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## If you want to get ahead - get a hat

This young lady won first prize in the junior Easter bonnet competition at Brodick Castle last Sunday. Three-and-a-half year old Olivia Walton of Lamlash is already a veteran at this event - her photo was in the Banner two years ago winning first prize as a tiny tot. b16cas05

# Ian's pothole battle will continue

Local pothole campaigner Ian Small has vowed to continue with his fight despite North Ayrshire Council's unrelenting attempts to stop him.

Local authority employees were seen taking down Ian's signs warning of the poor state of Arran roads on Saturday morning despite the signs being placed on private property.

'I take severe umbrage with the fact that NAC have taken it upon themselves to remove my sign, yet they haven't touched the other advertising posters that have been tied to street furniture over the Easter weekend,' said Ian. 'When I was told that a council employee had been seen removing my sign - from private property - I immediately telephoned 999 and asked them to charge Gus McLeod (NAC island officer) with unlawfully removing a piece of private property.'

### Enforcement

'What he did is illegal. If the council had taken the proper steps and issued me with an enforcement notice for the removal of the signs then yes, I would have relented and removed them but I am not breaking the law here.'

In the same week that Ian has released a special film on YouTube about Arran's deteriorating roads he has vowed to carry on with his battle.

'I am not giving up the fight,' said Ian. 'If anything, the actions of North Ayrshire Council over the weekend have made

me more determined than ever to continue with this campaign.'

'I take this to be a personal attack on myself by the council. They have unlawfully removed my personal property from private land and are expecting me to do nothing about it,' said Ian.

### Permission

A council spokesman said: 'Irrespective of whether the sign was on private property and the owner's permission was obtained, these signs still require advertising consent from the council. No application has been made.'

'We are and will continue to take the necessary action to remove the signs. All this has

been explained to Mr Small in writing.' Councillor Margie Currie said: 'We are all committed to improving the state of Arran's roads and I don't think that going to war with the local officers is the best way to further Ian's cause. I don't blame him for trying to raise the profile of this campaign but haranguing local officers is not the way to do it.'

Councillor Currie added that at a meeting of the NAC executive this Tuesday the future funding of Arran's roads would be up for discussion.

'I think it is important for Ian and everyone else to realise that this is an ongoing issue very much in the forefront of the council's mind,' she said.



A holidaymaker carried the cross from the Holy Cross Church in Brodick on Good Friday accompanied by Father Noel Colford, Rev Angus Adamson and around 100 Christians. This procession of faith arranged by Arran Churches Together commemorates Jesus carrying the cross to Calvary. b16wit01



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# Police Files

## No licence or insurance

Following a road accident in Auchrannie car park at 11pm last Tuesday a 23-year-old woman living in Brodick was charged with driving without a licence or insurance and a 25-year-old man also living in Brodick was charged with allowing her to drive the vehicle.

## Three ASBOs issued

A 21-year-old Irvine man was issued with an ASBO ticket for drinking in public last Friday evening. On Saturday night a 16-year-old Whiting Bay youth was also charged with drinking in public in Brodick and an Irvine man was charged with the same offence in Glen Rosa.

## Alleged drink driving

A 32-year-old Pirmill man was reported for alleged drink driving and having no car insurance in Alma Road, Brodick late on Saturday night.

## Stolen ornament

A garden ornament was stolen from a garden near Brodick Primary School between 7.30pm on Saturday and noon the following day. Police are appealing for any information.

## Breach of the peace

A 23-year-old Kilmarnock man was issued with an ASBO ticket for breach of the peace in Main Road, Brodick just after midnight on Saturday.



Concerned villagers have put up signs close to the play park in Brodick warning of dog fouling in the area.

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## Parents warned about dog fouling

Parents with small children are being warned about the problem of dog fouling along the Brodick seafront by some innovative signs that appeared last week.

Concerned villagers caused shockwaves by putting up the signs close to the play park on the green beyond the Invercloy car park in Brodick with a cleverly disguised swear word.

Tough new measures to stop dog fouling on Arran were officially introduced to the island last June.

### Fixed Penalty

The fixed penalty scheme for dog owners who refuse to clean up after their animal was launched by North Ayrshire Council's litter and recycling officer Mark McNeil and Ar-

ran wildlife police officer Frazer Mitchell.

Mr McNeil explained that dog owners who allow their pets to foul will receive an on-the-spot fine of £40. If this is not paid within 28 days then it will be increased to £60.

He said: 'This scheme is now running across North Ayrshire and it has been very successful in ensuring people clean up after their dogs. Free bags to collect dog waste can be picked up from the council office in Lamlash and there are 41 dog bins on the island. There really is no excuse not to pick up the waste.'

PC Mitchell said that the police already monitor dog fouling on the island but they will now be issuing on the spot fines to anyone caught.

# Air sea exercise from Arran ferry

From time to time the Royal Navy Search and Rescue helicopter crew carry out an air sea rescue practice in conjunction with the Arran ferry MV Caledonian Isles.

One such practice last Friday caused quite a stir and considerable excitement for the passengers on the 3.15pm crossing from Ardrossan.

*Banner* subscribers Barry and Michelle Dobson of Richmond, North Yorkshire were on board and sent us this photo.

Barry said: 'We were lucky enough to witness the Royal Navy practice their rescue procedures on the 3.15pm ferry on Friday afternoon.'

'They were fantastic and it's reassuring to know that we have such courageous and skilled rescue services at hand. Now I know I have a boring job.'

'Arran always has something to surprise us but I didn't expect this!'



A Royal Navy Sea King search and rescue helicopter practising winching manoeuvres off the aft deck of the MV Caledonian Isles last Friday.

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## Stay of execution for Custom house

The old Custom House in Ardrossan has been given a stay of execution.

This distinctive circular building is passed by every motorist coming to and from Arran, and sits on the side of the new Asda supermarket roundabout a few hundred yards from the ferry terminal.

At the planning committee meeting of North Ayrshire Council last Tuesday a recommendation to demolish the Custom House and build a block of offices and 15 flats was overturned by an objection

from Historic Scotland saying that it was a listed building and should be preserved in its original state. Plans for a new house at a site to the south west of Castle View, Kildonan were passed with six conditions.

A recommendation to turn down plans for an upper floor extension to a house in Alma Terrace, Brodick was overturned by North Ayrshire councillors and the application was approved by the planning committee. The application will now be referred to the Secretary of State.

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## Webcam back up and running

The Arran Banner's webcam is up and running again after a small fault last week which stopped transmission during the Easter weekend.

Ethel Craig from Kirkintilloch e-mailed us and said: 'I do miss my daily fix as to how Brodick is looking. As I live in Kirkintilloch, what the weather is doing on Arran is usually a fair indication of what we will be having in the next couple of hours.'

On the same day, Eileen Trexler from Alberta, Canada wrote to say the first thing she does each morning is check the Banner webcam

'Sometimes the boat is in, sometimes not, but when I see the pier and front, all is right with the world,' said Eileen.



Viv Parks, left, with guest speaker Felicity Walker, right, receiving a bouquet from Sarah Hay at the opening night of the Arran Visual Arts exhibition in Kilmory Hall. b16ava01

## Kilmory Visual Arts exhibition

The fourth Kilmory Spring exhibition by Arran Visual Arts was officially opened by Felicity Walters at a special preview in the village hall last Friday night.

Over these four years the scale of the

exhibition and quality of the exhibits has moved forward in leaps and bounds.

This year there were 195 items on show, from paintings to sculpture, acrylic work, wood carvings and rag rug work.

They were the work and inspiration of 62 different exhibitors and in her opening speech, AVA president Viv Parks paid tribute to the efforts of the members and helpers. Full report in next week's Banner.

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## Garden bench goes for a walk

Tom Mundy has had a bench stolen from his garden in Cordon.

It disappeared at some time over the weekend and it is not any ordinary bench.

Tom said: 'It must be 80 or 90 years old and is decorated in wrought iron relief work. We had the timbers renewed two years ago and it is a tan brown colour with black wrought iron.'

'It's so heavy that it must have taken at least two people and a van to move it.' Tom has reported the theft of this distinctive bench to the police and anyone with information about it should contact Lamash police station.

## Sydney

### - this way

Last week we reported in the Banner that Nick Giles of the Arran Art Gallery is currently living in Australia and was going to be holding an exhibition of 'affordable art' at the Holt Art Gallery in New South Wales.

As a light-hearted postscript to the report, we added that anyone wishing directions to the exhibition should contact the Banner.

On Tuesday Barbara Leckey of Corrie came into the Banner office to ask for those directions.

Her daughter Caroline lives in Sydney and when Barbara emailed her about the art show, she asked for a map so that she could go along and see Nick's work for herself.

