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Rugby player hit by police van has both legs amputated

'An independent inquiry is being held by Central Scotland Police into the incident'

REPORT
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A young rugby player who was hit by a police van on Arran last week has had both his legs amputated.

Daniel Gallagher, 22, has been fighting for his life since being hit by the van ten days ago in Brodick.

Last Saturday it emerged that, despite their efforts, surgeons had failed in their bid to save Mr Gallagher's legs. His condition has been described as 'critical'.

Mr Gallagher was airlifted to the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow following the accident directly in front of Bilslands at around 10pm on 7 April.

As well as injuries to his legs, the player, from Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, suffered internal bleeding from the impact of the police van.

A spokeswoman for Strathclyde Police said: 'Investigations into the accident are ongoing and Mr Gallagher remains in a critical condition.'

'An independent inquiry is being held by Central Scotland Police into the incident.'

'No report has yet been submitted to the procurator fiscal.'

Prayers were said for Mr Gallagher and his family at the weekend by local minister Rev

Angus Adamson at the Arran Rugby Club annual dinner.

Mr Adamson said: 'The whole island community has been touched by this dreadful situation and the thoughts of us all are with Daniel, his folks – and, indeed, with the policewoman who was driving the van.'

'I have been involved in rugby for a long time and it is highly unusual for prayers to be said at a club dinner.'

'But on this occasion everyone thought it was wholly appropriate.'

'It was something of a miracle that he survived the accident in the first place and we are all rooting for him.'

Just hours before the incident, Mr Gallagher had been playing for the Buchan Broncos in the Arran RFC Easter Sevens tournament.

The Peterhead side had been invited to the sevens tournament through the island's rugby club's links with their skipper, Ewan Rogerson, who used to live on Arran.

The accident happened shortly before the traditional after-match dance at Brodick village hall.

Peter Oliphant, one of Mr Gallagher's friends at Peterhead RFC, has launched a campaign on Facebook for rugby players to change their profile pictures to ones of them wearing kit as a gesture of support for the injured player.



Hayley Smith, Caitlin Crawley, Nadia Smith and Zoe Smith had their faces painted at the Lochranza Daffodil Tea.

Photo Terry Crawley

Easter Daffodil Tea fun at Lochranza

Easter Saturday saw the annual Daffodil Tea in Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall with an excellent turnout, particularly of children.

They enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in the gardens, face painting by Jill Bain and an Easter card competition.

Young ladies Ellis and Caitlin Crawley from Reading and Hayley, Nadia and Zoe Smith from Tillicoultry helped by selling cards.

It was a great success thanks to Kate Hartley and her team, with a total of £1,100 raised for hall funds.

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Arran's MoonWalk ladies limber up

Ten Arran ladies are taking part in the 2012 MoonWalk on 9 June in Edinburgh.

Two are doing the Full Moon of 26.2 miles, and eight, all working at Arran High School, are doing the Half Moon of 13.1 miles.

For the seventh consecutive year, thousands of women and men will be walking through the night in the capital to raise funds and awareness of breast cancer.

Entries for the Full Moon are now closed, but entries for the Half Moon are still open until next Friday 27 April.

We hope to have a report on the 10 Arran ladies and their training schedule in next week's Banner. Anyone wishing to sponsor them should contact Arran High School.

Necklace lost

A t-bar fastening necklace was lost in either Lamlash or Brodick two weeks ago.

It has great sentimental value and the owner would love to have it back.

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Police divers carry out search for missing yachtsman

Police looking for the remains of a missing yachtsman brought in a team of specialist divers at the weekend after items belonging to the man were found close to the Lochranza pontoon.



Officers from the police underwater unit spent the weekend searching the area around the Lochranza Pontoon and Cock of Arran. Photo by T Crawley

It is feared that Brian Michael Martin, aged 54, from Milton Keynes disappeared overboard on January 18 after his yacht was found drifting in the Kilbrannan Sound.

Officers from the Strathclyde Police Underwater Unit were called to Lochranza on Saturday after divers repairing the pontoon discovered a number of items, which it was later confirmed did belong to the missing man.

Local sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'A number of items were found at the end of last week that belonged to Mr Martin.'

Grid searches

'Police divers carried out grid searches of areas around the pontoon and also carried out an extensive search within a one mile radius of the Cock of Arran.'

Sergeant MacKay emphasised that the investigation is ongoing and that Mr Martin's family are very appreciative of the support from Arran's emergency services and community following his disappearance.

Blue bin information roadshow

North Ayrshire Council Waste Awareness Officers visited Arran on Thursday 5 April to advise residents of the improvements to their blue bin kerbside recycling service.

They spent several hours in the lobby of Brodick Co-op and handed out 600 leaflets to shoppers.

Arran residents can now recycle glass from the kerbside for the first time in their blue bin. The blue bin can be used to recycle even more plastics such as plastic bags, food and fruit trays and yoghurt pots.

Hard rigid plastics such as small toys and empty plant pots can also be recycled in the blue bin.

North Ayrshire Council's Head of Environment and Related Services, Craig Hatton, said: 'More than 600 leaflets were handed out, with positive feedback received from residents who welcomed the extended range of material that can now be recycled at the kerbside.'

The most frequently asked questions related to the existing bottle banks and whether people could request an additional blue bin.

A review of bottle banks will take place in 12 months once the scheme has been fully implemented and residents are using their blue bins to recycle glass.

There will still be recycling points available on Arran for residents to recycle while they are on the go.

Residents can request an additional blue bin but are asked to try using their existing blue bin first.

A request for an extra blue bin can be made at the Council Offices in Lamlash.

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Shoplifting

A 72-year-old man from Lochranza was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for alleged shoplifting in the Brodick Co-op store on Monday.

Farewell

After three years on the island PC John Kerr has returned to a post in Glasgow. We wish him well in his new position.

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Arran ferries to get life-saving defibrillator devices

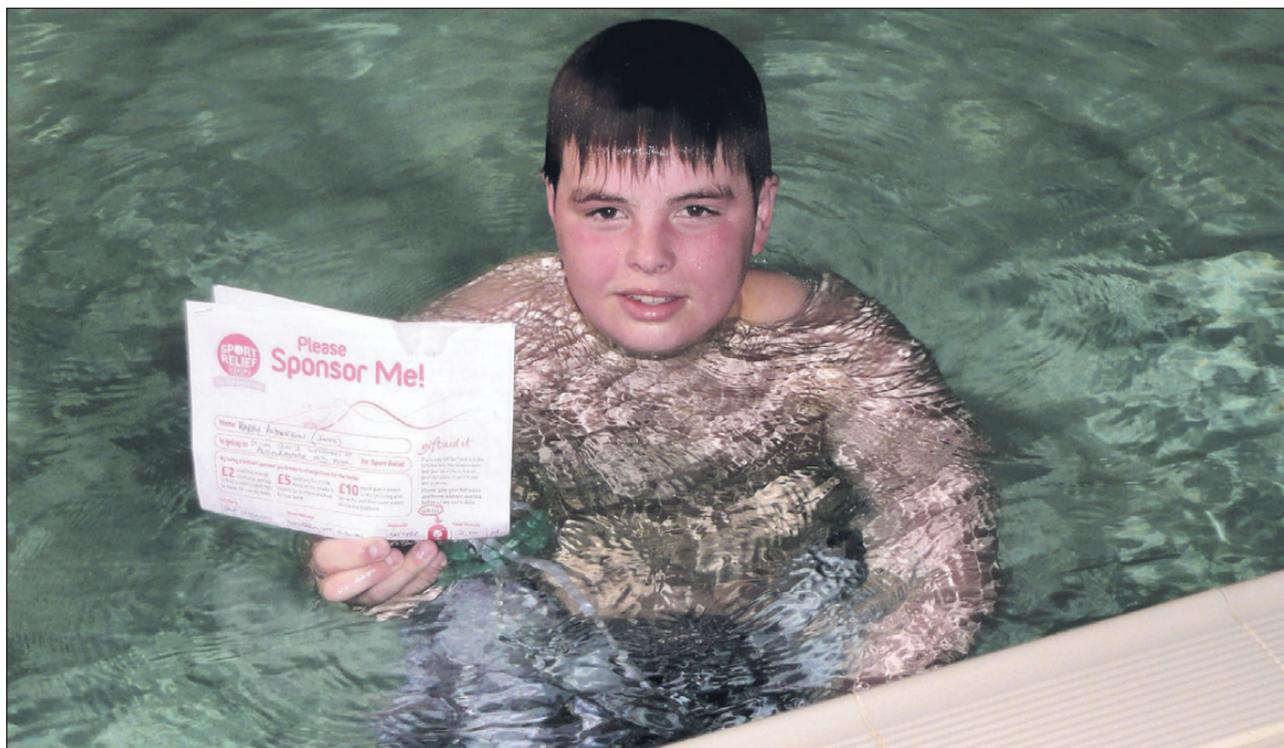
Life-saving defibrillator equipment is to be installed on Arran's two ferries. Caledonian MacBrayne vessels across the west of Scotland will soon be fitted with automated external defibrillation devices thanks to a partnership between the ferry operator, British Heart Foundation (BHF) Scotland and the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Under the agreement, BHF Scotland will co-fund the equipment and the Scottish Ambulance Service will train CalMac crews in their use and provide ongoing support.

