidates have registered nominations for the Ardrossan and Arran ward so far.

Margie Currie has represented the Island under the banner of the Conservative party for the last four years but says that she will be standing as an Independent candidate at the next election.

She said: 'From my experience over the last four years I believe that party political dogma and allegiance is not always helpful in local government. I feel that the most important credential for any candidate hoping to represent Arran is that they are resident on the Island.'

Candidates from the Labour party are Peter McNamara, a local councillor for 18 years and currently representing Southbeach ward 21 and Margaret Munn, a local councillor for 13 years and currently representing Ardrossan South ward 23.

Peter said: 'It's important that people know that they are electing four members. Vote for us and you will get two hard-working councillors.'

Scottish Socialist party candidate is Nigel Hunter of Lamlash. He said: 'For me it really is action not words because of my disability, but if elected I would intend representing voters on the full range of issues.'

Billy McLaren of Lamlash is standing for the Scottish National Party. He said: 'I am aware of the issues that impact daily on Island life and have the ability, energy and determination to make a positive difference. I would consider it an honour and a privilege to represent the people of Arran.'

Tony Gurney is also standing as a Scottish National Party candidate and came third in the 2005 General Election for Ayrshire North and Arran constituency. He said: 'It is frankly ludicrous to think that someone in Irvine knows best what people in Ardrossan and Arran want.'

Names on the ballot paper will be in alphabetical order and there will be extra officers on hand in polling stations to help explain the new voting procedure on 3 May.

All candidates will have the opportunity to submit a manifesto to *The Banner* before the election.

Janet Lacey and Margie Currie receive a cheque for £500 from Chief Superintendent Hamish Cormack on behalf of the Arran Alcohol Forum. b12alc1

Alcohol forum's police funding

Chief Superintendent Hamish Cormack handed a cheque for £500 to representatives of Arran Alcohol Forum this week on behalf of Strathclyde Police.

He said: 'We are delighted to support the work of the Arran Alcohol Forum. A lot of problems with young people are alcohol related.

'There is money available to help such community-based initiatives but it is important to get bids for funding in early.'

Forum treasurer Janet Lacey said: 'The money will go towards producing an alcohol information leaflet.

Educating

'It's not just about educating the children, it's also about educating the parents.'

Forum member Margie Currie said: 'We are looking at formulating a sleepover code for High School children. It would give guidance to parents so that everyone knows youngsters' whereabouts, particularly if children are moving on to a third house.

'Parents have a responsibility for other children that are staying in their house and children must let their parents know where they are.'

Summer timetable starts on Friday

The summer ferry timetable comes into effect next week.

From next Friday 30 March *MV Caledonian Isles* will be berthed overnight at Ardrossan and the first sailing of the day will be at 7am from Ardrossan.

Daily papers

The vessel will arrive in Brodick at 7.55am, and most importantly, it will bring daily papers to the Island several hours earlier than in winter. From Saturday to Thursday the last sailing from Brodick will now be at 7.20pm but the late Friday boat will once again be a feature of the summer timetable.

This will leave Ardrossan at 8.30pm, arriving in Brodick at 9.25pm.

It will sail from Brodick at 9.40pm and arrive back in Ardrossan at 10.35pm.

New fares also come into effect next Friday with slight increases across the range.

Bike missing

A child's bicycle was apparently taken from outside Lamlash Primary School on Tuesday 20 March. It is a Giant model, brown in colour, and is the second bike lost by the same family in three months. The last one turned up in bushes by Lamlash Community Centre.

There will be a reward for anyone with information who should telephone 600291.

More black rabbits sighted

The strange phenomenon of sightings of black rabbits on Arran continues.

After two reports from Shiskine and Lamlash, a Whiting Bay lady found a poorly black rabbit by the roadside on Lamlash Hill, next to the golf club on Tuesday. It can be claimed by telephoning 700403.

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ARRAN'S WEEKLY PAPER Saturday 24th March, 2007

Soon the time will be here to exercise our democratic right and to vote to elect our representatives at the Scottish parliament. Roughly half of us will vote for the largest party of all, the stay at home party.

A substantial part of the other half will only vote because we have been indoctrinated since birth that it is great sin to vote for the stay at home party.

Being in that section of the latter half puts one in something of a quandary. There is too much guilt in not voting and yet one wants to do something which a smidgeon of integrity to it. Of course one is limited to the choice given in ones this constituency, but, over the whole country, the choice is considerable.

I have earlier in this column toyed with voting SNP on the basis that anything is better than Labour, and also that, even for a committed unionist, there is an appeal in the notion of Scottish independence, despite the obvious downsides. And I have toyed with the Scottish Voice, in that they were just agin the Scottish Executive. However, they announced their existence, and nothing has been heard of them since.

Most people, or rather those among the half that actually votes and do not have this dilemma, have a vague sort of party affiliation. They are not paid up members but have an identification with one of the parties. Thus they can go to the polls and vote fort that party, whether it is doing well or badly, and without too much thought. Most of these people too, stick with that identification, even when, inside, they have realised the error of their ways. But what of all the other parties? And how does one choose? The thing which puts me off any party is any talk about pouring money into health and education. If they left them to get on with it (with a lot less money) it would do more good than anything. I'd prefer to vote for a party which has some principles. Of course it is easier to have principles when are not likely to be tested. But, while loathing Labour, at least the Scottish Socialists, although not Solidarity, do appear to have some integrity. Likewise there is the Scottish Christian Party. And the People's Christian Alliance, the party which the Bishop of Motherwell last week felt he might vote for. Then there is the Green Party, rapidly becoming establishment and so self righteous that they must be turning away as many voters as they are attracting. What a choice. At least with proportional representation some of the smaller parties might actually be represented to be a thorn in the sides of the smug establishment.

The election literature will soon be coming through the door. Two good points about these are that it has no glue and can go straight into the recycling bin, and it has no address which needs to be detached for security. My guilt tells me I ought to read it but I know that each one will, between the lines, be urging me to vote for the stay at home party.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Come and listen to My words; hear me and you will have life (Isaiah 55:3)

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E-mail editor@arranbanner.net

Letters to the Editor

'Coney Island'

Sir,
May I through your paper agree with the motorists about the state of the roads on Arran.

It used to be called The Isle of Arran, but is now called 'Coney Island'.

PS, the holes are that large on the Ross Road, people are now using them as fish ponds.

Yours,
Bobby Kingstree,
26 Hillview Place,
Brodick

In memory of Jackie

Sir,
May I, through your letters page, take this opportunity to thank the family and friends of the late Jackie Watt for their collection of £289.46.

This sum has generously been donated in memory of Jackie, to the Anthony Nolan Trust.

I am sure that it will be used in the progressive research against bone marrow cancers and other blood related problems.

Many thanks again on behalf of the trust at this sad time.

Yours,
J Murchie,
2 Ladeside Terrace,
Shiskine

Of rabbits and rats

Sir,
When I first came to Arran, in May 1957, I noticed a whole colony of black rabbits in the field between the Rosa burn and Strabane.

That year was the first year of the car ferry and there were dozens of dead water rats on the road near the bridge, victims of the greatly increased car traffic off the boat.

But I didn't see any dead rabbits – they seemed to be more savvy.

Yours,
Carol Primrose,
Whiting Bay

Memories of The Dasher

Sir,
Reading page seven of The Banner on 17 March re Dasher Memorial Service brought back memories of my stay with my aunt in 'Thorncliff', Alma, Brodick.

Donald Watson the butcher called in his little van, my aunt and I stood at the back of the van to be served.