We duly obliged and printed off a map of directions from Nick's original email to the gallery in McMahon's Point, New South Wales. Barbara said that she would ask her daughter to give us a review of the works on display.

# Plea brings biggest ever blood donor turnout

## Forty-seven new donors - six of them school pupils

The family of a young leukaemia victim that issued a plea two weeks ago through the pages of *The Arran Banner* for people to give blood have been amazed by the response.

Jessica Reid, aged four, from Clachlands Farm, has received multiple transfusions of blood, platelets and other products since being diagnosed with the illness six weeks ago.

Her family used this experience to inspire others to become lifesavers by giving

blood on Sunday afternoon.

After an incredible turnout at the Scottish Blood Transfusion Service in the High School more than 130 bags of blood were donated.

Ann Reid, Jessica's mum, said: 'I would like to give my sincerest thanks to all those brave people who generously gave up their time on Easter Sunday to donate blood. My husband Stuart and I are very touched to think that so many were spurred along after read-

ing *The Banner* article about our daughter Jessica who has been recently diagnosed with leukaemia.'

In recent years, attendance at the Blood Donation Clinic on Arran has been disappointing and there were concerns that people would be too busy to attend on Easter Sunday.

Alison Maung from the Scottish Blood Transfusion Service said: 'It was a fantastic turnout on Sunday in Lamash. We had 169 attended, which resulted in

133 pints of blood. Forty-seven of these were new donors - six of them school pupils - which is around 35 per cent of the total attendees. This figure far exceeds our usual nine per cent. This is a tremendous effort for which we are truly appreciative.'

Ann Reid added: 'Jessica's disease and its treatment will hold us at the mercy of the Scottish Blood Transfusion Service for a long time to come. Without the good people who

selflessly donate their blood and platelets, this service, and in turn Jessica and others like her, would not survive.'

For those inspired to give blood more regularly, the Glasgow Donor Centre is open Monday to Friday.

Ann said: 'When I go there on Wednesday to give my very first donation of platelets, I can only hope that I will possess just some of the bravery that my Jessica has displayed during the last few weeks.'

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## Coffee morning for Hospice charity

A coffee morning in aid of the Arran Hospice Fund has been organised to take place at the Lagg Hotel on Saturday April 25.

Beginning at 10.30am until 12pm, all the funds raised at the event will be donated to the charity.

John McFaul of Bogarie is the driving force behind the fund to provide a hospice facility at Arran War Memorial Hospital for relatives of critically ill patients in memory of his wife Judy who tragically died from breast cancer last year.

## Arran Civic Trust

At the next meeting of Arran Civic Trust on Tuesday April 21, Mr Dara Parsons of Historic Scotland will be giving a talk on 'Managing change in Arran's historic environment'. His talk will commence at 8pm following the annual general meeting of the Trust at 7.30pm in the Ormidale Pavilion.

All are most welcome.

## Lost spectacles

A pair of ladies gold framed spectacles were lost in Brodick Hall over last weekend.

There is a reward for their return. Please contact 700347.

# New homes for local families in Lamlash

A number of local families have moved into new homes in Lagh Letter Row, Lamlash that were recently purchased by Isle of Arran Homes.

The housing provider bought the newly constructed three bedroom homes from Arran based builder John Thomson Construction Ltd.

The move helps address the significant housing need on the island and the organisation said it was 'delighted' with the purchase of the homes in Lamlash, which were made at a discounted price.

### Secure

John Sillars, chairman of Isle of Arran Homes, said: 'We are continually working towards providing affordable housing on Arran and are currently looking to secure other sites for future development.'

This is another important step forward in addressing the

housing needs of the people of Arran.'

The successful sale of the houses came about as a result of the continued close partnership between Isle of Arran Homes and North Ayrshire Council together with the support of the Scottish Government's Housing and Investment Division.

A joint funding package was put together with the Scottish Government providing £600,000 from its Affordable Housing account and the rest was met from private finance raised by Trust Housing Association, the parent organisation of Isle of Arran Homes.

Bob McDougall, chief executive of the Trust Housing Association, said: 'The amount of money spent on creating good quality homes for people on the island since Isle of Arran homes was founded in 2001 demonstrates our commitment



Martin Ross, Gillian Kelly and their three young sons, Harrison, Charlie and Jack, were welcomed into their new home by Andy Martin (left) and John Sillars, last week.

to Arran and the people who live here.'

Since the publication of the Craigforth Report in 2007, the local authority and its partners in the Rural housing sub-group have been exploring all means

of increasing the supply of affordable housing on Arran.

An NAC spokesman said: 'We are delighted that we have been able to jointly fund the purchase of these properties which is a significant step to-

ward addressing the shortage of affordable housing on Arran.'

Despite this, the number of applicants requiring housing on Arran continues to be high and there are currently around 200 applicants in the waiting list.

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## VisitArran magazine hits the streets



Millie Richardson, dressed as Daisy the cow, with piper Andre Earle welcoming visitors with the new VisitArran magazine. b16vis01

The directors of VisitArran launched a new magazine called *Arran The Island* in a special event at Brodick pier last Friday.

VisitArran originated in May 2007 and has been developed by local business people as a Destination Management Organisation (DMO). The new magazine has a colour theme of black, white and pink, and the front cover carries a close-up picture of a Friesian cow. The cow is apparently called Daisy and is one of the dairy herd of Ken Bone of Glenkiln Farm, one of the eight directors of the DMO.

VisitArran chairman Robert Waine of the Kinloch Hotel said: 'I would like to record my thanks to all those people on the island who helped make the launch of the VisitArran magazine such a success.'

'Arran has always been fortunate in having many innovative and progressive thinkers involved in the tourism industry.'

'The magazine is self-financing through advertising but the time and effort required to pull it all together has been given by a small number of people on a voluntary basis.'

'The launch of the magazine shows what can be achieved working collaboratively. Everyone will not always agree with what is being done but working together as a whole rather than as individuals will generally produce more positive results. I would once again like to thank those who gave unstintingly of their time, especially Claire Richardson to bring this project to fruition and those who helped in the launch.'

In her introduction, magazine editor Claire Richardson said: 'Arran can be addictive and all visitors should remain vigilant lest they succumb to a serious attack of Arran-itis. Symptoms start with a mild feeling of well-being which can develop into extended periods of euphoria in extreme cases.'

Visitors to the island on Friday were greeted by the directors of VisitArran handing out the magazine and Claire's 11-year-old daughter Millie, dressed in an outfit as Daisy, the cow, reflecting the image on the front cover of the magazine. Piper Andrew Earle was also on hand to give the occasion a real Scots flavour.



# Hospice fund benefits from Goatfell challenge

The Arran Hospice Fund benefited by over £500 from the efforts of some hardy souls who braved the elements on the island last weekend.

The object of the Arran Challenge was to walk, cycle and climb from Whiting Bay to the top of Goatfell to raise cash for the hospice

Derek Wenham and Jenny Anderson were the first two intrepid adventurers to set off from the village centre car park in Whiting Bay at nine o'clock in the morning.

John McFaul of Bogarie is the driving force behind the fund to provide a hospice facility at Arran War Memorial Hospital for relatives of critically ill patients.

John is aiming to provide the new facility in loving memory of his wife Judy who tragically died from breast cancer last year.

The hospice was the vision of Judy who wished to see a very special warm, but informal space and environment for islanders - close to their homes and loved ones on the island where they lived.

John said after completing the challenge: 'It went well but the mist came down before they



Frances Wenham, Jenny Anderson, Andrew McFaul, Derek Wenham and John McFaul in Whiting Bay for the start of the challenge at 9am on Saturday. b16hos01

got to the top at 4.30pm.

'They stopped for a rest at Arran Active at Cladach and Andrew Walsh very kindly provided courtesy ice creams.

'The only unfortunate incident was that Jenny had a bicycle tyre blow out on the way down Brodick hill but she managed not to fall off.'

## Outdoor festival financial boost for Arran mountain rescue team

Andrew Walsh, chairman of the Arran Outdoor Festival handed over a cheque for £250 to Tim Keen Secretary of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team recently. The donation was a result of the 2008 event and recognises the year round efforts of the mountain rescue team and their support for the Outdoor Festival. Andrew Walsh said: 'We look forward to another successful festival this year and hope to provide even more financial support for various outdoor volunteer organisations.' b16mrt01

## Arran cattle sell well at Ayr mart

Craig Wilson Ltd sold 279 Arran consigned cattle at their recent Spring sale of grazing cattle within Ayr Auction Market.

Prices were well received by the island's sellers at levels considerably above their expectations.

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£775, £770, £758 Low Clach-aig. £805, £765 Cairnhouse. £730 Bridge.