CalMac's interim managing director Gary Robertson, said: 'We have been wrestling with a number of issues around the deployment of these devices on ferries for many years and are delighted to have found a partnership solution that enables us to provide this valuable public access defibrillator service.'

'We are very grateful to BHF Scotland, which has helped us identify the type of device which is best suited for deployment on our ferries and to the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) for agreeing to train crew members to use them initially and into the future. SAS also will act as clinical advisors.'

He added: 'It will take a little time to install them on all our vessels and train the crews as necessary, but we hope to have them available initially on the large ferries as soon as possible and the smaller vessels after that. In addition to being available for crew members to use, they will be sited in public areas of the ships so can be used by members of the public too.'



Fourteen-year-old Harry Anderson swam 25 miles at Auchrannie for Sport Relief. b16swm01

Young Harry swims for Sport Relief

Harry Anderson of Brodick has just swum over 25 miles for the Sport Relief charity fundraiser.

Fourteen-year-old Harry completed 2,012 lengths of Auchrannie pool last Saturday.

2,012 lengths of the pool equates to 25 miles or over 40 kilometres - considerably further than swimming the English Channel.

His mum Shirley said: 'Harry won the Arran Primary Schools champions' race in May 2010.'

'He is a strong swimmer and thought it would be a dif-

ferent way of raising money. He set himself a target of doing 2,012 lengths during the Easter school holidays.'

Dad, also Harry, explained: 'Young Harry was very taken with David Walliams' epic 140-mile swim for Sport Relief.'

Actor Walliams completed the 140 miles from Lechlade to London in eight days in March, but suffered stomach problems and severe exhaustion along the way.

Young Harry had a programme of 155 lengths of the pool each day of the school holidays.

Shirley said: 'He probably had too many chocolate eggs on Easter Sunday and only managed 100 lengths.'

'But he made up for it the following day with 302 lengths in one go.'

'The staff at Auchrannie were great - they set up a special lane for Harry and he used whichever of the two pools was the quieter each day.'

'He celebrated completing his challenge last Sunday by climbing Goat Fell!'

So far Harry has raised just over £600 and sponsor forms

will be in the Book and Card Centre in Brodick for a few more days.

Weekend callouts for Coastguard teams

Clyde Coastguard were called to investigate a report of a flare in the vicinity of Pladda on Saturday night, which was attributed to a submarine exercising in the area.

Meanwhile on Sunday the Arran Coastguard Rescue Team were called out to the vessel 'Force 8' after it had caught its propeller on a mooring line in Lamlash.

The vessel was later freed by a local diver.

Roads special funding on agenda

The next monthly meeting of Arran Community Council will be on Tuesday 24 April at 7.30pm in the Ormidale Pavilion.

The agenda will include an update on the preparation of a special case appeal for funding for Arran's roads.

All Arran folk are welcome and may make a contribution by prior arrangement through the chair, John Inglis.

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Easter sport camps prove fun for youngsters

More than 40 of Arran's primary school children took part in the Easter sports camps at Arran High School last week.

They enjoyed a variety of different games and sports including, volleyball, short tennis,

football, athletics, assault course, relays, golf, hockey, dodgeball and other fun games.

The feedback showed that they all had great fun and are looking forward to similar events during the summer break.

£200,000 awards for four projects

Over £200,000 has just been awarded to four Arran projects by Argyll and the Islands LEADER Local Action Group.

At its 17th decision-making meeting in Dunoon on Thursday 15 March the group agreed to award £209,750 to the four projects.

£20,250 goes to Arran Community and Voluntary Service for elderly peoples' services and £2,000 to Arran Theatre and Arts Trust for the Arran Open Studios project.

The group also awarded £60,000 to VisitArran for Arran: The Island – Destination

Development. The fourth Arran award and largest of the 15 awards across Argyll and The Islands was £127,500 to North Ayrshire Council for the Holy Isle Gateway Project.

Construct

This project is to construct a new all-season jetty on Holy Isle to enable boats to come and go in all weather conditions.

A Holy Isle spokesperson said: 'Our jetty is beginning to show signs of wear and tear and has always been a difficult place to land in bad weather. Things can be especially difficult for peo-

ple with mobility issues and wheelchair users.'

North Ayrshire Council leader David O'Neill and chief executive Elma Murray visited Holy Isle on 29 April 2011 and met with Lama Yeshe Rinpoche, director of Holy Isle project.

They toured the isle and the Centre for World Peace and saw the condition of the jetty and paths.

The spokesperson added: 'We need lots of help fundraising for the £3000,000 required to complete the jetty project and we are keen to recruit volunteers to help with the path work.'

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A'chir ridge training for AMRT

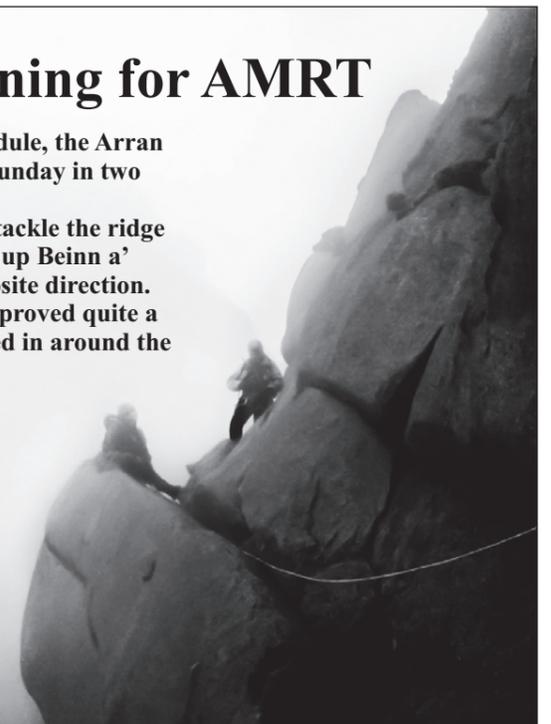
As part of their winter training schedule, the Arran Mountain Rescue Team set off last Sunday in two groups heading for the A'chir ridge.

One group set off up Glen Rosa to tackle the ridge North to South and the other group, up Beinn a' Chliabhain tackling it from the opposite direction.

A spokesman for the team said: 'It proved quite a tricky traverse as the weather clagged in around the summits and the temperatures were lower than expected.'

The picture was taken of two team members perched at the top of what is called the banister on A'Chir itself, quite an exposed area to say the least!

A great training day was had by the whole team.