I just happened to turn and look out to sea, to witness the aircraft carrier. As I watched, the stern and bow rose up to meet, and, within minutes we watched it slip to its watery grave.

I was six years old. We were all struck dumb – couldn't believe our eyes.

I remember Uncle John, who lived in 'Westwinds' saying two or three days later, there had never been a mention of it in any of the daily papers, nothing at all washed ashore, all hush hush.

I'll never forget that awful day as long as I live, I wondered if it was an internal explosion, a torpedo, a mine, does anyone know?

Yours,
Mari Rennie,
11 Sharpe Avenue,
Dreghorn

Travel costs on the rise

Sir,
With regard to New Labour's new promise to cut ferry fares, this does hide the fact that over the past ten years travel costs for islanders have risen considerably higher than the official rate of inflation.

Most Voters will view this as an election bribe as Labour has made this offer conditional on them being re-elected to power in Holyrood.

The SSP has made it one of their main objectives to abolish fares on public transport altogether which will in the long term produce health and economic benefits for Scotland making our Country a better place for residents and visitors alike!

Yours,
Nigel Hunter,
SSP Candidate for Ardrossan and Arran Ward, North Ayrshire Council, 1 Benlister Terrace, Lamlash.

Ferry announcement

Sir,
As you know we have been campaigning for cheaper ferry fares for young people on Arran for sometime and we had a meeting which was reported in your paper a few weeks ago about this issue.

On the front cover of the same paper there was a report on ferry fares being reduced. We had not been consulted on this and Allan Wilson has only sent us an email on the 16th of March about this announcement.

I enclose a copy of our reply to him as we feel we were very unfairly treated as a group:

Dear Mr Wilson,
This announcement is fantastic if it actually goes through.

If you can promise us that this is not a stunt to get islanders to vote Labour in the coming election then we will be very happy indeed. Also it would have been much appreciated if you had told us about this prior to our meeting.

We were frankly shocked when this was on the front cover of the Banner. Although we were extremely happy that this could be happening, we were a little bit perplexed that you had not at least told us about this before we found out in the Banner.

As your name was printed as being there at the announcement we found ourselves asking why you hadn't consulted your constituents on this issue.

We as a group were frankly upset to see that you had basically ignored us.

We just feel some kind of communication would be much appreciated.

Our concern with this is that it is only a pre-election proposal, and therefore we need to continue our campaign to ensure that action is taken to address the needs of young people on the Islands.

Scott McMurray
Arran YoungScot Reps

Rural and District news

Corrie SWRI

A well attended AGM held on Thursday 15 March appointed the following committee for 2007/08: President Brenda England; Vice President Eleanor Bulger; Secretary Anne Pringle; Treasurer Sheona McLaren; committee members Elma Bayne, Gillian Currie, Heather Donaldson, Mhairi McMillan.

Kildonan SWRI

The Annual General Meeting was held on 20 March. After the business meeting the office bearers voted in were: President Jill Hollick; Vice President Rosemary Francis; Secretary Margaret Stewart; Treasurer Careen Miller.

It was decided to distribute the remaining duties around the whole membership rather than appoint a conventional committee. The Nancy MacPherson Rose Bowl was won by Margaret Stewart in what was a closely fought contest throughout the year.

There followed a buffet provided by members.

Shiskine SWRI

The ladies were entertained by Isabelle Adamson at their March meeting.

Isabelle started writing poetry at an early age and it was a vast collection of poems. She recited some of her poems, some humorous and some very moving.

Evelyn Hamilton thanked Isabelle.

Competition winners. Marmalade: 1 Jean Lammie, 2 Jenny Harper. Favourite Handbag: 1 Eunice Williamson, 2 Elizabeth Kelso.

The raffle was won by Birgit Meister.

After a lovely supper provided by the committee the AGM took place.

The proceeds from sale of parcels was £60 which goes to the Rotary Wheelchair Fund. Vice president Elinor Kinnaird closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their help over the 2006-2007 session.

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Community spirit alive and kicking in Lochranza

Lochranza and Catacol have bounced back after losing Lochranza Village Shop and Post Office 18 months ago.

Bereft

Chairwoman of Lochranza Village Hall Committee Penny McWatters said: 'The two villages were bereft, because the shop and Post Office made a centre for the village to meet, as well as to buy goods locally and also to get the papers.'

But you can't keep a good community down and now every Tuesday and Friday a Post Office session and bustling coffee morning take place in Lochranza Village Hall.

The Post Office has been organised thanks to the co-operation and support of Christine Cameron of Blackwaterfoot Shop and Post Office. The coffee mornings are run by local volunteers who take turns on a rota system.

Success

Penny said: 'It has been an absolute roaring success. They are a new centre for the village people to meet.'

The Banner caught up with some of the people at last Friday's coffee morning. 82-year-old George Waddell has been living in Lochranza permanently for 40 years now, but has been a visitor to the Island since he was 'knee high to a grasshopper'. He said: 'It's good to get out, it's not the coffee we come for, it's the company.

'It was a brilliant idea and it raises a lot of money for the hall.' Chris Cairns who runs the Lochranza Youth Hostel is a volunteer at the coffee mornings. He said: 'I think it's very good for the village, it's a good place to meet and catch up. It's a great service.'

Volunteer Fiona Crawford was running the coffee morning. She said: 'Everybody has a wee chat, a gossip and a catch up. The coffee mornings raise a lot of money for the hall.'

Janette MacLeod was one of the first volunteers at the coffee mornings. She said: 'Alison Bell and I started it at Alison's suggestion. We were on the go since last January. We have now got 10 full time volunteers and six reserves.'

Chris Cairns (centre) with visitors Kevin McAlister and Jane Lamont, who were staying at Lochranza Youth Hostel for the night. The holiday makers had climbed Goatfell and were planning to cycle around the island. They called in at the coffee morning for tea and cake. b12loc1

Margaret Gruber, who works for Christine Cameron, post mistress at Blackwaterfoot, was running the Post Office in Lochranza Village Hall on Friday 16 March for Christine. The service is also available on Tuesdays. B12loc5

George Waddell enjoys the company at the coffee mornings. B12loc4

Do you know an example of good community spirt? Call The Banner on 302 142 and tell us about it.

Above: Janette MacLeod and Douglas Coulter are both regular volunteers at the coffee mornings.

b12loc3

It was Fiona Crawford's day to run the coffee morning. B12loc2

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Nomination Forms for both constituencies may be obtained from the Election Office, Third Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine. This office is open for the issue and delivery of nomination papers on weekdays excluding Good Friday 6 and Easter Monday 9 April 2007 from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Completed nomination papers **MUST** be delivered to the Election Office at the above address by **4.00pm on Wednesday 11 April 2007.**

An election will be held in each contested constituency and voting will take place between 7.00am and 10.00pm on **Thursday 3 May 2007.**

Any elector may apply for a postal or proxy vote at this election.

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For advice on postal or proxy voting, contact **01292 612221**.

Ian Snodgrass
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22 March 2007

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Ian Snodgrass
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Andrew Martin, manager of Isle of Arran Homes. b12hou1

Andrew Martin, manager of the Island's housing association, Isle of Arran Homes, writes for *The Banner* about the current housing situation and the role of Isle of Arran Homes.

Building homes for a community

The HIFAR (Housing Initiative for Arran Residents) launch is to be welcomed. It is however important that it works in partnership with existing housing organisations on the Island and not in isolation.