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# Tribute paid to long serving secretary



Catherine Murchie, Don Brown, Russell Duncan, Evelyn Sillars, Nan Murchie, David Oakes, Stewart Lambie and Gilbert Anderson at the Arran Society of Glasgow annual dinner.



The entertainers at the Arran Society of Glasgow annual dinner; Amie Hume, Robyn Keen, Viv Lumsden, and Alastair Grassie.

Members of the Arran Society of Glasgow paid tribute to long serving secretary Nan Murchie at their annual dinner in the city's Radisson Hotel recently.

Society president, David Oakes, paid tribute to Nan Murchie who had retired at the recent Annual General Meeting of the society after serving 24 years as honorary secretary.

Nan was presented with an engraved quach as a token of grateful thanks for all her steadfast work during her period as secretary.

In his toast to the society, president David Oakes highlighted the continuing work of the group and the many and varied ways in which it fulfilled its worthy aims and objectives, including the provision of financial assistance to various different applicants.

The economic downturn has inevitably impacted on the soci-

ety's funds and this will have an adverse effect on awards in the short term.

The toast to the Isle of Arran was proposed by television broadcaster and personality Viv Lumsden who gave a very witty and entertaining account of her many visits to Arran through her friendship with Heather and Stuart Gough.

#### Regular Basis

Since her first visit many years ago Viv and her husband Alan Douglas have returned on a regular basis.

The reply to the toast was given by Dr Alastair Grassie who was accompanied by his wife Libby.

Alastair provided the audience with a very amusing account of some of his varied experiences that he had encountered during

his many years as an Arran GP.

Arran's own Robyn Keen and Amie Hume provided lovely musical interludes by playing some of their own compositions.

David Oakes thanked Gilbert Anderson for the use of his firm's office premises in Glasgow for meetings of the society's directorate, Catherine Murchie for organising the dinner and Sheila Gilmore for organising the entertainment.

The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman by Gilbert Anderson.

•Catherine Murchie is the new secretary of the Society and any requests for financial assistance can be sent to Catherine at 4 Whitelee Crescent, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, G77 6UH or e-mail [catherine.murchie@btinternet.com](mailto:catherine.murchie@btinternet.com)



## School senior's nutrition success

Several of our S5/6 Hospitality class have passed their Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland award for Elementary Food and Health. This is an external exam that familiarises pupils with the importance of nutrition in health. Well done to all the pupils – another point for your CV. Look out for similar S4 success soon!

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## Celebrating Mendelssohn

To mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn, the Lochranza Choir are joining a nationwide celebration organised by BBC Radio 3, during the second week in May.

The German composer toured Scotland in 1829, visiting Edinburgh, Glasgow, the Trossachs and Oban and despite never making it to Arran the choir want to celebrate his greatest works.

As part of the festivities, choirs across Britain have been challenged to perform one of

his best-loved works, *O for the Wings of a Dove* for soprano soloist, chorus and organ.

Ian Buchanan, a member of the Lochranza Choir, said: 'One of Mendelssohn's greatest works was the dramatic oratorio *Elijah*. Two other composers, Handel and Purcell, have anniversaries this year so the programme will include two *Messiah* choruses and the *Bell Anthem* by Purcell as well. This will be the first time the choir has sung music by this great 17<sup>th</sup> century English composer.'

## Corrie Film Club

### Kekexili Mountain Patrol (cert.15)

April's offering from Corrie Film Club is a gripping action drama made in 2004 and shot entirely in outdoor locations in the frozen landscapes of Tibet.

A patrol is searching for poachers who have been hunting an endangered species of mountain antelope.

The camera work is a dream but the film is also a powerfully paced story about conscience and survival as well as offering some topical political resonances.

See this interesting film at Corrie and Sannox Hall this Sunday at 8pm. All welcome. Bring a bottle to share if you wish. For details see What's On.

## Singers and musicians wanted

Arran Folk Club would welcome any musicians and singers who are interested in playing at regular acoustic pub sessions. Any style; it needn't be folk.

Please contact Joe Trickett on 302297 for more information.



Travelpass competition winners Steven Loftus, Martin Gibb and Charles Peacock with SPT research officer Michael Ferrie and local Stagecoach depot manager Steve Kirk at Brodick pier. b16spt01

## Arran day out for travel pass winners

Three talented youngsters won the top prizes in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Strathclyde Partnership for Transport travel ticket design competition.

Their prize was a VIP train journey to Ardrossan followed by a boat trip to Arran and an action packed day around the island courtesy of SPT.

A record number of over 360 artistic entries went into the competition in three separate categories. The standard Playscheme Travel Pass category was won by 11-year-old Martin Gibb of Maryhill Afterschool Playscheme, Maryhill, Glasgow.

Steven Loftus aged 14 of the SBS Holiday Playscheme in Glasgow won the prize for best design in the Freedom Pass section and Charles Peacock aged 10 of the Summerston

Afterschool Playscheme in Glasgow won the Argyll and Bute Playscheme Travel Pass category.

They were each accompanied by a friend and family member.

Steve Kirk, local Stagecoach depot manager, was on hand at Brodick pier to meet the party and set them on their way to North Sannox pony trekking centre. The youngsters enjoyed a spot of trekking while the adults sampled the retail delights at Duchess Court Shops. Lunch was provided at Brodick Castle and they went home on the 4.40pm ferry.

Michael Ferrie, SPT research officer had organised the visit and said: 'Martin, Steven and Charles created some inspirational designs for our travel passes which are now in use

and have been much admired.

'A big thank you must go to our business partners First Scotrail, Caledonian MacBrayne and Stagecoach for making this day out possible.

'The Playscheme travel pass initiative allows so many children the opportunity to make the most of the school holidays with travel across the Strathclyde area.'

## Challenge ahead for Valdete

Last year a young woman from Albania was brought to Scotland by a couple from Arran for a life changing operation to help her walk again. Here Sue Davidson of Whiting Bay gives an update on Valdete Gjonpalaj's condition.

We are delighted to let our supporters know that Steve Mannion, the orthopaedic surgeon featured in Robert Winston's TV series 'Superdoctors' has examined Valdete.

She has become much stronger since her last visit to Arran in November, largely due to the physiotherapy she has received back in Tirana.

We must thank Alison and her team at Lamlash Hospital, who provided Valdete with a programme of exercises to take home with her.

Steve is using the Ponsetti treatment for her which involves a series of manipulations followed by plaster casts.

Her first visit to the clinic in Blackpool will be on April 14. The operation will be in June after which she will be in plaster for three months.

The next few months will be quite a challenge for Valdete and ourselves.

Planning this has not been easy; I need time off from my work. Steve works in Malawi and Rwanda as well as his time in the Blackpool clinic.

We still have a lot of the

money raised in 2007 and 2008 untouched, but we will have to pay for hospital services and accommodation each time we take her to Blackpool.

Steve is waiving his consultancy fees. What a gesture

and what a man! We may have to organise more fundraising once we know what the final cost will be, we will keep all *Banner* readers informed. We know all these problems will be overcome. *Sue Davidson*



Valdete took part in the Easter Walk of Witness with Sue and Julian Davidson from the Holy Cross Church to St Brides Church in Brodick on Good Friday. b16val01



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## The Truth.

That simple headline got The Sun newspaper into a lot of hot water 20 years ago.

The headline referred to the aftermath of the Hillsborough tragedy in which 96 Liverpool football supporters were crushed to death on steel-fenced terraces.

Sun editor Kelvin MacKenzie was convinced that some Liverpool fans had picked the pockets of victims and generally behaved in a less than perfect way as the tragedy unfolded. He claimed among his sources a local MP and a high ranking police officer.

The tragedy was remembered by solemn services of remembrance this week in Liverpool, Sheffield and Nottingham.

The match itself was an FA Cup semi final between Nottingham Forest and Liverpool at Hillsborough, the home of Sheffield Wednesday and all three cities still feel a deep sense of loss. The people of Liverpool also feel a great sense of injustice.

Looking back, it is easy to see how the problems arose.

Liverpool fans were delayed by unscheduled roadworks on the M62, access around Hillsborough is a maze of narrow back streets. Fans arrived late and communication between police and stewards was inadequate. With eight minutes to go before kick-off there was still a large crowd outside and a senior police officer made the fatal decision to open the gates at one end of the ground. Other sections were half empty, but as the match kicked off more than 3,000 people surged into an enclosed space. The rest is history as 96 people were crushed to death behind barriers preventing them from spilling onto the pitch.

The blame culture started.