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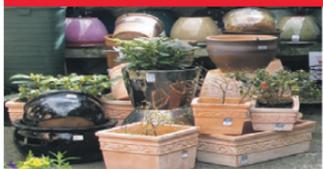
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Arran whisky barrels used to smoke local fish products

'It is important for us to see the casks further recycled'

Creelers of Arran have been smoking fish on the island for 22 years and through their Arran Smoked Products are more committed than ever to providing top quality, fresh, local produce.

And for the first time, the wood they are using in their Brodick smokehouse also now comes from Arran.

Owner Tim James is using the shavings of old whisky casks from the Isle of Arran Distillery to smoke his fish.

He said: 'We've always used whisky barrels in our smokehouse from the coop-erage at Broxburn.

'But we thought it would make more sense to use barrels from the island's distillery as they are much easier to access.'

Tim explained that the staves from each barrel are planed down and it is the shavings that are used in the smoking process.

Different

Each year they will use about 100 casks to smoke several different kinds of fish.

Faye Black, the distillery's visitor centre manager said that they are keen to promote other island products by

working with Arran's other food producers.

'These casks have really come to the end of their lives in the whisky industry,' she said.

'When they come to us they are already second hand as they have been used before to carry port, sherry or wine.

'So it is important for us to see them further recycled and Tim using them at the smokehouse is the perfect solution.'

All of the Arran Smoked Products can be purchased from the smokehouse in Brodick and at various other outlets across the island.



Tim James of Arran Smoked Products is using casks from the island's distillery to smoke his fish. He is pictured with Faye Black, the distillery's visitor centre manager.

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Model trains Easter success

The Open Gardens Model Trains exhibition at Alan and Ruth Thompson's Lamlash home last weekend raised £535 for the Smile Train charity.

Alan established an impressive model railway at 47 Murray Crescent 16 years ago and he and Ruth have opened their gardens for various charities several times a year ever since.

Ruth said: 'It was very well supported, despite variable weather.

'Many children as well as grown-ups enjoyed watching the trains, walking round the garden, and sharing home bakes.

'Really generous giving totalling £535 is being sent to the Smile Train charity which treats cleft-lip and cleft palate problems of young children.

'Thanks to all for this great result.'

Alan and Ruth's garden will be open again this Saturday 21 April and the trains will be running from 10am to 5pm.

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The guests at the preview of Arran Visual Arts Easter exhibition in the Community Theatre on Friday night. 02_b16ava01

New home for Visual Arts in Community Theatre

Arran Visual Arts held their Easter exhibition in Lam-lash Community Theatre last week.

In her opening comments at the preview on Friday night, chairperson Jan McGregor said: 'We have 158 exhibits on show from 51 members. 'After eight years in Kilmory Hall, some of the committee members felt it was time for a change, so that is why we are here at the High School.

Thanks are due to the staff of KA Leisure who have been most helpful.

'Also a big thanks to the

hanging committee; it is always a challenge to hang pictures correctly. And we are indebted to Dave Tapson and Rorie Rutherford for making the show stands.'

Exhibits

The exhibits ranged in price from an oak dining table by Dave Samuels at £1,700 to an oak pestle and mortar by Phil Holmes at just £12.

After the exhibition Jan said: 'The footfall was pretty good; we had about 540 visitors over the six days.

'The notes in the comments book were very positive and the artists seemed to like the

new setting.'

Visitors voted for the People's Choice which went to Marjorie McDougall for her silk painting of three ladies called 'Are your feet not killing you?'

Second and third was Jim McIntosh with oil paintings of Arran peaks, and fourth, fifth and sixth was Angela Elliott-Walker with acrylic and mixed media.

In total 35 of the works were sold for £2,772.

The summer exhibition of Arran Visual Arts will be held in Lochranza and Catacol Hall at the end of July.

British Legion to visit aircraft museum

The Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion is running a day trip to the Dumfries and Galloway aircraft museum on

Thursday May 3 and have a few seats left on the coach.

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Herbal Medicine apprenticeships available on Arran

An apprenticeship in herbal medicine is a new opportunity on the island.

Maureen and Keith Robertson, Medical Herbalists of Drimlabarra Herb Farm, Kildonan are offering a unique opportunity to share their wealth of knowledge with a new apprenticeship programme aimed at teaching participants about growing, identifying, harvesting, drying, processing and using medicinal herbs throughout one complete season.

Maureen and Keith founded and ran the Scottish School of Herbal Medicine in Glasgow, training many professional

herbalists for over 18 years and also achieved a world first in fielding a Masters degree in Herbal Medicine.

They have now moved firmly away from academia to teach in a much more experiential and practical hands-on setting. They are recruiting a number of apprentices to work with them over one growing season, either live-in or visiting.

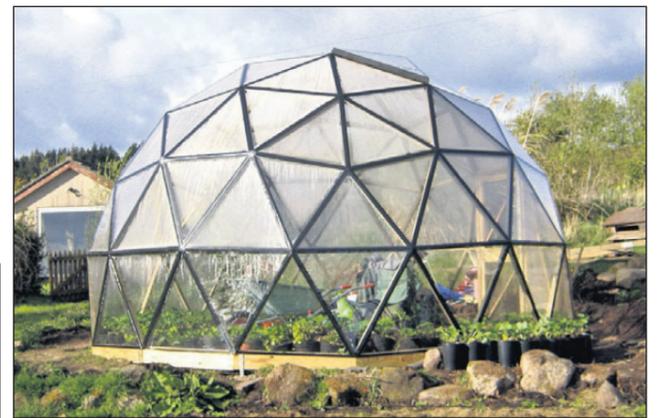
The main focus will be four x 4-day blocks over the Spring and Summer with regular contact in between. The weekend dates are: 21 - 22 April, 26 - 27 May, 30 June - 1 July and 21 - 22 July.

If you are interested, you can also attend any or all of the Saturday and Sundays without having to sign up to the whole programme.

They have just erected a beautiful geodesic dome greenhouse to extend their indoor growing and teaching activities and have been approached recently by the Ve-

gan Organic Network to trial different varieties of soft fruit using stock-free techniques to ascertain their commercial viability.

The series starts with a herb walk on Friday 20 April at 6pm to 7.30pm and interested parties should contact Maureen on 01770 820338 or visit www.veganherbal.com



Maureen and Keith's new geodesic dome greenhouse at Drimlabarra. b16herb01

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Test site as new barriers come to Ardrossan harbour train crossing

Never zig-zag around the barriers - only cross when they are fully raised

From the end of April, as part of Network Rail's commitment to further improving safety at level crossings, a new half barrier system will be introduced to Ardrossan harbour.

At the moment, this crossing is one of only a few in Scotland with no barriers.

Drivers heading for Arran or travelling from the ferry will be greeted by an experimental new barrier system within a couple of hundred yards of the Ardrossan harbour ferry terminal. This is a test site, and if successful, the compa-

ny plans to roll out the system to a further 21 crossings, all in the Highlands.

The two half barriers will operate alongside existing safety measures of flashing lights and a warning alarm.

Users are reminded to check that all warnings have stopped and the barriers are fully raised before crossing the railway.

What does it look like?

There is a half barrier on both sides of the railway, warning lights and an audible alarm. When down, the barriers only go across half the

road, blocking the entrance to the crossing and leaving the exit clear. A telephone number to contact railway staff will be provided.

How does it work?

When a train approaches, an alarm will sound and the lights will show amber and then flash red. Then the barriers are lowered automatically across the entrance to the crossing, leaving the exit clear.

If you are driving a large or slow moving vehicle you may need to contact railway staff before crossing. Signs



A train passing over the Ardrossan Harbour level crossing on Monday. b16rail01

will instruct you on how to do so.

Level crossing users should cross only when it is safe to do so, and ensure they are familiar with the following user information:

How to use the crossing

Drive carefully up to the crossing and be ready to stop behind the white line.

Before entering the crossing ensure your exit is clear.

If the amber light is on or

red lights are flashing you must stop behind the white line.

If you have already crossed the white line when the amber light comes on, keep going.

If the red lights keep flashing after a train has passed, wait - another train is coming.