Isle of Arran Homes, an initiative of Trust Housing Association Limited was established on the Island in 2001. The association owns and manages a range of housing types and tenures. This includes general needs housing, housing for the elderly – including sheltered and amenity housing, and shared ownership housing. The association also took over ownership of the former North Ayrshire Council housing stock on Arran in June 2001. The total stock owned by the association on Arran is 260 houses.

The association has built or has under construction 52 houses amounting to a total cost of £6.56million. During the present financial year we have completed six general needs houses in Whiting Bay and eight houses in Pirnmill. We also allocated a further 20 houses through vacancies within the existing housing stock. A total of 34 applicants have been offered housing from our waiting list during 2006/07. At present the waiting list for social rented housing with Isle of Arran Homes has 258 applicants. The association also has plans for a further 12 new homes to be built over the coming year.

During the financial year 2001/02 the association provided £27,000 to carry out structural repairs to the transferred stock. Over the next three years a further £1.30 million was spent on major improvements to all the houses. This included new kitchens, bathrooms, windows and doors and other work.

The association also manages the Arran Care and Repair Project which to date has been responsible for further investment of over £900,000 in the private housing stock throughout the Island. It has meant that elderly people have been able to stay in their own homes without the need to move into special needs housing due to their own properties falling into disrepair.

Much of our work includes liaising with local employers and supporting local economic growth.

But what of the future with regard to the Island housing situation?

Arran's population continues to grow. Second homes, an Arran tradition, have increased over the last 20 years to one of the highest in Scotland. Second or holiday homes impacts on all sectors of the housing market.

Our present waiting list represents 45 per cent being family households and 37 per cent single applicants. Our waiting list is constantly reviewed, so there is no deadwood within the waiting list. Very few applicants have been housed from the mainland.

Arran's economy continues to grow but there is a labour shortage. What would greatly assist Isle of Arran Homes, rather than a single approach to providing affordable housing through the local Planning Authority Policy, would be:

❒ A change in planning policy to release land for development, specifically for affordable housing.

❒ Make better use of planning legislation in new build approvals to restrict the growth of second or holiday homes.

❒ Introduce a housing policy with a fixed percentage of all new build housing provision being affordable housing ie social rented, shared equity, housing for first time buyers.

❒Introduce more variety of housing into the new build market.

Isle of Arran Homes will be carrying out a review of our own allocation policy later this year and will be consulting with applicants, tenants and other interested residents, with the ultimate aim of achieving community stability in the process.

In summary, continuing high land values, high site servicing costs, and modest family incomes, lead to affordable housing provision being extremely difficult to achieve here on Arran. We are fully committed to working towards the goal of providing high quality affordable housing for all who require it.

‘This is my home and where my heart is’

Kirstie Smith is 24-years-old. She still lives with her parents in Lamlash and has lived on the Island her whole life. She works as a port assistant for Cal Mac.

Kirstie said: ‘I really can’t afford to even rent a house it’s so expensive.

‘You’re very lucky to get a winter let at a reasonable price, in the summer they rent them out for ridiculous prices.’

She added: ‘A small two-bedroom house goes for £190,000 to £200,000 or sometimes even more. I know the house prices are high everywhere but they just seem to be extortionate here.’

Kirstie feels very strongly about the situation. She has posted her opinions on the HIFAR website.

Hope

She says: ‘So many people nowadays have no hope in settling on Arran because it seems right now that there is no hope. They have given up on their Arran life and the Island is known as ‘The Rock’ – some sort of holiday island with no future for young people because they can’t afford to stay here.

Secure

‘Arran is a beautiful, fascinating place, rich in history with spectacular scenery. Young Arran people should be able to relax and enjoy that knowing that this is their home and be secure in the thought that it always will be.

‘Holiday makers should come and go and shouldn’t be able to shove us Arran folk overseas, it is like the clearances all over again but a 21st century version. I don’t want to never be able to settle down here, this is my home and where my heart is.’ She concludes: ‘We need people to take over our emergency services when our elders retire. What is going to happen if there are no young folk left? It is a disaster waiting to happen. Unless we all get lucky and win the Euro millions we don’t stand a chance of getting our own house here. Something needs to be done about it and only us young local folk can do something about it.’

Kirstie Smith, one of the many young people on Arran who are struggling to find a house they can afford. b12kir1

Group to tackle Arran’s housing crisis

Arran’s young people are being forced off the Island as their chances of ever being able to afford their own homes plummet.

House prices on Arran continue to outstrip house prices on the mainland. With wages generally being lower on Arran, it is increasingly difficult for local Arran residents to compete in the housing market.

Strict planning rules don’t allow people to build houses outside the village envelopes, which drives the cost of land up.

A group of worried Islanders has formed an organisation called HIFAR (Housing Initiatives for Arran Residents), which aims to make it easier for locals to buy homes. Henry Murdo, chairman of HIFAR, said: ‘We aim to find a solution to the desperate situation faced by the people of Arran who are witnessing the exodus of our young people and the misery of our older working population who struggle to stay on the Island in short term rents, caravans or with parents.

Destruction

‘We are facing the destruction of our community and our essential services will soon be in a state of terminal decline.’ HIFAR has launched a website (www.hifar.co.uk) to provide a forum for discussion and a united voice for the people of Arran on all aspects of affordable housing. A huge list of young people from the Island give details about their housing situations, most of them are forced to live with their parents or in caravans.

The organisation wants to promote ‘sustainable development’ – development that meets the needs of the present without comprising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It will promote the building of affordable, sustainable, ecological housing which is sympathetic to the unique landscape of the Isle of Arran.

HIFAR has plans to buy available land and houses and or place a community right to buy at market value on land or houses to use for affordable housing, provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing.

HIFAR is lobbying North Ayrshire Council to relax its planning restrictions on the Island. It also hopes that Forestry Commission land can be made available to build affordable houses on.

HIFAR wants to work with other organisations on Arran. Henry Murdo said: ‘Arran’s official representatives and other community groups perform their duties admirably given the strictures imposed upon them and their contribution to this debate is both welcome and necessary. We are not here to find fault with them or their efforts, but to add weight to their arguments on our behalf.’

Factors contributing to Arran’s housing crisis include:

- ❒ The market price of existent housing, compared to the average mortgage capability of Island workers
- ❒ The lack of available building land (and the resulting price of that land)
- ❒ The regulations restricting landowners’ ability to provide building land
- ❒ The regulations restricting the type of building allowed

THE SCOTTISH JAZZ ALL STARS
EASTER WEEKEND

Sat 7th April W/Bay Hall
Sun 8th April Brodick Hall

Forrie Cairns (Clarinet)
Fionna Duncan (Vocals)
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John lifts trophies at flower show

Former society president John Sillars lifted the two major trophies at the Isle of Arran Horticultural Society annual Spring Flower and Bulb Show in Brodick Hall last Saturday.

His display of five daffodils won the R W McKelvie Cup for best exhibit in section one and the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup for best exhibit in show.

He said on Saturday: 'I cut these last night and kept them cool in the greenhouse. This is the first time I have won both cups.'

The Neil McLean Cup for best exhibit entered by a school was won by Brodick Primary School.

Results - Section one. Bulbs

Class 1 (daffodils/narcissi): 1, 2 and 3 Ann McLean. Class 3 (tulips): 1 Janet Baraclough, 2 Alison Bisland, 3 A S Meteyard. Class 4 (hyacinths): 1 Ann McLean, 2 Mairi Thompson, 3 Ann McLean. Class 6 (Amaryllis): 1 Ann McLean. Class 7 (mixed daffodils): Ann MacLean.