South Yorkshire Police blamed the supporters for arriving at the ground late and drunk. However, a full inquiry criticised the police for their failure to handle the crowd and their slow reaction to the disaster. No charges were brought, and a verdict of accidental death was recorded on all the victims much to the distress of most of the people of Merseyside.

There is no doubt that it was a tragedy brought about by many factors, largely based on poor communication and bad decision-making.

One can only feel great admiration for Trevor Hicks who lost two daughters at Hillsborough and was bravely giving a reading at the service at Anfield on Wednesday.

To this day, hardly anyone buys The Sun on Merseyside. The paper's daily circulation in that area dropped by 200,000 copies after April 15 1989.

The subsequent Taylor Report brought all-seater stadia to the whole country, South Yorkshire Police remain unpunished, but The Sun does not shine in Liverpool anymore.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Silly season on roads

Sir,  
I know Arran needs the tourists to be here and, like most, I welcome them here because it is great for people's business. But, and its a big but, why does this mean it is silly season back on the roads? I have driven today from my home here in Lochranza to Whiting Bay and back.

During that journey I could have been in at least four accidents as a result of people driving far too slowly, looking at the scenery (that we are all lucky to see) but can they not stop in the right places to have a look?

And what about those people who have decided to pull in to see these great sights without indicating? There was also a car parked just before a wee blind brow with nobody in it!

It is madness that the bus managed to get past this car and, I'm sorry, but if somebody had hit this car the owner would only have themselves to blame. I know the roads are far from perfect.

As far as I am aware the Highway Code is the same here or is there some odd law nobody has told me about? I just hope that we can get through this season, and I hope its a good one for all on Arran, without somebody being killed on the Arran roads. If you are new to the island and are reading this, please drive normally and with care. Have a great time as Arran has so much to give, but please, please take care on the roads.

I am just glad to be back home with my car in one piece.

Yours,  
**Jon Baker  
Lochranza**

### Unusual welcome

Sir,  
Perhaps an explanation is in order or maybe I am missing the point?

Can anyone explain why I was greeted by a pink plastic cow on my quarterly visit to the island last Friday?

Furthermore, the accompanying booklet is similarly baffling - both in its strange look and the typing errors which start on the

very front cover.

I was at least pleased to see that your own Holiday Arran has captured the island in a much better - and more mature - way.

I am not entirely sure who was behind the cow, so to speak, but the whole 'production' was embarrassingly cheap and tacky. Surely Arran is not the place for this?

Yours,  
**John Haversham  
2 Muirpark Road  
Kinross**

### Freedom of the press

Sir,  
I put off responding last week to Billy McLaren and Fiona Laing's extraordinary outburst against Arran's number one local newspaper; number one by a readership of 3,000 plus.

It appears, however, that the indignation over their letter has not yet subsided.

Their letter was extraordinary on two counts - it appears to put down the time-honoured freedom of the press ethic and it is unusual for those aspiring to public life to show such animosity to a local newspaper.

Politicians and councillors should rarely expect to receive accolades from the press!

I respect this freedom and uphold our number one local paper for its non-bias and straightforward reporting of local news and comment.

It is unusual in times when electronic communication is impacting on newspaper sales throughout the country that Arran should have two local papers. We may seem privileged but, on the other hand, the threat to the 'demise of a once cherished publication' comes not from political comments but from the distortion of a free market situation by the subsidising of our number two local paper by a number of local benefactors.

I hope that the people supporting a venture which, to date, has not proved its commercial viability are fully aware that their generosity could undermine the viability of both publications.

I strongly believe that open market conditions should al-

ways prevail. Subsidising a local paper however well meaning is an influence that can endanger a paper's true commercial and editorial freedom.

I support the freedom of the press whether or not one always likes what they say.

Yours,  
**Margie Currie  
Eastlands  
Shiskine**

### Voice of the people

Sir,  
Now that the dust has settled and the first minister's March visit is but a memory, the aftermath cannot be as quickly forgotten.

Your columns a week later contained several letters defending the visit against the criticism of a number of your readers, myself included.

Most of that was in the normal spirit of political knockabout and fairly harmless. However the offering from Fiona Laing and Billy McLaren attacking the editorial because it dared to offer an alternative view of Alex Salmond's meeting with the public, was completely over the top and will reflect badly on their Party.

Especially as it seemed to be written on behalf of the local SNP branch.

The letter attacked the Banner in strong terms for its alleged bias against their Party - nothing new there as I recall both Tory and Labour supporters making similar complaints in the past. What was beyond acceptance was the overt threat of a consumer and advertising boycott.

The job of a free press is to voice what people are saying on the ground and not necessarily to join in with uncritical support for the party of government. The Berlin wall came down 20 years ago and one of the things that fell with it was the idea that a newspaper that voices criticism of government should be closed down.

I am sure your readers will make their own minds up about this matter and reject the idea that any section of Arran's press should founder for political reasons.

Yours,  
**Colin Turbett  
Rannoch  
Shiskine**

### Had a good laugh

Sir,  
I read Philip Lardner's fierce attack on me (Banner April 10).

I took a little time for reflection. Had a good laugh.

Now I'm going to do what 99 percent of the Scottish population will do. Ignore Phil and his party.

Yours,  
**Billy McLaren  
Lamlash**

### Calling servicemen and women

Sir,  
Attention all *Arran Banner* readers.

On Saturday June 27 cities and towns around Great Britain will be celebrating Armed Forces Day.

There will be events in George Square, Glasgow starting at noon and at Edinburgh Castle commencing at 3pm to honour Britain's Armed Forces, past, present, and future.

The Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to make and maintain contact with members of our Armed Forces of all ranks, serving home or abroad, who may have a connection with Arran either through next of kin, girlfriend or boyfriend, partner etc or who presently reside on Arran.

We realise that such information would be sensitive and confidential, therefore it would be treated as such. If anyone on Arran, or is a reader of the Banner elsewhere can supply us with this information we would be most grateful, we feel it is important that our organisation can help and support our men and women somehow, wherever they serve. We can be contacted either through Alan at 303968, Peter at 860333 or at the Arran Banner.

I thank you.

Yours,  
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# Bennan bikers' fun in the mud

Fourteen Arran lads had a great day scrambling in the mud last Sunday.

The fun was once again in one of Geoff Brookes' fields on an exposed corner at Bennan.

It was billed as a training day for Arran Motocross Club and club seniors Murray Boal and Andy Surridge were delighted at the turn-out. The course was organised by former professional rider Andy Russell and his Fun in the Mud race school.

Andy is based at a track in Kinross in Fife from where he has regular motocross lessons and race schools.

He said: 'We cater for all ages, from young to old, and all levels of experience from the beginner who can't even ride a bike, to experienced riders with their own equipment. We have all the protective gear for those who don't have their own.'

### Superb

'It's great that Geoff has let us use this superb hilly field on his farm; it's very hard nowadays for us to get land for lads to practice. They are all eager to learn and I'll help them all I can.'

'One of the commonest errors is the constant revving up and down - you should put the bike

on full throttle and just leave it there!'

Murray Boal had brought along his new toy, a shiny green Kawasaki bike that did not stay shiny for long. Geoff Brookes even had a go on it when Murray popped round for a secret practice on Friday night.

According to Andy Russell, Geoff had a distinguished career as a bike racer himself in days gone by. 'Oh yes,' he reluctantly admitted. 'I did quite a bit of racing in the Midlands, particularly at Hawkestone Park. But that was before I met Sally!'

On Sunday Geoff left it to the youngsters and they seemed to have a great time.

Andy had brought over five bikes in his big van, and all the protective gear that the boys would need. The highly-tuned bikes ranged in size from 70cc at the smallest to 250cc. Andy is president of the Federation of Motorcycle Sport for Scotland and has had a racing career himself stretching to 32 years.

He said: 'I have travelled the world with motorbikes and raced on grasstrack, speedway and roads. It's good to see how keen these youngsters are to learn how to drive safely and get the best out of their machines.'



The Arran lads with Andy Russell, Geoff Brookes, Murray Boal, Andy Surridge and Mark Bunyan. b16mot02



Neil Faulkner takes to the air at Bennan last Sunday. b16mot01

## Easter treat for jazz fans

Good wine improves with age, as does malt whisky, and so do Quattro MacJazz or to put it another way, tonight's performance proved that since their last gig on Arran, this band were even more mature, more precise, and more inventive than ever!

As a critic it is difficult not to run out of superlatives but in this show they were exhausted by these musicians - or should I say magicians - who were at the top of their form in every sense of the word.

**The Arran Banner's music correspondent Harry Ross thoroughly enjoyed the Quattro MacJazz concert in Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday night.**

From the first notes of 'Hindustan' to 'The Saints' I could not recall a better performance from all of these guys.