Never zig-zag around the barriers - only cross when they are fully raised, the lights go off and the alarm stops.

Pedestrians

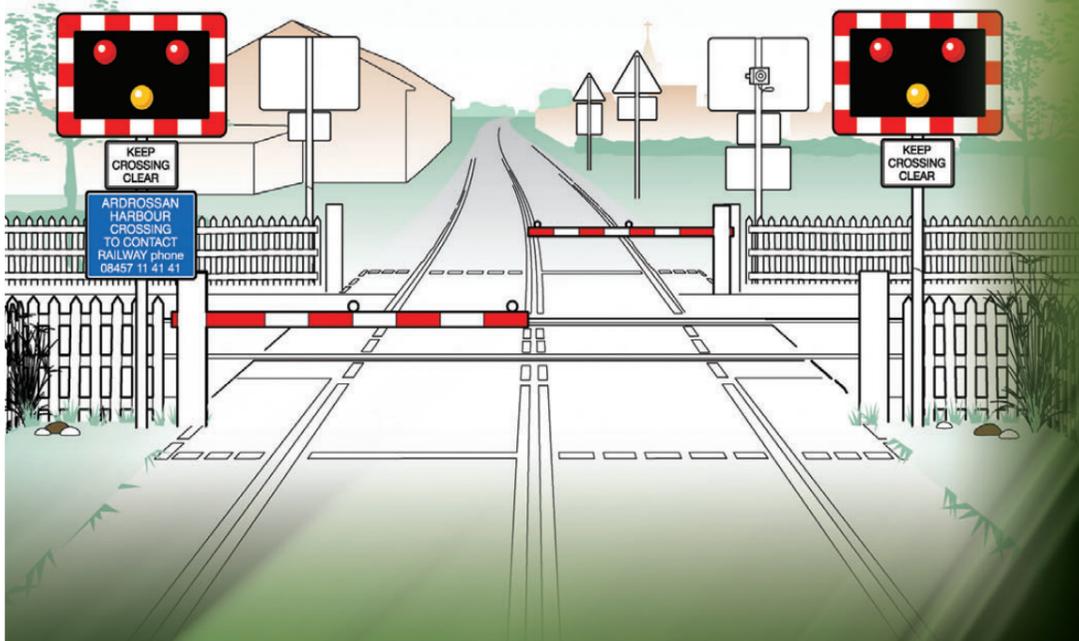
If you hear the alarm do not cross, if you are already on the crossing, keep going.

Stop in a safe place outside the barrier until the barrier is raised, the lights go off and the alarm stops - there will often be a white line showing you where to wait.

Some crossings have tactile paving so if you are blind or partially sighted you know where to wait.

NetworkRail

New level crossing barriers coming to Ardrossan Harbour soon



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The gloves are off

Polling day on Thursday 3 May is just two weeks away and we are now in the run-up to the 2012 local elections. Many people will find it difficult to get excited about these elections, but their importance cannot be over-emphasised.

Last Thursday 12 April the first election campaign posters appeared on Arran lampposts.

Two local gentlemen from a political party were visiting each village and fixing posters, with the aid of a pair of stepladders, to just about every post they could find.

No doubt others will be blossoming onto the Arran landscape soon.

We trust that these will be removed promptly from street furniture on Friday 4 May. Just how much a profusion of posters influences voters remains to be seen.

What is certain however is that these elections are probably the most important ones to the man (and woman) in the street.

North Ayrshire Council, like every other local authority, is responsible for running and maintaining a wide range of services that affect every part of our daily lives. As much as Holyrood and Westminster elections have major national prominence, it can be argued that local authority elections are the ones that really count.

Voters in the Ardrossan and Arran Ward 5 are fortunate to have a choice of 10 candidates this year. They cover a full party political and independent spectrum, but only four will be successful.

In next week's Banner we will be publishing statements from the candidates, complete with a mug shot, which could go some way to helping you to make up your mind.

Next Thursday 26 April there will be an election hustings meeting in Brodick Hall at 7.30pm when each of the candidates has the opportunity to state their case and answer questions from the public.

Our experience is that these occasions are usually very polite affairs with the candidates being on their best behaviour, but also with a few strident voices from the usual suspects in the audience. Make an effort to be there, but most importantly, make sure that you cast your vote on May 3.

At the last local election in 2007, just over half the electorate voted.

Throughout history, people have sacrificed their lives fighting for the right to vote – the least you can do is pop along to the polling station and make your mark.

Only then do you have the right to moan if your Council does not come up to scratch.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'
(Micah 6:8)

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Letters to the Editor



Hot cross buns heist

Sir,
Arriving at Brodick on Good Friday for our annual Easter holidays, our first stop was to Wooleys to buy some of their excellent hot cross buns; really delicious.

They had obviously been popular that morning, as you would expect, and there were none to be had immediately.

We couldn't wait the 40 minutes, so ordered and paid for some as we planned to be in Brodick later that day.

Our order was carefully noted by name as was our return time of 3.30ish.

Just after 3.30pm, we returned to Wooleys to collect our treat, only to find that, to our amazement, the said buns had already been collected, just before 3.30pm, with the 'collector' asking for 'Mrs Prices' hot cross buns which had already been paid for'.

Fortunately for us, the person who served us earlier was still there and remembered us, and realising what had happened generously replaced the buns for us.

Perhaps there was someone so desperate that they needed to have our eight hot cross buns as their only source of food that day.

As it was Easter, no one would deny them this.

Perhaps, though, it was a case of opportunism, and in this case we all hoped that they suffered indigestion, even though they were indeed excellent Wooleys hot cross buns.

Yours,
Ian and Jenny Price
The Whiskers
Bradford

Music Festival for Whiting Bay

Sir,
Whose idea was it to move the Music Festival from the friendly atmosphere of Whiting Bay Village Hall to the formality of the High School Theatre?

Obviously it was not someone who values our village halls and their traditions.

For upwards of 50 years Whiting Bay Hall has host-

ed the Music Festival in a way that caters for all ages, but particularly the younger ones, with the advantage of the main hall and stage and the lesser hall.

People can come and go, nip out to the shops, or to the café for a tea or coffee.

Mums can come in with baby buggies to see their older children perform and then leave without any bother. Also, the acoustics are much better than at the school.

Please, reconsider for next year.

Yours,
Muriel Park
9A Murray Place
Lamlash

Sympathy and support

Sir,
With reference to last week's front-page story about the terrible accident when the rugby-playing visitor was so seriously injured; I do hope the other victim - the police-woman driver - is not being ignored.

The incident must be the worst experience of her life and she will have been very badly affected by what happened.

Cops are human beings, they aren't all hard-nuts and she deserves sympathy and support too.

Yours,
Meg Henderson
By e-mail

Fire thank you

Sir,
We would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the local fire brigade, family, neighbours and friends for their quick response and assistance for which they are very grateful.

Yours,
DS (senior) and Margo Bannatyne
Blackwaterfoot

Apostrophe taxis

Sir,
I was taken with your article in last week's Banner about punctuation and apostrophes.

I have always wondered why there was an apostrophe in the advert for Mainland Taxis.

Maybe you can put my mind at rest!

I enjoy reading the Banner and your column. It then does the rounds.

Yours,
Mrs A H Pollock
Flat 18
The Dell
6 Maryville Avenue
Giffnock

Defecating dogs

Sir,
I was out on last Sunday walking while my daughter rode her pony.

We were coming up the track between Sandbraes and Kings Cross; a short distance in front of us two women were walking two small grey dogs.

One of the dogs defecated in the short grass beside the track, neither made any attempt to clear this up.

When we caught up to them one dog started barking aggressively at the pony, and the woman apologised.

I passed a comment that 'it wasn't surprising that she couldn't control her dog as she had let it poo on the path and not cleared it up'.

She responded by querying if the pony ever defecated? No sign of contrition there!

Can I point out that my cousin's daughter was blinded by an infection picked up from dog faeces.

Many local children use that path, including my own, and her attitude astounded me.