Section two. Cut blooms

Class 9a (five trumpet): 1 John Sillars, 2 and 3 Ann McLean. Class 9b (five large cup): 1 Ann McLean, 2 John Sillars, 3 J McHarg. Class 9c (small cup): 1 R M Farguhar, 2 Val Hird, 3 Allison Barr. Class 9d (five double): 1 Alison Bisland, 2 and 3Ann McLean. Class 9e (multi-headed): 1 Janet Baraclough. Class 10 (Any other flowering bulb): 1 Alison Bisland.

Class 11 (one bloom): 1 Ann McLean, 2 Mairi Thompson, 3 Ann McLean.

Section three. Floral

Class 14 (one vase of foliage): 1 Janet Baraclough, 2 Mairi Thompson.

Section four

Class 16 (pot plant – foliage): 1 and 2 Andrew Stefanutio. Class 17 (pot plant – flowering): Brenda Stewart, 2 and 3 Anne McLean. Class 18 (patio pot – Spring Collection): 1 Alison Bisland. Class 19 (patio pot – one or two varieties): 1 and 2 Janet Baraclough.

Section five

Class 21 (Garden in a tray): Ryan Wilson, 2 Cameron Thompson, 3 John-Luke Betley-Stewart, highly commended Keir Robertson. Class 22 (painted egg): 1 Ryan Wilson, 2 Isla Sillars, 3 Finlay Sillars. Class 25 (coloured picture): 1 Finlay Sillars, 2 Isla Sillars, 3 Ryan Wilson. Class 26 (bowl of bulbs or plant raised at school): 1 Brodick, 2 Pirnmill.

Trophies - The Schools Trophy (Neil McLean Cup for the best exhibit entered by a school) – Brodick. Royal Bank of Scotland Cup (best exhibit in show) – John Sillars. R W McKelvie Cup (best exhibit in section one): John Sillars.

Six-year-old Ryan Wilson picked up three prize tickets at the Spring Flower and Bulb Show. b12sho1

John Sillars with his five prize daffodils and the Royal Bank of Scotland and R W McKelvie Cups. b12sho3

The entry of mini daffodils from Brodick Primary School which won the Neil McLean Cup. b12sho4

The weather is changing and so is

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Arran Horticultural Society Garden Club
Robert Irvine
International speaker from Oban
The Creation of the Hydroponicum at the Summer Isles
Thursday 29th March
7.30pm
Brodick Castle, Ranger Centre
Refreshments, Question Time
New members and visitors most welcome
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Bird Notes - Divers by Jim Cassels

In the Bird Notes for February, I mentioned that three different types of divers had been seen around the coast of Arran.

Arran is indeed fortunate in that all three species can be seen most months around our coast. With their legs set well back on their body, their design is for diving. They can barely walk on land.

All dive from the surface, sliding easily into the water head first with barely a ripple, unlike the more common shags which tend to arch out of the water as they dive. All three divers can submerge for lengthy periods often re-appearing a long way from the initial dive.

Arran has one of the most southerly breeding populations of red-throated diver in the UK. Our coast is an area of national importance for the black-throated diver, when the bird is passing through in autumn. It breeds on large lochs with small islands in remote areas in the north of Scotland. The nearest breeding population of great northern diver is Iceland.

In 2006 great northern diver was recorded from around our coast in every month except June, July, and August.

Looking at your bird book, all three divers in their distinctive summer breeding plumage are easy to tell apart.

In winter plumage and in immature plumage they are less distinct as shown in the photographs. In this plumage, when they are bobbing about on a grey sea, identification can be a challenge but there are key features that can help tell them apart.

The red-throated diver is the smallest.

It is finely built with a small head, thin neck, and usually holds its head and bill pointing slightly upwards. It looks a bit aloof.

The black-throated diver has a thicker neck and a straight bill. In addition, this diver is the only one to show a distinct white patch on the rear flank above the water level.

The great northern diver is the largest of the three with heavier features including a large dagger like bill.

Its head is often an angular shape with a 'bump' on the forehead.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net, or telephone 01770 860316.

You can leave a message. I look forward to hearing from you.

Black-throated diver. b12bir3

Red-throated diver. b12bir1

Great northern diver. b12bir2

Shiskine Valley Trust

BLACKWATERFOOT BEACH CLEAN

Sunday 25th March
10.30am

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Arran Disability Forum
Alzheimer Scotland
Arran Citizen's Advice Service
Headway Ayrshire
Women's Aid
Princess Royal Trust for Carers

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Volunteer Centre North Ayrshire
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What's on the box? your weekend TV Guide

Saturday 24th March

BBC 1

6.00am **Breakfast**
10.00am **Saturday Kitchen**
11.30am **A Taste of My Life**
12.00pm **BBC News; Weather**
12.10pm **Football Focus**
1.00pm **Amateur Boxing**
2.15pm **Anglo-Welsh Rugby Union**
4.40pm **BBC News; Regional News; Weather**
5.00pm **All New Just for Laughs**
5.30pm **Weakest Link: Goodies and Baddies**
6.20pm **FILM: Toy Story**

Magical animation. A cowboy toy is profoundly threatened and jealous when a fancy spaceman toy supplants him as top toy in a boy's room.

7.35pm **The National Lottery People's Quiz**
8.35pm **Casualty**
9.25pm **A Question of Sport: Uncensored**
10.00pm **BBC News; Weather**
10.20pm **Match of the Day**
11.30pm **Cricket World Cup Highlights**
12.30am **Friday Night with Jonathan Ross**
2.30am **FILM: A Game for Vultures**

Sanction-busting David Swansey smuggles US helicopters into Rhodesia to help in the fight against the Popular Front led by freedom fighter Gideon Marunga. The deal appears easy, but complications soon set in and the result is an escalation of the conflict and even more violence and bloodshed. [James Fargo, 1979]

4.20am **Joins BBC News 24**

BBC 2

6.00am **CBeebies:Balamory**
6.20am **Tweenies**
6.40am **Big Cook Little Cook**
7.00am **CBBC: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**
12.45pm **Coast: Dounreay**
12.55pm **Animal Park**
1.55pm **FILM: The 300 Spartans**
3.45pm **Meerkat Manor**
4.10pm **Meerkat Manor**
4.35pm **TOTP 2**
5.00pm **Anglo Welsh Rugby Union**
7.10pm **The Culture Show**
8.00pm **Dive Galapagos**
8.25pm **Jeremy Clarkson: Greatest Raid of All Time**
9.25pm **FILM: Chocolat**
11.20pm **FILM: Heaven**

Philippa Packard, an English teacher living in Rome, bombs the office building of a drug-dealing businessman, responsible for the deaths of her husband and pupils - but the plan goes tragically wrong. .