Highlights for me were 'Blue Turning Grey Over You', a classic piece beautifully portrayed by Lennie Herd on trumpet

and 'Dans les Rues D'Antibes' composed by Sidney Beechey was a lovely interpretation by them all. 'Louisiana' and 'The Saints' were a rousing finish to end a great night of jazz.

Forrie Cairns' virtuosity was at its peak and alongside Lennie Herd produced harmony together in their duet of the most precise and highest quality.

As for Roy Percy and Alasdair MacDonald their flying fingers on bass, fiddle and banjo made rapid rhythm look and sound so easy.

## Brodick 200 Club

Congratulations go this week to Mrs J Cameron and Mrs A Farrar.

The ladies were the respective March and April winners of the Brodick 200 Club prizes.

Both Mrs Cameron and Mrs Farrar will receive £50 courtesy of the 200 Club.

## Castle hosts college art

Students on the Argyll College painting course are holding an exhibition of their work at Brodick Castle from this Sunday (April 19).

Class members have enjoyed a 10-week art course with local tutor and painter Josephine Broekhuizen.

During the course the budding artists have been looking at a variety of approaches to still life.

The resulting acrylic paintings bear witness to a different way of seeing and thinking about still life, especially from more than one fixed standpoint.

The paintings, which are well worth a visit, are on display in the castle tearoom and the exhibition will run from Sunday, April 19 until May 17 this year.

The normal castle tearoom opening hours will apply.

## Photo Competition 2009

It's that time of year again, when we ask Banner readers, locals and visitors, to share with us their photographic gems from the last year.

As in previous years, whether your pictures are magnificent Arran's views, make us roar with laughter or bring tears to a glass eye, we will enjoy seeing them all.

Now in its 29th year the 2009 photo competition will follow the usual highly successful format. It is open to both residents of and visitors to Arran, and entries should be in one of two classes: People (and/or animals) and Places. The only proviso is that all entries MUST have been taken on, or around, Arran after August 2008

Each year, after the competition has closed, we select as many entries as possible to show in The Banner prior to announcing the winners in early October. The Banner therefore reserves the right to publish entries.

**The closing date is Tuesday 15 September and the decision of the judges is final.**

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## Jean and Elma take a taste of Arran to Stockton

Elma Stevenson, Bill and Jean Bowden, Steve Stevenson and Cilla Cresswell enjoy their copy of the Banner in Cleveland

Jean Bowden of Brodick has for some time been one of the foremost popular singers on Arran.

Last week she was invited to perform at the Teeside Caledonian Society at Stockton in Cleveland. This was not her first time performing in the north-east as couple of years ago Jean was guest singer for the An Comunn Gàidhealach-Soc in neighbouring Darlington at the invitation of Arran regulars Maranny and Bob Jones.

She said: 'Two or three years ago Elma and Steve Stevenson of Sannox gave the toasts at the annual Burns Supper down there. As their daughter lives in Stockton I decided to ask Elma to join me as compere so that she could add some of her pawky Scots poems

between songs.

'In our tribute to Burns section Elma recited Tam O'Shanter much to the delight of the audience, many of whom are expatriate Scots. After 17 Scottish songs, Elma and I were presented with lovely orchid plants by the society president David Morrison whose mother still lives in Ardrossan.'

Jean, husband Bill and Elma and Steve met up in Yarm at the home of Dr Jim and Mrs Eleanor Smith and while there had their photo taken with a copy of the *Arran Banner*. Jean said: 'It may not be quite as exotic a location as some of your 'Banner on holiday' photos but one of your subscribers produced a copy.'

Dr Smith is secretary of the

Teeside Caledonian Society and he and his wife own the Log Cabin in Corrie.

The TCS has a strong Arran connection and has benefited from several Arran guest speakers down the years including Ken Thorburn, Verner Small, Avril Paton, Ken Currie and the late Mina Ure.

One former Arran resident that Jean and Elma met was Cilla Cresswell who with her husband Frank used to work at Brodick Castle, later taking over the Rosaburn tearoom at Arran Heritage Museum for several years until they returned to Gateshead on the birth of their first grandchild. Jean and Bill stayed with the Cresswells while Elma and Steve stayed with their daughter in Stockton.

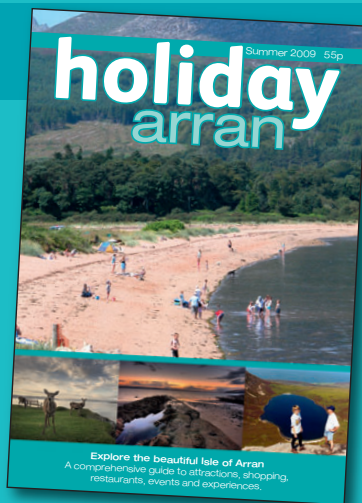


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## Abbomania hits Brodick

You could dance and you could jive while having the time of your life at Brodick Village Hall on Sunday night when Abbomania came to town.

Islanders relived the magic of Abba as the stars on the stage belted out the Swedish pop group's hits.

Nyree Burt (Anni-Frid) and Ewa Scott (Agnetha) were accompanied by Ross Taberner (Bjorn) and Steven Galert (Benny) as they performed Waterloo, Dancing Queen, Take a Chance on Me, The Winner Takes it All and other much loved Abba songs.

'Musically, the girls both had first class voices,' said The Banner's music correspondent Harry Ross. 'They were well balanced and matched to the originals so well. When they were harmonising together they were quite outstanding.'

Speaking to some of the Abba fans after the concert, they said that they had enjoyed a fantastic evening but they were a little disappointed that there hadn't been more people attending.



Above:  
Nyree Burt (left) and Ewa Scott aka Anni-Frid and Agnetha performing on Sunday night. b16abb02



Left:  
Islanders relived the magic of Abba in Brodick Hall on Sunday night.

b16abb01

## Christ is risen!

Reverend Elizabeth Watson reports on the traditional Easter sunrise service at the Viking Fort, Kingscross.

At the Viking Fort, Kingscross, on a lovely calm morning of Sunday April 12, 2009, at 6.05am just under 40 people and three dogs (all Schnauzers!) celebrated the glorious fact that Christ is risen.

It was lovely to welcome two of our youngest ever, young Rachel and Hamish to their first sunrise service. We sang our praise, we spoke with God and we saw a lovely red sunrise over Ayrshire. Since 1983, without a break, Christians have gathered at Kingscross for this service and we have shared great fellowship and much fun together over the years as we have celebrated this most amazing of days.

For Christians, Easter is the time that matters for it speaks clearly of the love of God Almighty for the world. Easter is about the vulnerability of God as He watched His only Son nailed to the Cross and suffer and die so that He could forgive.

Easter is about the power of God as He raised His Son from the dead and exalted Him as the King of Glory. And that is why we gather, no matter how early, no matter what the weather forecast, so that we can worship the One who brings life in all its fullness.

## Charity cyclist

A Cornwall man who is undertaking a mammoth bike ride for charity between Land's End and John O'Groats and back again will stop off in Arran this week.

Mervyn Walker from Wadebridge in Cornwall will be arriving on Arran this Monday and friends of his in Brodick are hoping that islanders will be on hand to welcome him.

The purpose of this challenge is to raise money for the Children's Hospice South West.

His friends, Cams and Lorraine Campbell who own Brodick Post Office, said that Mervyn is looking forward to visiting the island for the first time.

Mervyn left Cornwall on Easter Sunday and will arrive on Arran this Monday (April 20). Cams and Lorraine are organising a raffle to raise funds for Mervyn's charity.

The prize is a giant radio-controlled sports car and tickets can be bought in Brodick Post Office.

# Castle's 'best Easter Sunday ever'

'It was probably our best Easter Sunday ever.'

Brodick Castle administrator Ken Thorburn was describing the traditional family fun day at Arran's premier tourist attraction.

He said: 'We had over 1,200 visitors to the property. Far more than ever before and it was hugely successful. My thanks go to all the staff and the Friends of Brodick Castle group who made it such a great day.'

By 2pm last Sunday all car parks were full and volunteers were acting as stewards to direct cars to park on grass verges all the way up the drive.

Activities ranged from decorating hard-boiled eggs to face painting, an Easter egg trail, whacky plank races on the lawns, an Easter bonnet competition and duck derby.

Winners in the egg painting competition were: 10 years and over, Sophie Dee, six to nine years, Isla Martin, under five, Harry Martin.

There will be other special events at the castle starting with a Viking re-enactment day.