Can I suggest in future she either picks up after her dogs or leaves them at home to poo on her own land.

Yours,
Gavin Mutch
Kings Cross

Open Sundays at Sannox

Sir,
Sannox Church will be open on Sunday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm to give access to the community and all interested in seeing and hearing the plans for restoration and development of the site and the Charity leading the project.

We are looking for your support and also for ways we can support you, the Churches and the Communities of Arran and beyond.

We also want to hear your stories of Sannox and share your hopes and vision for the future.

Both the Church and Dundarroch will be open, with hospitality offered in Dundarroch where the plans and historical photographs of Sannox Church can be viewed.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours,
David Kelso
Sannox



Exercise Joint Warrior begins

A major military exercise involving troops from across Europe and North America has been taking place off the shores Arran.

Warships, submarines and aircraft have all been spotted near Arran as part of Exercise Joint Warrior.

Jim Arnold of Whiting Bay sent us this picture of a ship anchored almost in Trareoch Bay, off the Largiebeg point on Saturday.

He said: 'I don't think even the Waverley comes in this close! The flag was red, white and blue, horizontal bars top to bottom, which I think makes her Dutch.' b16mil01NO

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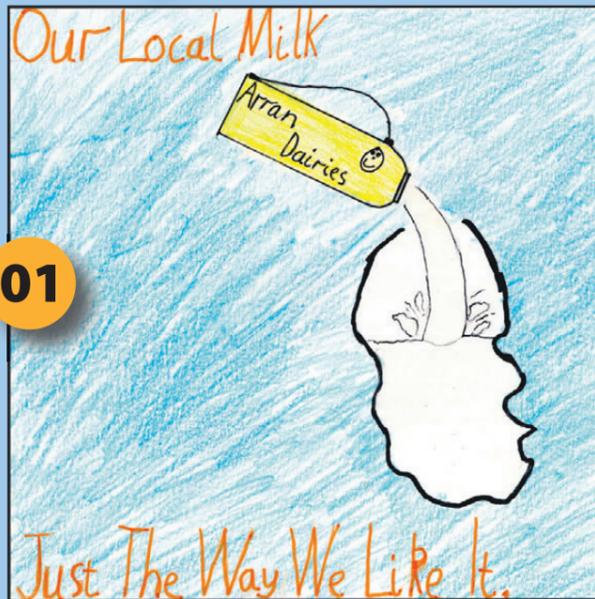
Vote for your winner!

Arran Dairies – the island’s milk and ice cream producer – has been running an exciting competition to find a fresh design for their milk cartons.

After collating the hundreds of entries from Arran’s schoolchildren – it’s time for you to vote for the winner.

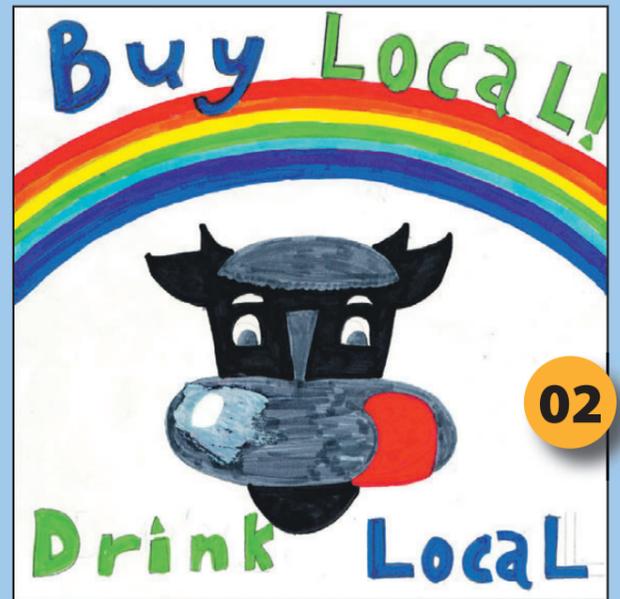
The Brodick based family run company has been overwhelmed by entries but has finally narrowed it down to the four best entries that represent all that is good about Arran milk.

The winner will receive their height in delicious Arran Dairies Ice Cream and will also have their winning entry on Arran Dairies Milk bottles from May 2012 onwards.



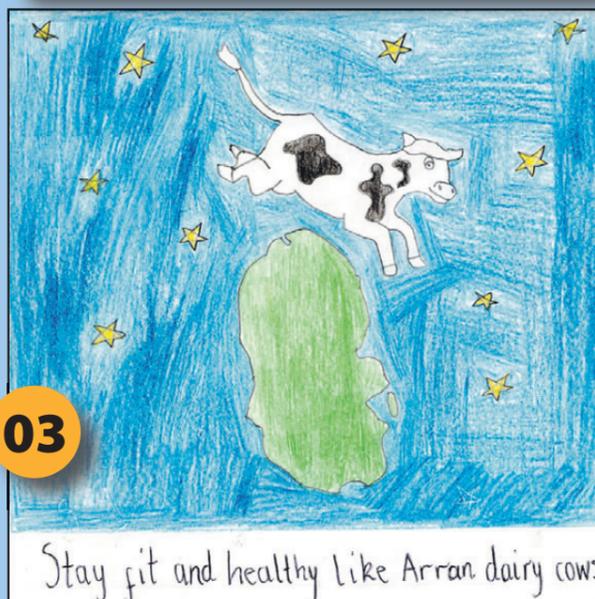
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Trefor Goronwy, aged 12, Corrie



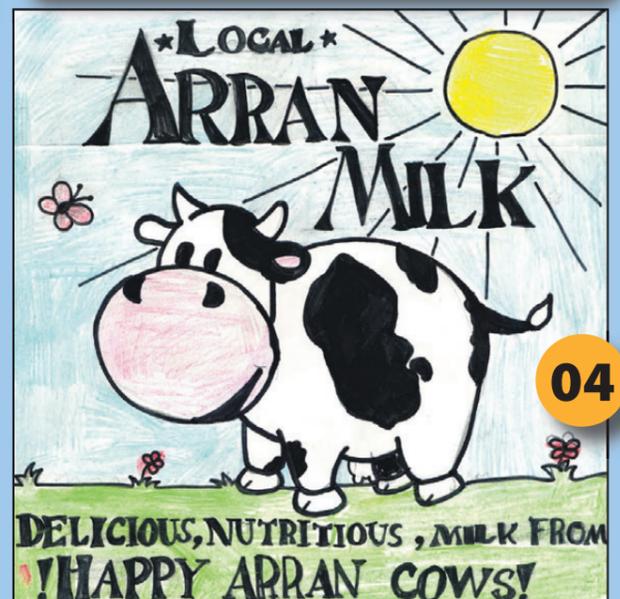
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Louise Shankland, aged 11, Lamlash



03

Iona MacKenzie, aged 10, Kings Cross



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Saskia Thorburn-Eaddy, aged 12, Corrie



Arran Dairies
Your local dairy

For your chance to see all of the competition entries, come along to the Brodick Co-op this Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21.

There are more than 100 fantastic ideas for the new Arran Dairies label and each and every one of them will be on display. There will also be a chance to sample some local Arran Dairies Milk.

Votes must be registered by 12noon, Monday, April 30, 2012.

How to vote

Readers can vote for their favourite milk bottle design by post, using the coupon provided on this page, or by text. You can vote as many times as you like until 12noon, Monday, April 30, 2012.

By text (UK & Northern Ireland only)

To vote by text, text AD followed by a space then the 2 digit code provided on each entry to 81441. Text messages cost £1 plus one message at standard network rate. Votes must be registered by 12noon, Monday, April 30, 2012. Lines open 6am, Friday, April 20, 2012.

By coupon

Complete the voting coupon provided on this page and post or hand in to The Arran Banner, Arran Dairies Comp, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ. Photocopied voting coupons will not be accepted. Votes must be registered by 12noon, Monday, April 30, 2012.

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Megan McNicol in a Breeches Buoy. b16dye01



Leader Mark Bunyan and Hazel Mackenzie show the Scouts how to handle a Mountain Rescue stretcher. b16dye07

If you go down to the woods today!