0.50am **Never Mind the Buzzcocks**
2.20am **Grumpy Old Men**
2.50am **The Culture Show**

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**
9.50am **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; Weather**
12.55pm Scotland Today
1.00pm **American Idol**
3.00pm **FILM: Sister Act**

4.40pm **Scotland Today**
4.55pm **ITV News; Sports Results**
5.10pm **The Best of You've Been Framed!**
6.10pm **Harry Hill's TV Burp**
6.40pm **Dancing on Ice: Champion of Champions**
7.55pm **Who Wants to be a Millionaire?**
8.55pm **Dancing on Ice: The Champions Skate Off**
9.25pm **The Dame Edna Treatment**
10.25pm **ITV News; Weather**
10.40pm **FILM: The Witches of Eastwick**
3.20am **Don't Move, Improve**
4.00am **ITV Nightscreen**
5.30am **ITV Early Morning News**

Channel 4

6.10am **The Hoobs**
6.35am **The Hoobs**
7.00am **Goalissimo!**
8.00am **The Morning Line**
8.55am **T4:Friends**
9.25am **T4:Musicool**
10.25am **T4:Popworld**
11.15am **T4:Amy Winehouse: Video Exclusive**
11.20am **T4:High School Dance**
12.25pm **T4:Shipwrecked 2007: The Hut Cam Diaries**
12.55pm **T4:Shipwrecked 2007: Battle of the Islands**
2.00pm **Channel 4 Racing from Lingfield Park and Newbury**
4.05pm **A Place in the Sun**
5.10pm **Deal or No Deal Classic**
5.55pm **Monarchy with David Starkey**
6.55pm **Channel 4 News**
7.25pm **Born Survivor: Bear Grylls**
8.25pm **Bremner, Bird and Fortune**
9.25pm **FILM: The Shawshank Redemption**

Uplifting and life-affirming drama starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman as prisoners serving long sentences in the vicious jail of Shawshank.

0.15am **15 Minutes**
3.15am **Amy Winehouse: Video Exclusive**
3.20am **The True Voice of Murder**
4.20am **Monsters**
4.35am **The House of Memory**
4.40am **Out of the Clouds**

Channel 5

6.00am **Sunrise**
6.55am **Franklin**
7.25am **Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends**
7.35am **Little Princess**
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**
8.40am **Rupert Bear**
8.55am **Jane and the Dragon**
9.25am **Don't Blame the Koala**
9.55am **No Girls Allowed**
11.00am **Xcalibur**
11.35am **The Gadget Show**
12.30pm **Built for the kill**
1.00pm **FILM: The Grass Harp**
2.55pm **FILM: Something to Talk About**
4.50pm **FILM: The Train Robbers**
6.30pm **FILM: Biloxi Blues**

8.15pm **five news and sport**
8.30pm **NCIS**
9.25pm **CSI:NY**
10.25pm **Law and Order**
11.25pm **Grey's Anatomy**
0.25am **Grey's Anatomy**
2.20am **The Dead Zone**
3.00am **The Dead Zone**
3.45am **Alias**
4.25am **Alias**
5.05am **The Gadget Show**
5.45am **Russell Grant's Postcards**
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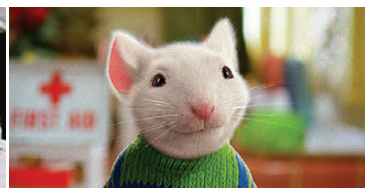
TOY STORY
Saturday | 6.20pm | BBC 2

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION
Saturday | 9.25pm | Channel 4



STUART LITTLE 2
Sunday | 6.40pm | Channel 5

BILLY MADISON
Sunday | 00:00 | Channel 4

What's on the box?

Sunday 25th March

BBC 1

6.00am
Breakfast
9.00am
Sunday AM
10.00am
Heaven and Earth with Gloria Hunniford
11.00am
Countryfile
12.00pm
The Politics Show
1.00pm
Diagnosis Murder
1.45pm
River City
2.40pm
EastEnders
4.30pm
Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars
5.30pm
Star Portraits with Rolf Harris

6.00pm
Songs of Praise
6.45pm
Antiques Roadshow
7.35pm
BBC News; Regional News; Weather
8.00pm
Play it Again
9.00pm
Castaway
10.00pm
BBC News; Regional News; Weather
10.15pm
Extras
11.45pm
3lbs
11.25pm
Cricket World Cup Highlights
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Prefontaine
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Big Cook Little Cook
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CBBC: Batfink
7.10am
The Batman
7.30am
Smile
10.00am
Something for the Weekend
11.30am
Animal Park
12.30pm
Moto GP 2007: Jerez
2.00pm
World Cross Country
3.00pm
World Skating Highlights
4.30pm
World Swimming Championships
5.20pm
Natural World
6.10pm
Meerkat Manor
6.35pm
Meerkat Manor
7.00pm
The Adventure Show
8.00pm
Ms Dynamite in Search of Nanny Maroon
9.00pm
The Trap - What Happened to Our Dreams of Freedom
10.00pm
Kombat Opera Presents
10.30pm
Graham Norton Uncut
11.15pm
The U.S. vs John Lennon
00:55
Kombat Opera Presents
01:25
Family Guy
01:45
Family Guy
02:10
My Baby's Daddy

A trio of young men are forced to grow up quick when their girlfriends all become pregnant around the same time.

STV

6.00am
The Sunday Programme
7.25am **House of Mouse**
7.50am **Totally Spies**
8.15am **Yin Yang Yo!**
8.30am **SpongeBob SquarePants**
8.50am **Oban Star Racers**
9.25am **CITV:Mr Bean: The Animated Series**
9.35am **CITV:Feodor**
9.45am **CITV:Curious George**
9.55am **CITV:Pocoyo**
10.05an **CITV:Jim Jam and Sunny**
10.20am **CITV:Jim Jam and Sunny**
10.30am
Bigeil
10.55am
Sin Thu Fhein
11.30am
The Sunday Edition with Andrew Rawnsley and Andrea Catherwood
12.30pm
Scotland Today
12.35pm
American Idol
1.05pm
Dancing on Ice: Champion of Champions
2.20pm
Dancing on Ice: The Champions Skate Off
2.50pm
Runaway Bride
4.55pm
Amanda Holden: Really Wild at Heart
5.55pm
Planet's Funniest Animals
6.25pm
Scotland Today
6.40pm
ITV News; Weather
7.00pm
Emmerdale
7.30pm
Coronation Street
8.00pm
The Royal
9.00pm
Northanger Abbey
11.00pm
ITV News; Weather
11.10pm
The South Bank Show
0.15am
The Moral of the Story
0.45am
ITV Play: Glitterball
4.05am
The Jeremy Kyle Show
5.00am
ITV Nightscreen
5.30am
ITV Early Morning News

Channel 4

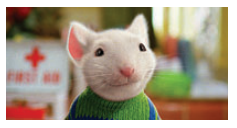
6.00am
Making It
6.05am
The Hoobs
6.30am
Trans World Sport
7.25am
Velux 5 Oceans Ultimate Solo Challenge
7.55am
World Cup Skiing
8.50am
T4:Popworld
9.45am
T4:Hollyoaks Omnibus
12.15pm
T4:Shipwrecked 2007: The Hut Cam Diaries
1.50pm
T4:Musicool
1.55pm
T4:Beauty and the Geek
2.55pm
T4:The OC
3.55pm
T4:Ugly Betty
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
Wife Swap
9.00pm
Peter Kay Night
9.05pm
It'll Be Alright on the Phoenix Nights

9.30pm
One Hundred And Eighty: The Tour Documentary
10.30pm
Peter Kay Live at the Manchester Arena
11.30pm
It'll Be Alright on the Phoenix Nights
00:00
FILM: Billy Madison
01:40
FILM Untamed Heart
03:30
The Town that's Looking for Love
04:30
Countdown
05:15
Countdown

Channel 5

6.00am **Tickle, Patch and Friends**
6.25am **Franny's Feet**
6.35am **Sailor Sid**
6.40am **The Clangers**
6.50am **Franklin**
7.15am **Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends**
7.25am **Little Princess**
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 **Michaela's Wild Challenge**

10.00am **Arthur's Trip**
10.30am **A Different Life**
11.00am **Billie, Girl of the Future**
11.35am
RAD: The Groms Tour the Baltics
12.05pm
Rooted
12.35pm
Divine Designs
1.05pm
five news update
1.10pm
FILM: Horizons West
2.40pm
Secret of the Incas
4.35pm
five news and sport
4.50pm
FILM: Salt Water Moose
6.40pm
FILM: Stuart Little 2



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NCAA College Basketball
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101 Greatest Knockouts
2.25am
Football Argentina
4.00am
Boxing Classic
4.45am
Motorsport Mundial
5.10am
Ironman Triathlon

The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday 21 March 1987

Post office changeover

Joe Trickett has sold the Lochranza post office and village shop to Glaswegian Jim Primrose.