Pictured above is the tiny tots Easter bonnet competition while below right are Gemma Hart from Kilmarnock and Christina Stewart of Glasgow in their Easter bonnets. b16cas07/b16cas06



Pictured left are Ben Driscoll and Ben Bryant-John, both on Arran with a scout camp from Richmond, Surrey. b16cas04



Dave Logan leads the duck derby. b16cas08



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Last week Archie was sitting at Brodick Castle. First with the correct answer was Archie's doggie friend Fleck, the collie cross. She said: 'You're sitting outside Brodick Castle this week. My people always leave me just around the corner where you are, when they go into the castle tearoom.' This week he is among the flowers, but where is that floral display? b16arc01

# Bird Notes for March

By Jim Cassels

Spring is here, and hopefully by now you will have seen your first migrants.

It is an exciting time of year as we wait for the arrival of all of our summer visitors, and see the last of our winter visitors leaving.

March had twice as much rain as February but a dry settled spell from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> seemed to encourage the arrival of the spring migrants.

The first wheatear was reported on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Clauchlands. Last year the first report of wheatear was some eight days later on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

The earliest report for wheatear is March 13 in 2005.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> two sand martins were investigating the nest holes at Sannox sand quarry. Last year the first report was some eleven days later.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> a chiffchaff was heard calling in Whiting Bay. Last year the first report of chiffchaff was some 15 days later on April 4. Our summer visitors should continue to arrive in April.

Look out for white wagtail, swallow, house martin, wil-

low warbler, sandwich tern, common sandpiper, and, who knows, perhaps even cuckoo – a sound of summer.

In March, some of our winter visitors were around including: three waxwings in Brodick on the 7<sup>th</sup>; two purple sandpipers at Kildonan on the 17<sup>th</sup>; over 100 whooper swans flying over Blackwaterfoot on the 19<sup>th</sup>; a greenshank at Clauchlands on the 28<sup>th</sup>; three pairs of golden-eye in Whiting Bay on the 30<sup>th</sup>; and the wintering greylag geese flock in the Shiskine Valley had two barnacle geese and up to 13 pink-footed geese at the end of the month.

Other sightings included: a blackcap in Lamlash on the 2<sup>nd</sup>; a red-necked grebe in Whiting Bay on the 9<sup>th</sup>; 12 black guillemots at Brodick Pier on the 17<sup>th</sup>; a whimbrel at Machrie on the 18<sup>th</sup>; a short-eared owl on the high ground above Whiting Bay on the 20<sup>th</sup> and a great spotted woodpecker in Corrie on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In a previous Bird Notes reference was made to the numbers of siskins passing through gardens.

In 2007, the month when most siskins were reported was February, in 2008 it was January, and this year it has been March, with up to 12 in Blackwaterfoot on the 17<sup>th</sup> and eight in Lamlash on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Spring is a great time to be birding, as most birds are getting on with the business of breeding.

Breeding involves attracting a mate by song, courtship display and ritual, defining a territory, nest building, and generally establishing relationships. Please report any signs of breeding birds to me.

Please remember that under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is being built or used.

Finally, the *Arran Bird Report*



A black guillemot.

for 2008 published by the Arran Natural History Society is now available from shops and other outlets throughout the island. 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. I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



The spectacular fulmar is just one of the wonderful sights to be seen on Arran.

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RSPB Scotland are putting on a range of special walks and events that will bring you closer to the wildlife.

Lucy Wallace, RSPB information officer, said: 'Why not take a saunter up Glen Sannox, or explore the rocky pools along the shore of Scotland's famous first No Take Zone?'

'There is no need even to leave the beaten track as the special wildlife is never far away on Arran.'

'A gentle walk along Brodick Beach or even a telescope on the pier can reveal charismatic

birds including the enchanting black guillemot.'

Lucy will be on hand at all these events to help explain and explore the fantastic wildlife around Arran.

### Wonderful

She is looking forward to a fun packed season. 'Arran is such a wonderful place for enjoying wildlife of all shapes and sizes,' she said.

'Whether we are watching a flock of gannets diving in the bay, or uncovering a tiny hermit crab in a rock pool, the sights and sounds are breathtaking

and there is always something to see.'

The 2009 programme has already started with a well-attended walk along the wild west coast last Friday around the spectacular cliffs of Drumadon Point.

All the events are free, but it is necessary to book the guided walks, as places are limited.

More information and the dates of events can be found on the leaflet at the Tourist Information Centre and other major attractions or by telephoning 07825 644161.



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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday, April 15, 1989

### Identity crisis

Arran will lose its distinct identity if its accommodation register is merged with Mid Argyll, according to tourist operators on the island.

The businesses were responding to the surprise announcement last week by the Tourist Board that they will no longer be producing a single Arran brochure.

Next year the colour brochure being sent out to interested holidaymakers will give equal weight to the Isle of Arran and Mid Argyll.

Where is Mid Argyll? That is one of the problems, they say.

According to the Tourist Board it extends from Inveraray down to Campbeltown and includes Islay, Jura and Giga.

Tourism is undoubtedly Arran's biggest money earner and the principal argument is that the island has a unique identity that cannot be marketed alongside another Scottish region.

Ian Johnston, owner of the Auchrannie Hotel, said: 'This is a direct invitation to go island hopping. What this is doing is reducing Arran to the status of a holiday transit camp.'

'It is a disaster for the island and we should not be incorporated with any other region.'

### Public meeting on NHS

Arran's doctors received overwhelming public support last week when they voiced their objections to the government white paper on the NHS.

More than 150 people attended a meeting in Lamlash to discuss fears about the abolition of Scottish rural practices, raising of the minimum patient list size from 1,000 to 1,500 as well as the pressure on doctors to prescribe the cheapest possible drugs.



Angus Grassie, aged 17, of Shiskine is off on an expedition to Arctic Norway this summer where he will be involved in sea kayaking, scientific fieldwork and adventure. b16twe05

### Looking for something different

Gourmets on the lookout for something different are beating a path to Andy's Place in Lamlash these days.

For recently appearing on the menu is smoked alligator pizzas.

Now if you saw that on the menu you might not believe

that it is genuine smoked alligator all the way from Florida.

But Andy has foreseen that and keeps his alligator receipts especially for the occasional doubting Thomas.

As for the taste; well we haven't tasted them yet!

### Bay survey

The Clyde River Purification Board has plans to conduct surveys in Lamlash Bay to 'get a reasonable picture of the effects of the Marine Harvest Fish Farm operation'.

### Hello and farewell to Glen Sannox

Eight hundred and thirteen people crowded the decks of the MV Glen Sannox last Saturday and at least 100 of them boarded at Brodick to say farewell to this much loved ship.

Fully 'dressed' for her final trip, she sailed from Gourrock, picked up passengers at various points on the way to Brodick, sailed north around the Cock of Arran and down the Kilbrannan Sound to Campbeltown.

First in the queue to get on was Mr Ian Parker from Lamlash with some friends and family.

A 'Clyde Steamer Buff' we asked Ian what he found so special about the Sannox.

'She was always well admired as a useful steamer because of her large passenger capacity,' he said. 'I suppose her main attraction is that she is the last ship built for the Caledonian Steam Packet Company Ltd.'

She was also the first car ferry built for the Arran run and was advanced for her time in being a side loading car ferry.



The Arran 'A' team at the annual rugby sevens tournament on Saturday. Of the ten teams taking part the eventual winners were Heriots from Edinburgh. b16twe01



Jim Meehan who runs the Cooper Angus caravan park in Whiting Bay had to charter the MV Lochranza twice last week to bring his 11 new 12 feet wide caravans into Brodick. b16twe04



A group of ex-seafarers from Shiskine joined to sail together on the farewell cruise of the Glen Sannox last Saturday. Pictured from left to right are: Duncan Duff, Jock Kelso, Tom Pringle, Donald Galbraith, Dave Brambles, Angus Cameron, Bryce Walker, George Brown, Duncan Bannatyne, James Murchie and Jack Murchie. b16twe02



Nearly 100 islanders boarded the Glen Sannox on Saturday as part of her farewell cruise from Arran. b16twe03



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Sat - Over 21's Disco 10pm

Sun - Country / Blues music 9.30pm

Tue - Pop Quiz 10pm

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Brodick Castle, Gardens & Country Park  
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Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick

11am - 4pm  
Loch Garbad, Boat or Bank  
Lamlash  
Auchrannie Spa & Gym  
10.30am - 4.30pm

**SATURDAY 18th APRIL**

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football  
Arran Dancers, Ballet & Jazz, 3 - 18years  
Karate  
Learn to Salsa  
Family Games Kids & Adults  
Fun in the Spa Pool  
Over 21s Disco  
Youth Cafe

Coaching, 10.30am - noon  
Arran High School 10am - 4pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
KA Campus, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7pm

**SUNDAY 19th APRIL**

Country/Blues Music  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Corrie Film Club: Kekexili Mountain Patrol  
Family Games Kids & Adults  
Fun in the Spa Pool  
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes  
Arran War Games