Lamlash Scouts put their pioneering skills to the test

If you happened to be in Dyemill Woods on Saturday 31 March, you would find Lamlash Scouts beavering away, putting their new pioneering skills to the test.

During the winter nights, under the tuition of Gavin Cameron and Angus Robson, they have been learning knots and other techniques involved in pioneering.

This has been part of the Troop's entry to the Scout Pioneer Activity Badge project, sponsored by the Discovery Channel. And to be in with a chance of winning a £1,000 prize, the Troop will be sending photos of this activity weekend to the television company, along with details of their outdoor pioneering project.

On the Saturday morning, under Gavin's guidance and working together as a team, they constructed a Tyrolean Slide over the Dyemill burn. Working a pulley system, the Scouts then took turns in pulling each other over the burn on a Breeches Buoy.

A Breeches Buoy is a rope-way system with attached leg harness originally designed for transferring people from ship to ship at sea.

Campfire

Lunch was round the campfire and then the afternoon consisted of a Mountain Rescue scenario.

The volunteer casualty was injured in the woods and the Scouts had to get their stretcher, a McInnes Mark 7 kindly loaned by the Arran Moun-

tain Rescue Team, across the burn. Then they had to pick it up and carry it, locate the casualty, carefully load them and bring them back to the Tyrolean Slide.

Gently

The Scouts then had to attach the stretcher and casualty to the slide and pull them back gently across the burn.

Gavin had also rigged up a knotted rope on a high tree that the Scouts climbed. Then they were slowly and gently lowered to the ground by one of their fellow Scouts.

Leader Hazel Mackenzie said: 'It was a great team effort encompassing many skills, including trusting the Scout on the safety rope to lower them gently to the ground.'

'The weather could not have been better and a superb day was had by all.'

Hazel added that herself and leaders Mark Bunyan and Bob MacKay would like to say a special 'thank you' to Gavin Cameron for organising the entire event, CAN UK for allowing them to borrow their equipment, Angus Robson for bringing his Junior Mountain Rescue skills out of retirement and for taking the photos, and last but not least, Arran Mountain Rescue Team for the loan of a stretcher.

New leader

Lamlash Scouts need a new leader as Hazel is now standing down. Any willing volunteers should please contact Mark Bunyan or Bob MacKay.



Leader Mark Bunyan with Scouts Tony Jardine and Fraser Mackenzie. b16dye02

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Megan McNicol, Joel Armitage, Mark Bunyan, Sam Hirschfield and Mak Russell do a stretcher rescue. b16dye03



Gavin Cameron shows how to set up a rope system for a Breeches Buoy. b16dye06



Around the Scout campfire at Dyemill. b16dye04



Abbie McKelvie climbing a rope. b16dye05

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Arran's 1970 Gaelic Choir members named

Three weeks ago we printed a photograph of Arran's Gaelic Choir from the archives of The Oban Times in 1970 when they travelled to the Royal National Mod in Oban.

We were delighted when Murdina Currie and John Sillars, both in the picture, contacted us with the names of all those pictured.

Back row – Alistair Black,

Donald McNiven, Roddy McKenzie, David Thomson, David Pendrigh, John Robertson, John Sillars.

Middle row – Rhoda Henderson, Elma Kerr, Betty Pendrigh, Jean Shaw, May Cook, Muriel Park.

Front row – Cathie Robertson, Janet Mulholland, Effie McDonald, Murdina Currie, Betty McLardy, Mary McGarrity, Mary Robertson, Morag Murray, Joey Cook. b13gal01NO

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Antiquarians follow Ayrshire Pilgrims' Trail

The speaker at the April meeting of the Arran Antiquarians was James Brown of Ayr who operates a small company which among other things promotes The Pilgrims' Trail from Paisley to Whithorn on the Solway Firth, and particularly Crossraguel Abbey and its environs.

This was a route taken by many medieval pilgrims visiting the shrine of St Ninian in Whithorn.

Indeed, the pilgrimage was made by Robert The Bruce in 1329 reportedly in the hope of a cure for the illness which eventually caused his death.

Also making a pilgrimage was King David II after his wounding at the battle of Neville's Cross (one of the two arrowheads in his body could only be extracted after his pilgrimage). James IV also made several pilgrimages.

Crossraguel nestles in the rolling countryside of Carrick in Ayrshire.

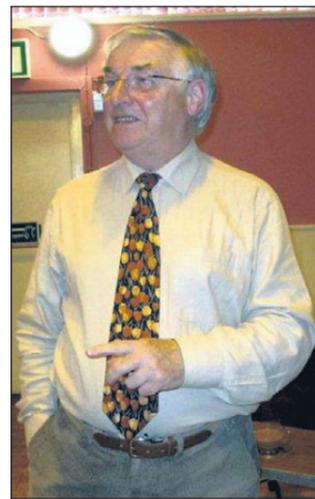
It was founded in the 13th century as a daughter house of Paisley Abbey. It is the most complete mediaeval abbey in Scotland and best preserved Cluniac Abbey in Britain.

During the wars with England in the 14th century Crossraguel remained loyal to Bruce, and although damaged was rebuilt, modified and extended over the next two centuries.

The Abbey was founded by Duncan of Carrick, but by the 16th century the Kennedy family became involved and William Kennedy became Abbot in 1520.

It was such a secure place that the very substantial treasures of the Bishop of Glasgow were stored there.

The unusual name is thought to be derived from the cross of St Rule who was revered as the saint who brought Holy relics of St Andrew to Scotland.



James Brown of Ayr spoke of the Pilgrims' Trail from Paisley to Whithorn on the Solway Firth.

There were never more than 10 monks in residence and the last one died in 1601. Several artefacts have been found in the area, but sadly are only displayed on websites as the local authority do not exhibit much interest in this ecclesiastical gem.

The master mason's mark of a five pointed star surmounted by a cross is still visible. Not much archaeology has been done on the site, surprisingly, as it is an Historic Scotland property.

The Ayrshire Pilgrims' Trail will become part of the St Ninian's Way.

It will have minimal signage and will use existing footpaths and cycle tracks through an area rich in geology and natural history.

It is hoped it will encourage those who travel together to share conversation, companionship and story telling, as in former times. The Trail has a centre of worship every 25 miles; Paisley, Kilwinning Abbey, Crossraguel Abbey, St Cuthberts at Kirkcudbright, Glenluce Abbey, Semple Collegiate Church at Lochwinnoch and the Kirk Alloway dedicated to St Mungo.

The Cluniac Order was founded at Cluny in Burgundy, France, but there only remains today just eight per cent of the mother abbey buildings.

Crossraguel and Paisley were very important religious buildings of the time. Paisley Abbey celebrates its 850th anniversary next year.

We are grateful to James Brown for telling us about a medieval gem which is near enough for us all to explore further.

Maybe he has inspired some modern day pilgrims to walk the Trail!

The next meeting on 21 May promises to be nostalgic, interesting and highly entertaining when Kitty Walker tells us about the Britannia Panopticon Music Hall, the restored theatre in Glasgow's Trongate. ND

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The Hen Harrier

Arran is internationally important for its breeding Hen Harriers.

Around five percent of the UK breeding population of Hen Harriers are found on Arran.

To try to retain this, the Arran Moors Special Protection Area (SPA) and the Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), as shown in the map, were established.

This area is of outstanding interest for the variety of upland habitats and breeding birds.

There are large tracts of blanket bog, wet and dry heath and upland grassland.

With small areas of broad-leaved woodland and several small lochs, this diversity of habitats supports a rich variety of moorland breeding birds.

As well as the Hen Harrier population the area is nationally important for Red-throated Diver, Golden Eagle, Peregrine and Short-eared Owl.

The knowledge of the Hen Harrier population on the island is due to the many years of effort put in by the resident member of the South Strathclyde Raptor Study Group, John Rhead.