Joe and Linda Trickett have leased Knox House in Brodick and intend to open it as Arran Active sports and adventure shop.

Mr Primrose has sold his share in a Midlands transport business to live in Lochranza with his wife Janet and run the village store.

Spinners come second

The Handspinners team of three Arran ladies came second in the ITV programme Busman's Holiday last Tuesday.

Ann Hollingworth, Margaret Wellington and Shauna Lees said that Arran came over as a very quaint place where people sit and spin in the sunshine.

Corrie ladies run for fun

Six Corrie ladies are making the first fun run of the season on Easter Sunday.

They are doing it as part of the Corrie Church Centenary Appeal Fund to mark the 100th anniversary of the building.

Richard (Alf) McMaster, the subject of this week's rugby star profile. b12twe3

Cow pie for Alf

This week's rugby star profile is of Richard (Alf) McMaster who was one of the founder members of the Arran club.

He lists his occupation as sheep farmer, favourite food is cow pie and hobby is missing the boat. If he was not a farmer he says he would like to be a travel agent.

Brodick blooms in Boston

Brodick Castle head gardener John Basford has entered rhododendron blooms in the Massachusetts Agricultural Show in Boston, USA.

These flowers are not commonly grown in America and he is hoping that the interest shown in them will see an increase in American tourists coming to National Trust for Scotland properties and gardens.

Strike ballot

The National Union of Railwaymen is organising a ballot among all crew members and pier hands on the Clyde for authority to call a strike if grievances are not settled.

A union meeting last Monday followed by a meeting with CalMac brought the two sides no closer.

Bus to Ayr

A new bus service linking the ferry to Prestwick and Ayr will begin next week.

Operated by old established coach company Quin's of Ayr, it will meet the 8.20am ferry and return for the 6pm sailing with an adult return fare of £2.50.

Members of Kilmory Youth Club who lifted the Gardner Trophy at the all-Island youth club games day in Lamlash last Sunday. b12twe1

Closure meeting

Some 70 people attended a public meeting in Brodick Hall on Wednesday night to protest about the imminent closure of Coopers Store.

A representative from parent company Gateway was at the meeting to attempt to explain the reasons for closure. He hoped it would be sold to a chain specialising in smaller shops. The meeting was chaired by Evelyn Sillars.

Rugby tour

Members of Arran Rugby Club have just returned from their annual tour.

They stayed at the Saxon Cross Motel in Cheshire and played two matches over the weekend against local club Congleton, losing by six points to seven on Saturday and four points to 14 on Sunday.

Awards for the most inebriated men went to Alastair Dobson, Duncan Mulholland, Ian Sillars, Richard (Alf) McMaster and Angus Adamson.

Farming on agenda

Labour agriculture spokesman John Home Robertson is to speak next Saturday at the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot.

Accompanying Mr Home Robertson on the platform is MEP Hugh McMahon, PPC Brian Wilson and Archie Gillespie of Islay, a former member of the Land Court.

Kilmory champions

Last Sunday about 70 young people and leaders from around the Island took part in the Youth Club Association Senior Games Day at Lamlash.

Kilmory Youth Club took the honours at volleyball, football and netball and won the Gardner Trophy for best all-round performance.

Joe Trickett hands over the reins of Lochranza post office and shop to Jim Primrose. b12twe2

Ferry tragedy

Travellers have been listening closely to the normal safety announcements on the *MV Isle of Arran* ferry since the *Herald of Free Enterprise* tragedy in Zeebrugge last Saturday.

Few regular passengers would admit to not knowing where the lifejackets are or the safety drill.

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~ Eat alfresco in our seafront garden ~
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CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

The pupils of Corrie and Pirnmill Primary School present:
A Scottish Evening
A celebration of Scottish song and verse
at Lochranza and Catacol Hall
Friday 25rd March 07 7-9 p.m.
A Finger Buffet will be provided
Tickets available from the schools or at the door on the evening
£4.00 each
Raffle and Tombola
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ST BRIDES LADIES
Invite you to an
Easter Fayre
in Brodick Church Hall
on Saturday 31st March at 2pm
Homebaking, books, plants, soft goods and a special spring stall. Teas & raffles
All welcome
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WHAT'S ON...

BANNER

EVERYDAY

Brodick Castle Gardens & Country Park 11am - 4pm

Trout fishing, banks, Loch Garbad

Hawk Walks, Lamlash

SATURDAY 24th 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

HMS Dasher Memorial service,
Calmac Terminal, Brodick 10.40am

Jazz Cafe, Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm

Jimmy Moon and the Moonshiners,
Aldersyde, Lamlash

SUNDAY 25th March

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

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

Roots of Arran, Tree planting.
Meet car park, Lamlash hill, 12pm

Blackwaterfoot Beach Clean.
Meet golf club car park, 10.30am

MONDAY 26th 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

Lamlash Improvements Association,
AGM, ACVS room, 7.30pm

TUESDAY 27th March

Senior Fitness,
Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am

Lochranza Swimming Club,
Kinloch, 11am-noon

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 Health centre, Lamlash, 11am

Lamlash Bowling Club,
AGM Tennis Pavillion, 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 28th 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

Daffodil Coffee morning,
Church Hall 10.15am - 12pm

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All you have to do is phone the Arran Banner on 01770 302142

THURSDAY 29th 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

Garden Club,
Ranger Centre, 7.30pm

Arran Golf Pass,
AGM, Lamlash Golf Club, 7.30pm

Garden Club,
Ranger Centre, 7.30pm

FRIDAY 30th 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

Woodface, Aldersyde, Lamlash

SATURDAY 31st March

Easter Fayre,
Brodick Church Hall, 2.00pm

Woodface, Aldersyde, Lamlash

Indoor Car Boot Sale,
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm

Coast Ceilidh,
The McAlasdair's Ceilidh Band, Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm

Disco Night, Kilmory Hall, 9pm

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Hours: 37 per week Monday – Friday

Closing date for applications is Friday 6 April 2007.

For an application pack or for informal enquiries please contact Joyce Beasley on 01770 600516.

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For further information please contact Jill Wilkinson on 01770 700627

Applications in Writing should be submitted with references by Wednesday, 4th April.

Whiting Bay Nursery c/o The Pillar Box, Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran, KA27 8PS

BANNER RECRUITMENT

BANNER PUBLIC NOTICES

Brodick Poultry and Pigeon Club
AGM
"Where do we go from here?"
Wednesday 28th March 2007
Ormidale Hotel
7.30pm
All welcome

CORRIE GOLF CLUB

AGM

Wednesday 4th April @ 8pm

Tearoom

BANNER PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at Legal and Protective Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine* between the hours of 9.00am and 4.45pm on weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) excepting Saturdays and Public Holidays.

Written representations may be made to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective Services) at the address below within the specified time from the date of publication of this notice. Any representations received will be open to public view.

*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 1992

Applications for planning permission - Notice to be published in accordance with Article 12(5) Written comments to be made within 14 days.