The Ormidale Hotel, 9.30pm  
St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm  
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 8pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
Library Annexe, 1.45pm  
Arran High School 1 - 4pm

**MONDAY 20th APRIL**

Arran Football Association AGM  
Senior Fitness  
Over 50's Badminton  
Badminton  
Cardiac Rehab  
Circuit Training  
Citizens Advice  
AB Attack  
Aerobics Class  
Indoor Cricket  
Weight Wise  
Netball  
Summer Bridge  
Arran Antiquarians

The Ormidale Hotel 7.00pm  
Auchrannie 10am & 11am (Gym)  
Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)  
Open 10am - 2pm  
KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm  
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
High School Sports Hall, 8pm  
High School, 6.45pm  
Brodick Public Hall, 2pm

**TUESDAY 21st APRIL**

Lochranza Swimming Club  
Pop Quiz  
Arran Civic Trust  
Legs Bums & Tums  
Army Cadets  
Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Rotary Club  
Citizens Advice  
Pulmonary Rehab  
Open Music Session  
Indoor Bowling  
Brodick Toddler Group  
Body Conditioning Class  
Country Dancing  
Youth Club  
Senior Fitness  
Arran Civic Trust, AGM  
Arran Civic Trust, Meeting

Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Ormidale Pavillion 7.30pm  
Auchrannie Spa 6pm - 7pm (Studio)  
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Brodick Church Hall - 2pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)  
Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)  
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm  
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm  
Church Hall, 10am - 12pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Kildonan Hall - 6pm  
Auchrannie, 10am - 11am  
Ormidale Pavillion, 7.30pm  
Ormidale Pavillion, 8pm

**WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL**

Hockey  
Core Strength  
Jnr Rugby Training  
Shiskine Beavers  
Aquafizz  
Circuit Training  
Yogalates  
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy  
Kickboxing  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Whiting Bay Toddler Group  
Lamlash Beaver Scouts  
Selt Making Class

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm (Games Hall)  
Auchrannie 5.30 - 6pm  
P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.15pm  
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am (Hotel Pool)  
Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)  
Auchrannie Studio, 10am - 11am (Studio)  
10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm  
KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm  
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm - 9pm  
Ormidale Park, 7.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
Village Hall 10am - 12pm  
High School, 6.15pm - 7.15pm  
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm

**THURSDAY 23rd APRIL**

Senior Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Citizens Advice  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Pilates  
Coffee Morning  
Arran Music & Drama Club Rehearsal  
Cardiac Rehab  
Table Tennis  
KA Jog  
Legs, Bums & Tums Class  
Arran Junior Singers Practise  
Shiskine Cubs  
Scouts  
Lamlash Cubs  
Brodick Toddler Group  
Brodick Bridge Club  
Indoor Bowling  
Junior Tennis

Auchrannie 10am - 11am  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Open 10am - 2pm  
Hall, 2pm  
Auchrannie Studio, 6pm - 7pm  
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym 2pm - 3pm  
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm  
KA Leisure, front reception 5.30pm  
KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm  
Whiting Bay School 6.45pm  
Shiskine Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm  
Shiskine Hall 8pm - 9.30pm  
Arran High School, 6.15pm - 8pm  
Church Hall, 10am - 12pm  
Ormidale Sports Pavilion, 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Hall 7pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5pm - 7pm

**FRIDAY 24th APRIL**

Arran Pipe Band Practice  
Lochranza & Catacol Coffee Morning  
Aquafizz  
Citizens Advice  
Quiz  
Adult Tennis  
Yogalates  
Over 21's Disco  
Corrie & Sannox Coffee Morning

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
10am - 12pm  
Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am  
Open 10am - 2pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 4.00pm - 6.30pm  
Auchrannie 10am - 11am  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Village Hall, 10.30am

**SATURDAY 25th APRIL**

Quiz  
Farmers Market  
Over 21's Disco

Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm  
Kilmory Hall, 11.030am - 3.30pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

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The range of stock is extensive and most of it comes in a once a year shipment direct from Kathmandu.

'I get everything else from Fairtrade wholesalers in Britain.'

Marie's latest popular lines are healing stones and crystals as well as a new stock of hand-beaten singing bowls.

The aromas and atmosphere in the shop are such that to enter Arran Asia you almost feel as though you have been transported to the Indian sub-continent.



Marie Rintoul of Arran Asia with neighbouring shop-keeper Alan Johnston from the Book and Card centre. b16asa01

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# Public Notices

## THE NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (BRODICK PIER, ISLE OF ARRAN) (WAITING & LOADING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2009

On 9 April 2009, the North Ayrshire Council made the above named Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The Order which comes into operation on the 10 June 2009 was advertised in the Arran Banner on the 26 February 2009 and the effect of the Order is as stated in said notice.

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Mhairi, John, Alasdair and Alan would like to thank relatives and friends for their help and support at this difficult time, and also to everyone who sent cards, flowers and messages of sympathy. Special thanks to Drs Greg and Faye Hamill and colleagues at Shiskine Surgery, Doctors and staff at War Memorial Hospital, Lamlash and Crosshouse and also district nurses for their care of Alasdair.

Thanks to Rev Angus Adamson for an uplifting service, D Hendry & Son for funeral arrangements and Kinloch Hotel for catering.

It has been a great comfort to the family. £760 was collected at the church and donated to the Arran Hospice Fund.

**DEATHS**

Campbell – Frank

Peacefully at Isle of Arran War Memorial Hospital on 14th April 2009.

Frank, aged 81 years, beloved husband of Sybil and dear father of Susan and Philip, father-in-law of Michael and Frances, much loved grandfather, great grandfather, family member and friend. Funeral service in Brodick Church on Monday 20th April 2009 and thereafter to Brodick New Cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to British Red Cross Transport and Escort Service or Isle of Arran Hospital and Supporters League.

**ENGAGEMENTS****TURNBULL - JONES**

Jimmy and Jenni Turnbull of Shiskine are delighted to announce the engagement of their dear daughter Leah to Mr Lachlan Jones of Maleny, Queensland, Australia.

**CHURCH NOTICES****CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.

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 Lochranza 9.30am  
 Pirmill 10.45am  
 Shiskine Church 12pm  
 A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 19 April**  
 (Church is on the road between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)  
 Shiskine 11am  
 Sunday School meets in the Church Hall Brodick 7pm  
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 Rev David Karoon  
 All welcome

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Sunday Morning Mass 11am  
 Vigil Mass, 7.30pm

**WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH**

**Sunday 19th April 2009**  
 Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service, and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods. All most welcome. At 6.30pm in the Church, there will be an informal evening service of praise, prayer and discussion. All welcome. Also, thought for this week:

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**Sunday 19th April**  
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 Speaker: Rev Willie Wright  
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**Corrie Golf Club**

Saturday April 11, Millennium Cup, 1 A Napier 61-5=56, 2 D Price 70-12=58, 3 B Rooney 79-18=61. Fixtures: Saturday April 18, Eddie Rankin Trophy, tee-off at 1pm. Saturday April 25, Grouse Qualifier - choose your own partner.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Wednesday April 8, first ladies medal of the year. After a wet and windy day, the evening turned bright and sunny. 1 Mrs Irene Cameron 95-30=65 net, 2 Mrs Jo Hastings 92-22=70 net, scratch won by Jo Hastings. Well done.  
 Saturday April 11, Glenisle mixed fours, 36 played.  
 1 Derek and Catherine Robertson 76-17.5=58.5, 2 Mike Watt and Elma Dougall 82-19.5=62.5, 3 Bob Hastings and Jackie Winship 88-24=64 BIH over Iain and Shona Murchie 84-20=64.  
 Unusually there were no twos recorded.

Sunday April 12, Mixed Texas Scramble, 40 played.

1 M Watt, M Wren, A prior and H rory 54-7.8=46.2, 2 A Crawford, D Robertson, A Winship and A Young 53-5.8=47.2, 3 J Henderson, A Ferrier, B Hastings and A Ferrier 60-9=51.

Fixtures: Sunday April 19, Hugh Hutchison Greensome (pairs) 11am starting time (draw).

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday April 7, Arran Grouse. 1 Marc Blair and Drew Crawford 69-5=64, 2 Brian Sherwood and Willie Kelso 77. Winter Cup winner David Price, runner up Marc Blair. Fixtures: Saturday April 18, Eddie Rankin, Machrie Bay v Corrie at Corrie Golf Club, 1pm tee off with shotgun start. Tuesday April 21, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton 12.30pm/5.30pm tee-off.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Wednesday April 8, Summer Cup, 31 played, CSS 64. 1 A Dobson (8)62 BIH, 2 I MacDonald (8)62 BIH, 3 A McNicol (8)62, scratch E McKinnon 69.

There were 12 twos, Gordon Hendry got two.

This was a remarkable result as the best three scores were all from players with the same handicap and identical scores. Places determined by countback.

Sunday April 12, Belhaven Medal, 28 played, CSS 64. 1 D McKinnie 72(11)61, 2 L Hartley 80(17)63, 3 J Beattie 78(14)64, scratch E McKinnon 69.

There were 10 twos, both John Beattie and Terry Raeside got two.

Next Sunday April 19, Marchioness of Graham Trophy (Bogey), tee-off times from 8.30am and 1 pm. Draw will take place 12pm on Saturday April 18.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Wednesday April 8, 14 played in the first round of the Summer Trophy with some excellent scoring in conditions that were rather wet underfoot.

1 Nicol Auld (0)63 BIH, 2 Wolfi Kroner (15)63 BIH, 3 Gus MacLeod (13)63.

Nicol won scratch with 63 and also had the only magic two of the day at the 11th. Sunday April 12, 36 played in the Easter medal in excellent conditions - and low scoring. 1 John Simmons (19)59 BIH, 2 Stuart Paterson (9)59, 3 David Brookens (13)60 BIH, 4 John Taylor (20)60. Nicol Auld won scratch with a super 61 and there were seven magic twos. Fixtures: Saturday April 18, Mixed Fours Poole Trophy at 10.30am. Sunday April 19, Clarke Trophy, (Stableford). Wednesday April 22, Summer Trophy.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

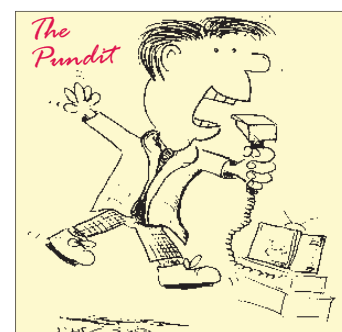
Wednesday April 8, Daniel Ferguson Trophy. Winner Hamish Bannatyne 43.

Thursday April 9, Ladies April 12 Hole Medal. 1 Sally Brookes 62-14=48, 2 Fiona Scott 70-14=56, 3 Jessie Hutton 76-18=58. Best scratch Sally Brookes 62.

Sunday April 13 - April 18 Hole Medal. 1 Graham Andrew 75-10=65, 2 Colin Allison 71-5=66, 3 Jamie Stewart 71-4=67 BIH. Best scratch Colin Allison 71 BIH.

Magic twos from Graham Andrew at the 4th and 12th, Jamie Stewart at the 18th, David Price at the 7th, Duncan Markham at the 4th, Alex Home at the 3rd, Gordon Smith at the 3rd, David Tod at the 7th and Joe Faulkner at the 7th.

Fixtures: Saturday April 25, Brodick v Shiskine postponed to Saturday May 9. Sunday April 26, Rock Plate.

**Todd Carty and the greatest game I've ever seen!**

What a game, what a game! And it's just got even better.

It's now 3-3 with ten minutes remaining and I can still see Liverpool getting back into it. Oh my god!

Even as I am writing this, Liverpool have just gone 4-3 up with little over seven minutes remaining.

This really is the greatest Champions League match I have ever seen!

Great tactical battles all over the pitch, some quality free kicks and some goal keeping Northend's Norman Bond would be embarrassed about!

Every shot looks like it could go in - even one of Anelka's crosses went in - and it really is nail biting stuff.

But the referee has almost ruined it. Players are simply falling over and getting free kicks.

I understand that one member of the rugby team has the nickname 'Campo' - well at least he plays a contact sport.

And football is slowly becoming a non-contact sport.

Surely Fifa have to do something to make the game a bit more physical, and not let the players fly through the air with all the grace of Dancing On Ice's Todd Carty.

Only earlier I was watching a news report in which football's governing body was wanting to crack down on goalkeepers moving inches off their line before penalties.

Yet they're letting players and referees get away with this!?

I don't believe it... Chelsea have scored and now it's 4-4 with two minutes remaining. Frank Lampard has slotted the ball in off both posts.

What a goal, What a game! And now, in all interests of irony, my TV screens are graced with a player rolling about and holding his leg as if he's been shot; this is ruining the game.

Only a minute ago did I realise that it was sweat on Drogba's shirt, and not water from his local swimming pool.

Something needs to be done. But hopefully this game isn't used as an example - it really has been more than that.

Full time. 4-4. Chelsea through 7-5 on aggregate. What a game. What a game...

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# Rugby sevens in focus



Arran's lock Niall McMaster takes to his heels after Ewan Stewart whipped his towel away to reveal his hidden assets, much to the amusement of the crowd. b16rug05



2009 Arran rugby sevens champions Marr. b16rug07



Arran President's Seven with inspirational leader Murray Boal on the right. b16rug03



## Bar Eden are pool league champions

The Arran Pool League has come to an end with the Bar Eden confirmed as league winners with an amazing 56 points.

The team from Whiting Bay lost only one match all season against the Drift Out to secure their place at the top.

The also claimed the much coveted Gallon of Beer trophy after winning the most

beer throughout the season.

It was a good season for the Drift Out from Lamlash who finished in second place, 16 points behind the winners.

### Third Place

Corrie and Cameronia fought it out for third place with the Whiting Bay team claiming the position in the final few weeks.

Below is the full list of winners throughout the sea-

son: League Winners – Bar Eden; Runners Up – Drift Out; Gallon of beer – Bar Eden; Knock-Out shield – winner Bar Eden; Second chance salver – Drift Inn; Arran Open Winner – Euan Ingram; Ladies Open – Karen Copperwheat; Arran Singles – Euan Ingram; Arran Doubles – Nicol Auld and Arthur Duncan; Champion of Champions – Glen Willis.

	P	W	D	L	Pts	GoB
Bar Eden	21	18	2	1	56	16
Drift Out	21	11	7	3	40	11
Cameronia	21	8	7	6	31	13
Corrie	21	7	6	1	8	27
PT1934	21	7	4	10	25	10
Catacol	21	6	6	9	24	10
PHT	21	5	4	12	19	6
Kildonan	21	3	2	16	11	6

It takes three players to stop Chris Marriott as he rolled back the years with a stirring performance for the Arran President's Seven. b16rug02

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The Arran Sevens team with Niall McMaster fresh from the showers.

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Plate winners Biggar with captain Alasdair Walker second from right in back row.

b16rug06

# Marr lift 2009 Arran rugby sevens crown

Marr Rugby Club crossed the water from Troon to lift the Arran Society of Glasgow Cup as champions at the 26th annual Arran rugby sevens tournament last Saturday.

Alasdair Walker, originally of Shiskine, once again captained the Biggar team who were overall winners last year but had to settle for next best this time by winning the plate final.

Nine teams entered the competition, a considerable reduction on last year's entry of 15 teams, but it still gave a large crowd almost six hours of entertaining and non-stop sevens rugby throughout the afternoon.

The teams were split into two leagues of four and five and played in a round robin format.

Arran Rugby Club fielded two teams, Arran and as usual, a scratch team called the President's Seven.

Apart from a 37 points to five mauling by eventual plate winners Biggar, the Arran team acquitted itself very well. The boys gave Hillhead Jordanhill, eventual runners-up, a tough game, just losing 33 - 21.

Then in their last game they defeated the Marr second string in a 21 - 19 thriller.

The President's Seven were in the five-team league and managed to lose all four of

their games but put up a spirited fight to go down by three points, 22 - 19 to Loch Lomond.

Their other results were 22 - 14 against Newton Stewart, 41 - 5 against champions Marr and 47 - 5 against Garnock. The President's men were inspired by their mercurial leader Murray Boal and by some stirring performances from experienced hands like Ian 'Loci' MacDonald, Donald 'Addie' Adamson and Chris Marriott. (see also page 13, 20 years ago).

The plate final between Biggar and Newton Stewart was surprisingly one-sided with the Biggar club running out

comfortable 28 - 0 winners.

However, the Arran Sevens final proper was a desperately close contest. Marr looked to be cruising to victory with five minutes to go, leading 21 - 7 with three converted tries. Then Hillhead Jordanhill struck back with two converted tries in quick succession to tie the scores. The Marr boys lifted themselves for one final effort and scored the winning try to make the final score 28 - 21. Marr captain Andrew Gault received the Arran Society of Glasgow Cup from Maureen McDonald of the Arran Banner, co-sponsors of Arran Rugby Club along with Murchie Sand and Gravel.



Marr captain Andrew Gault receives the Arran Society of Glasgow Cup from Maureen McDonald of the Banner.

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