Application No: N/07/00259/PP Address: Market Road Industrial Area, Market Road, Brodick, Isle Of Arran Proposed Development: Erection of new 1.8m high boundary fencing and access gates to business/property frontages

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTRARY TO DEVELOPMENT PLANS)(SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 1996

Applications for planning permission which comprise departures or potential departures from the adopted/approved development plans listed below the application details. Written comments to be made within 21 days.

Application No: N/07/00202/PP **Address:** Site To West Of Benview, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Isle Of Arran **Proposed Development:** Erection of a detached dwelling house for an agricultural worker Ayrshire Structure Plan Policy(s) :- Arran Local Office Local Plan Policy(s) :- ENV 1

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT BOTH ALTERATION NO 1 AND STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT IN RESPECT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES TO THE NORTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLANS.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

NORTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN (EXCLUDING ISLE OF ARRAN) AND THE ISLE OF ARRAN LOCAL PLAN

North Ayrshire Council have decided to adopt Alteration No 1 and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report, as modified, to both of the above named Local Plans, on or after 20 April 2007 unless, before Alteration No 1 has been adopted, the Scottish Ministers direct that Alteration No 1 shall not be adopted until further notice or shall not have effect unless approved by them.

Certified copies of Alteration No 1 and the SEA Environmental Report to the Council's Local Plans and of the Council's Statements prepared following representation to the Alteration and Environmental Report detailing the planning authority's decision with respect to each representation containing reasons for the decision have been deposited at the offices of Legal and Protective Services (Development Plans), Perceton House, Irvine; of Legal and Protective Services (Development Control) Cunninghame House, Irvine; at Lamlash Local Office; and all local libraries.

The deposited documents are available for inspection free of charge during normal office opening hours. They can also be viewed on the Council's website at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/localplans

23 March 2007

Ian Snodgrass
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
Irvine KA12 8EE

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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(Isle of Arran)

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EDUCATION SERVICES

Term Time Clerical Assistant*#

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You will provide clerical support within the school. You will have good literacy and numeracy skills with the ability to work as part of a team and meet deadlines. General office skills/experience, good PC skills including experience of Microsoft Office packages and the willingness to undertake PDR are essential. **Ref: 20/641/AB**

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20 hours per week
Various locations throughout North Ayrshire

You will be responsible for the allocated vehicle and to support the safe transportation of older people. Duties include vehicle checks, routine maintenance, cleaning, transporting service users to and from the day services using mechanical aids where necessary and completion of appropriate paperwork. Experience of working with older people with the ability to undertake further training/North Ayrshire mini-bus test and a current driving licence are essential. Other essential criteria include the availability to be flexible to work evenings/weekends with split shifts 10 hours morning and 10 hours afternoon over five days. **Ref 30/166/AB**

Temporary Senior Social Care Worker*#

£21,861- £24,201 (salary as at 1st April 2007)
Isle of Arran, Initially 13 weeks

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#The Council is in the final stages of consultation regarding a pay review using the outcomes of a job evaluation scheme and this post is covered by that scheme.

***The successful candidate will be subject to vetting by Disclosure Scotland. This is a childcare position under the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003, which makes it an offence to apply if the applicant is on the Disqualified from Working with Children List.**

TO APPLY

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Completed application forms must be submitted by close of business on 6 April 2007.

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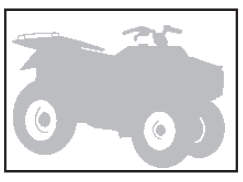

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Saturday, March 24 2007
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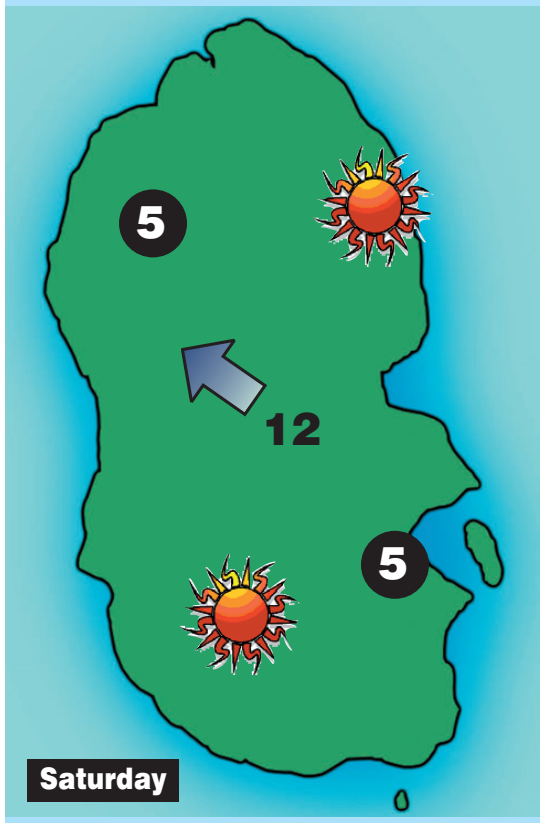
for major ports listed beneath.
All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	0308	3.1	0900	0.2	1538	3.1	2136	0.5
Sun	0346	3.0	0951	0.5	1620	2.8	2236	0.8
Mon	0428	2.8	1101	0.8	1714	2.4	****	**
Tues	0005	1.1	0522	2.6	1251	0.9	1957	2.2
Wed	0133	1.1	0653	2.4	1415	0.7	2130	2.4
Thur	0244	1.0	0916	2.6	1515	0.6	2225	2.6
Fri	0341	0.7	1013	2.8	1604	0.4	2310	2.7

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

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



Saturday, March 24

Predominant weather is to be sunshine throughout the day. Winds moderate south-easterly.

Temperature 5ºC.

Sunday, March 25

Expect sunny intervals with a light south-easterly breeze.

Temperatures around 5ºC.

Monday and Tuesday

Cloudy with a moderate easterly wind. 11ºC

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate

Claonaig/ Lochranza - Moderate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 25 March,
Shiskine 11am
Brodick 7pm
Rev David Karoon
All welcome

Church of Scotland

North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine.
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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 and Rev Ian Hook at 10.30am.
Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept immediately after the service.The Young People's Group for all in S2 and older meet in the Manse at 7pm. The Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Thursday 29 March at 7.30pm in the Church Hall
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Scottish Episcopal Church (in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday, 25 March, 11am Holy Communion.
Rev Dr Hector Soga, Dollar
Coffee and bring-a-plate lunch after service.
Wednesday 28 March 12.15pm
Holy Communion,
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Lamlash Church

Sunday 25 March
You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 11 am.
Mr Alan Saunderson
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Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 25 March
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Brodick, 11am
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Arran Baptist Church

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I would like to thank all the Doctors who treated me while in Arran Hospital also the Nursing Staff who are a credit to the N.H.S. also the kindness shown by my neighbours and friends. Many thanks to you all.
Captain James Norie Andrews

A Marr's away takes the smiles away

Last Thursday the Arran High senior football team faced Marr College in the first round of the Ayrshire cup in a rare home game.

Arran put up a brave and at times heroic performance for much of the match but unfortunately crashed out with a final result of six goals to two. Battling against such a talented team Arran needed all their finest players on the pitch, but with Fraser Thomson and Paul Tinto unable to play, the team did not have its full power.

With Ali 'Flocky' Lockhart arriving just in time to take up his goalkeeping duties, Arran opted to play in a defensive 5-4-1 formation, with David Jenkins the only striker.

Marr took the lead in around the 20th minute of the match. However, Arran were quick on the counter attack, with Euan Evans scoring a superb goal in the top right hand corner, from an Ian 'Skippy' McLaren cross.

For the remainder of the second half the Marr goalkeeper was left with little to do, as their team tried hard for a second goal. This goal arrived just before the half time whistle following a disastrous blunder on the part of the defence, which left the goal wide open for the taking.

A chance did come for Arran in the closing seconds of the first half when the referee Mr Miller gifted Arran a free kick close to the Marr goal. The free kick was taken by Duncan Heenan, who sadly missed this opportunity to bring Arran back into the game. During half time, team Captain Ian McLaren commented: 'We've scored a goal and conceded two – not too bad.'

At the start of the second half Arran fought back courageously, with David Jenkins levelling the score for Arran. However, earlier weaknesses in the defence, began to appear once more, and Marr took full advantage.

A steady succession of goals soon came, and before long, Marr were leading by six goals to two.

In an attempt to inject some much needed energy into the game, Grant McKechnie was brought on to replace Alan Jeffreys. With the game still wide open for the taking, Grant proved vital in Arran's last-ditch attempts to advance into the next round of the Cup. However, it wasn't to be.

At the end of the match, team coach Mr McLaren told *High School News*: 'It was alright for about the first 50 minutes. We fought hard but in the end we were outclassed.'

It was the latest in a long line of defeats for Arran High, but we live on in hope of better days.

Liam Turbett and Calum Johnston, S5.

Winter bowls coming to an end as players prepare for outdoor season

The Auchrannie winter indoor bowls will soon be coming to an end for the season, with a prize giving night on Tuesday March 27. The outdoor bowling will get underway on the Island's four greens next month.

Below: Enjoying a game at Auchrannie indoor bowls are, from left: John McConnachie, Marian Spence, Cathie Steed and John Steed. b12bow1

Above: Charles, Lavinia and David Hendry at Auchrannie. b12bow2

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Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 13 March Winter Cup yellow tees: 1 Alan Napier 63, 2 Alistair MacDonald 64, 3 Hamish Bannatyne 67 BIH. Scratch: Alan Napier 67. Twos: Hamish Bannatyne and Alistair MacDonald.

Fixtures: Tuesday 27 March Winter Cup final day, noon start. Saturday 24 March junior h/cap 10am start.

Shiskine Golf Club

Ladies 12 hole medal, Thursday 15 March: 1 Alice Anderson 58-12=46; 2 Sally Brookes 66-15=51; Jacqui Rankin 75-18=57.

Fixtures: Mens 18 hole medal Sunday 25 March.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 18 March saw the final friendly of the season with Lamlash at Whiting Bay. The games were played in amazing conditions, players encountering all four seasons during a single hole! Sweep results were: Dan Bremner (5)64, J O'Sullivan (11) 69, Neil Mitchell (17) 72 (bih). Scratch was won by Dan with 69. The overall series result was an overwhelming victory for Lamlash by 17 - 2.5 pts.

The winner of the 'Old Cronies' trophy was Dan Bremner with best scores of 64 and 67, and the magic twos trophy (where-ever it may be!) was shared between Alan Smith and Malcolm Pennycott.

Fixtures: Sunday 25 March, Hunter Buidael, (Old 'Uns V Young Guns) The Old 'uns , having never yet won this trophy, are quietly confident of a 'surprise' result this year! Watch this space! Sunday 1 April: Roy Ure Tankard (Stableford).

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Arran rugby club's 'eventful day'

Fifty-four Arran rugby fans travelled to Murrayfield on Saturday 10 March for the Six Nations match against Ireland.

They enjoyed an exciting game which Ireland narrowly won after two late penalties by Ronan O'Gara. Arran Junior Rugby Club members Kyle Barbour and Craig Black give the following account of their eventful day away in Edinburgh.

It was an eventful day on Saturday 10 March for the Arran Junior Rugby Club.

The coaches had managed to get tickets for Scotland's match against Ireland at Murrayfield and the excitement was growing for the players being taken.

Many of the group (most at the back of the bus) had enjoyed the trip up by carrying on and having a laugh with passing Ireland fans.

The squad got there about an hour before the game and had the opportunity to mingle with the opposing supporters around the stadium who were also looking forward to the game.

The game kicked off and the atmosphere around the stadium was electric. Almost half the crowd were Irish as a win would see them lift the Triple-Crown for the first time in four years, and the relationship between the two sets of supporters made the atmosphere even more amazing.

O'Gara kicked the game's first points after seven minutes but, the game was level when Paterson slotted over a penalty eight minutes later. The home crowd were on their feet when Sean Lamont set off on a blistering run and fed the supporting Paterson but the Scotland skipper was caught inside the 22 by Denis Hickie.

The Scots were guilty of gifting Ireland soft tries and once again they were the architects of their own downfall when a Parks kick was charged down by O'Gara. Gordon D'Arcy and Simon Easterby exchanged passes and O'Gara followed up for a simple try, which he converted.

Paterson added two penalties and O'Gara bagged another before the half-time break came, with the Irish leading 13-9.

Having survived scares, Scotland reduced the deficit to one point when Paterson added a long range penalty. And on the hour the Scots were in front, with the reliable Paterson again knocking the ball between the posts. Paterson extended the lead with his sixth successful penalty as Ireland continued to make mistakes.

But the hosts were just as jittery and O'Gara hit back with two quick penalties right in front of the posts to seal a single point victory and end the game 18-19 to Ireland.

But the day wasn't over yet. After a confused rush back to the bus, to catch the last boat, one of the group was missing, and the journey back was held up. Three adults went looking for the young supporter and after talking to police he was found and the rush to catch the six o'clock ferry was on. With only two hours to get to Ardrossan, the discussion of nice hotels was sprung.

Luckily though, the coach driver got the trip to the boat in time and everyone got home safely, except one lad who injured himself on the ferry.

All in all, a great day out by the rugby club, and the team looks forward to more!

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A section of the crowd at Murrayfield showing many of the Arran contingent. Murray Picken is wearing the large Guinness hat and on his right are Mark Whetton, Sam Casey, Steven McEwan and Niall McMaster. On his left are Robert Taylor, Charlie Boal and Jack Barbour. On the row in front are, from left, Kirsty McMaster, Shonagh Jamieson, Jenna Wood, Kirsty McBain, Hazel Ramage and Lynne Ramage. In front of them are Wallace Currie, Hamish Hamilton, Stewart Crawford, Iain Clarke and Finlay Murchie. b12rug1

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

Lamlash Golf Club
Lamlash won friendly sessions with Whiting Bay Golf Club on Sunday March 18 at Whiting Bay. Old Cronies Trophy: Ian Bremner, nett 131. Twos Shield: Malcolm Pennycott and Alan Smith share. Sunday March 25, last day of winter trophy (Glenburn). 9.30am and 11am.

Corrie Golf Club
1 B Sherwood 64; 2 T Cotton 69 BIH, 3 R Welford 69. Fixtures: Saturday 24 March Winter Cup, tee off 1pm. Monday 26 March Monday Cup, tee off noon.

Brodick Golf Club
Wednesday 14 March, 19 played on a nice spring day. 1 B Livingstone 78-17=61, 2 equal D Roxburgh 66-3=63; J Rae 78-15=63; A McCrindle 80-16=63.

Lamlash Ladies
March Monthly Medal: Winner Kate McAdam 91-21 net 70. Runner up: Ellie Jones.

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Brodick Bowling Club

The club's AGM is on Monday 26 March at 7.30pm in Brodick Church Hall.

It is hoped that all members will attend to make arrangements for the coming season. Matters to be decided include a proposed new format for the club competitions and the times for rink games.

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