While male Hen Harriers are a pale grey colour, females and immature birds are brown with a white rump and a long, barred tail which give them the name 'ringtail'. Hen

Bird Notes by Jim Cassels

Harriers can be seen regularly from any of the roads that cross the island.

They are almost owl-like in their facial appearance. The face shape helps the harriers to detect small mammals and birds concealed in vegetation, as they rely on sound as well as sight to pinpoint prey.

They fly with wings held in a shallow 'V', gliding low in search of food, which mainly consists of meadow pipits and voles.

Display

During the breeding season, males perform a spectacular tumbling and somersaulting display, diving steeply towards the ground then rearing up almost vertically before shooting downwards again.

With this series of steep climbs, twists and rolls it is rightly referred to as a 'sky dance'.

This is all to impress the females. In some areas, for example Orkney, the population exhibit a degree of polygyny, with males simultaneously raising several broods with a number of females.

It is from the end of March that the male's spectacular 'sky dance' becomes frequent. The majority of males do not breed until they have their distinctive silver-grey, black



Around five percent of the UK breeding population of Hen Harriers are found on Arran. b16hen03NO

and white plumage and thus are at least two years old.

On the other hand, most females may breed when only one year old. Hen harriers nest on the ground, for example in areas with long heather on open moorland or rank ground vegetation in upland conifer plantations.

In the south of Scotland egg laying starts during the second half of April but in cooler times it may be delayed until mid-May.

The species is singled brooded but will readily replace a clutch lost early in the nesting cycle, so birds can be on eggs as late as mid-June.

Clutches of four to six eggs are the norm. The thirty day incubation period normally starts after the third egg is laid but can start at any stage so that chicks in a brood can

show an age difference of one or two days or up to ten days.

When prey is plentiful and hunting conditions are good the majority of chicks hatched will fledge. If food is short the younger chicks in a brood die.

It is during this breeding period that another spectacular aspect of Hen Harrier behaviour can be seen, the food pass.

Incubation

The male supplies the female with food before and during incubation and when the young are in the nest.

The male approaches with food and the female flies underneath him, turning onto her back or side and catching the prey with a foot as he drops it.

The image by Maxwell Law captures the moment per-

fectly.

The annual breeding success is to a large extent dependent on the vole population. Vole populations in northern Europe show regular cycles of abundance, typically building to a peak every three or four years followed by a crash and a build up to the next peak.

If there is a shortage of voles in an area and/or there is prolonged wet weather reducing hunting efficiency, mortality among chicks will be high.

In recent years the number of young fledged on Arran has varied from around twenty to over forty depending on food availability.

Fledging occurs 30 to 35

days after hatching and the young remain dependent on their parents for a further four to eight weeks.

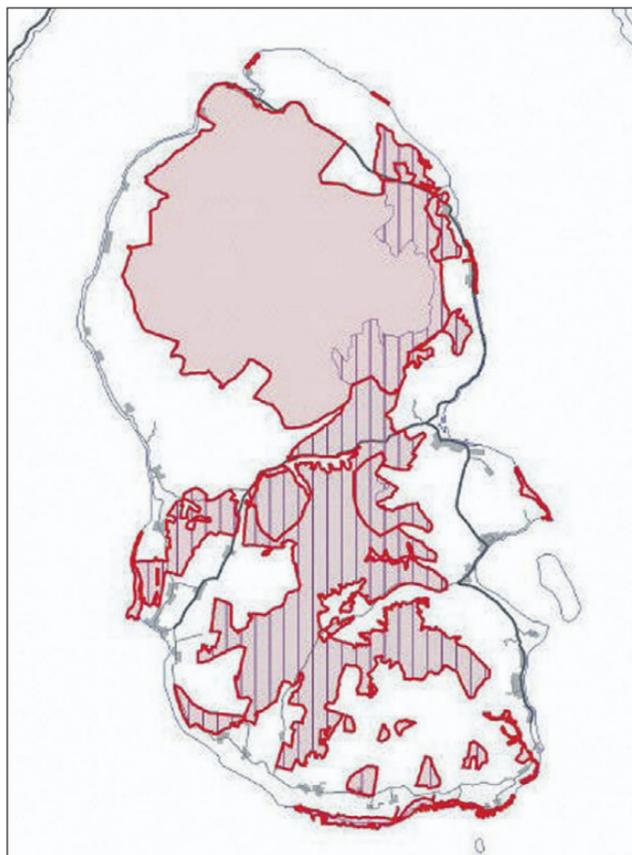
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The Arran Moors Special Protection Area and the Sites of Special Scientific Interest as shown in the map, were established to try and retain breeding Hen Harriers on the island. b16hen02NO

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An incident involving a break in, assault, car theft and police chases was the talk of the island this week.

At about 8pm last Friday Colin Haggarty surprised two intruders in his garden.

On being discovered they attacked him and his wife Louise.

Adding to the distress was that the local police could not be contacted and, once they were, they showed a complete lack of urgency.

No name ferry

Yard 589 is the only name Arran's new ferry possesses at the moment.

In fact, the new ferry doesn't actually exist as work has not yet begun on the vessel at Richards of Lowestoft.



Nineteen-year-old Andrew Monington of Kilmory is about to set off on an adventure with Crusoe (Crusaders Overseas Expeditions) in South Africa. b16twe04

But after the Easter break work will begin in earnest and the first task is cutting steel which will be prefabricated in large covered sheds before being put together on the slipway.

Reinforcements

Police are expecting to be considerably reinforced for the Easter weekend, not least because 300 bikers are arriving from a motorcycle club in Ayr.

Here we go again

Just when you thought it was safe to venture out of doors without having your flesh pressed by some political hopeful, along come another three, canvassing for your vote.

For despite the General Election being over – we now have the district council elections on May 7.

Significantly this will be the first time for 28 years that Evelyn Sillars' name will not be on the voting slip.

Nearly new

Torrylinn Creamery, closed for refurbishment, took delivery this week of the new vats and milk tanks that are the main items to be fitted during the upgrade. The 3,000 gallon milk tanks and 1,000 gallon vats came off the ferry last Friday and were installed at the creamery this week.

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Ian Adamson and Laura Selkirk, both diabetics, proudly show the cheque they have raised for the National Diabetics Survey. b16twe01



Ina Craig and Jean Swindale are slimming and fattening as part of the Telethon 92 with it costing 50p a guess at their respective weights by June. b16twe03



Third place winners of the Arran Licensed Trade charity golf match were the Nags team: Jamie McPherson, Calum McConnell, David Tod and Neil McKechnie. b16twe02

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Last week Archie was sitting at Brodick Bowling Green waiting for the first jack of the season to be bowled. First correct answers came from Alison in Ottawa, Canada, Charlotte in Kilmarnock and Sheena in Shiskine. This week he is on the grass verge, but which village is he in? 02_b16arc02

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Saturday 21 April

Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Open Rinks
Bingo
Jazz Cafe
Open Gardens - Model Trains

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am -12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Arran high School, 10am
Playbarn Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm
Kildonan Hotel, 8pm
Murray Crescent, 10am - 5pm

Sunday 22 April

Alcoholics Anonymous
Family Games
Fun in the Pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Live Music
Open Mic Session

Church Hall, Brodict 4.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm
Ormidale, 8.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm - 5pm

Monday 23 April

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Citizens Advice
Breathe Walk Class
Table Tennis
Hatha Yoga
Come Dance With Me - LeRoc Modern Jive
Yoga
Arran Junior Football
Quiz
Badminton
Summer Bridge

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm-4pm
Lochranza Hall 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow 5pm-5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - seniors 7.30pm-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict 10am-2pm
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Arran high School, 6pm - 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.30pm
High School, 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm-7pm
The Shurig at Bar Eden, 8.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7 - 9pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm for 6.45pm

Tuesday 24 April

Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Melody Movement, Ballet Class-2 ½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class- 2 ½ yrs up
Youth Club

Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm-9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm
Kildonan Hall - 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio 2pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm

Scottish Country Dancing
Zumba Fitness Class
Northend Football Training
Weight Watchers
Green Gym
Rink Games
Lamlash Mooring Association AGM
Whiting Bay Club of Music and Drama AGM
Junior Hockey Club - 8yrs up
Arran Brass Concert

Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm
Lochranza, 7pm
St Molios, Church Hall, 7pm
Rangers Centre, 10am - 1pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Glenisle Hotel, 8pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6 - 7pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesday 25 April

Hockey
Tae KwonDo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents and little ones
Kids Games
AYF Film Making Club
Arran Heritage Museum Archives and Genealogy Services
Arran Absolute Beginners Running Group
Junior Tennis

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm-8pm games hall
KA Leisure Kids, 6.30pm-7.30pm Adults 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Lamlash church Hall 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
High School Games Hall 8pm - 9pm
9.30am - 10.30am Auchrannie studio
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
Auchrannie dance studio 10.45am
The Playbarn Auchrannie 5pm - 6pm
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30 - 6.30pm
10.30 - 12.30 and 1.30 - 3.30
Auchrannie Car Park, 6pm
Shiskine Tennis Club, 4.30 - 6pm

Thursday 26 April

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
Coffee Morning
General Knowledge Quiz
Zumba Fitness Club
Live Country/Folk Music
Cricket Practice
Senior Tennis
Thursday Club AGM
Election Hustings
Garden Club

Ormidale Hotel 9pm
Hall 2pm
Youth cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Kinloch Bar 9pm
Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm - 10.30pm
Sannox Oval, 6pm
Shiskine Tennis Club, 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 2pm
Brodict Village Hall, 7.30pm
Brodict Ranger Centre 7.30pm

Friday 27 April

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Weight Watchers
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Corrie/Sannox Village Hall Coffee Afternoon, all welcome
Quiz
Quiz

Auchrannie Hotel Pool 9.45am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am
Church Hall, Brodict, 7pm - 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 6.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6 - 8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Hall, 10.15pm
Catacol Bay Hotel, 9pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm

Saturday 28 April

Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Open Rinks
Brodict Bowling Club Re-Opening
Spring Fete
Lamlash Bowling Club Open Day
Coffee Morning

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
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Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Arran High School 10am
Playbarn Auchrannie 2pm - 3pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie 5pm - 6pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Bowling Green, 2pm
Lamlash Primary School, 11am - 2pm
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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 22nd April
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher
Coffee after service.
Wednesday, 25th April
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine. Independent but working together
Minister Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant Mrs Jean Hunter
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited - families, young people and children welcome.
Sunday 22nd April
Brodick Church, 10.30am
Corrie Church, 12noon, Lochranza 9.30am
Pirmill 10.45am
Shiskine Church 12noon
A service of worship will also be held in Montrose house at 1.30pm

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 11am

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 22nd April
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.
All most Welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday 22nd April
Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
11am Morning worship
Tea/Coffee after the service
Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm
For details telephone 860 232
Everyone very welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 22nd April
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
In both churches:
Mrs. Liz Clark
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Services as follows
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 7pm (Church behind Post Office)
Both services will be taken by the Rev John Ross
All Welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 22nd April
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road Brodick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 25th April
at 7pm
5 Glen Road
All welcome

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

Sunday 22 April
Meeting for worship will be at 11am in Dippin House, Dippen.
Enquiries to Judith 820223
All very welcome

BIRTH



Leyla and Nick Raynes are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter Sofia Caroline Elizabeth on 10/04/12.

Another precious granddaughter for Betty and Huseyin Ali of Lamlash and a first grandchild for Caroline and Simon Raynes of Redbourne Herts.
A wee cousin for Bonnie, Abby, Calum and Amber

THANK YOU

Kitty McAllister
I would like to thank very much all those who have shown me such support during this last year; my family, friends, acquaintances, Cal Mac workers at Brodick and Ardrossan, hospital staff at Lamlash and Crosshouse, ambulance staff at Lamlash and Red cross drivers at Ardrossan.
Thank you all, Kitty



Golf

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 11 April, Fleet 1, 13 ladies played the first counting competition of the new season, with some good results, especially the phenomenal net 56 by Lesley Handley, who immediately had her handicap cut by 4, to every one else's relief! CSS 64. 1 Lesley Handley 90-34= 56, 2 Jo Hastings 86-22=64, 3 Ann MacVicar 80-14=65. Scratch Ann MacVicar, 80.

Gents: Thursday 12 April, Seniors Medal (played over new yellow tees) CSS 64 - Par 61. 1 Ian Heron 84 - 18 = 66, 2 Edward I Cannon 87-18=69. Two from Neil Mitchell at the 16th.

Summer Cup, CSS 64, Par 64. 1 Steven Heaney 78-16=62, 2 Todd Jameson 69-6=63, 3 David Ross 84-20=64, 4 Norrie MacIntyre 74-8=66. Best Scratch Jamie Murchie 68. Twos from Alan Winship, Drew Wales, Lee Dutton, Jamie Murchie, Ian Bremner and Mark Wren.

Sunday 15 April, Hugh Hutchison Trophy (Greensome). 1 Neil Young and Stuart Cree 68-8=60, 2 Ian Bremner and David Ross 76-11.6=64.4. Twos from Neil Young and Stuart Cree and Ian Bremner and David Ross.

Fixtures: Sunday 22 April, Carpenter Rose Bowl 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Thursday 26 April, Summer Cup, make up own groups.

Arran Golfers Association

Up and coming events for 2012.
Wednesday 2 May AGM at Lamlash Golf Clubhouse 8.30pm.
Friday 4 May, Seniors Bowl at Shiskine Golf Club.

Friday 11 May and Fri 18 May first games at 5pm.

Draw: Brodick v Lochranza (winners play Shiskine), Lamlash v Whiting Bay, Machrie v Corrie.

Sunday 6 May, Guy Spiers Spring Handicap at Lamlash Golf Club, names on sheets in clubhouse noticeboards, draw will be made at AGM.

Monday 7 May, Junior Handicap from 4pm. This year's competition will now take place at Whiting Bay due to a mix up with Lamlash's fixture list, next years event will swap back to Lamlash.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Sunday 15 April, Wolfi and Gege Trafalgar Stableford, 12 ladies, including three welcome visitors from Lamlash, played in perfect conditions on a perfect course, (thank you Stuart). Everyone played well and good humour was the order of the day! 1 Susan (I do like flowers) Butchard 40



The Lamlash Bridge Club prizewinners Helen Boyd, Jean Murchie, Alison Bilsland, Douglas Hamilton, Trish Martin, Douglas Bruce and Margaret Bruce. b14lam01

Lamlash Bridge Club ends the season on a high

Monday 2 April was the closing night of the season for Lamlash Bridge Club.

After a buffet dinner the members played Bridge before presenting the prizes for the year.

The Adam Morrison Cup was won by Trish Martin and Alison Bilsland for the fifth year with 172 points.

The Milliband Plate for the runners-up was won by Jean Murchie and Helen Boyd with 147 points.

And the Peggy Currie Cup played for last January was won by Trish Martin, Douglas Hamilton and Douglas and Margaret Bruce.

The Ann Cook Tray for the runners-up was

won by Janice McLure, Ann McKelvie, Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan.

The results from the game on Monday night were as follows: N/S 1 John Dick and Linda Trickett +1280, 2 Melvyn Jones and Morag Gardner +650, 3 John Barraclough and Margaret McGill +120.

E/W 1 Helen Boyd and Elizabeth McConnell +1960, 2 Jean Murchie and Peter Thompson +1810, 3 Alison Bilsland and Margaret McGill +120.

It was a very happy evening to end the season and we look forward to seeing you all - with new members - at the beginning of October.

points, 2 Doreen Mains 36 points, (better inward half), 3 Lesley Wood 36 points.

Gents: Wednesday 11 April, 18 played in the first round of this year's Summer Trophy in glorious conditions - hopefully a sign of the summer to come! SSS 63, CSS 63.

1 Peter Smith (21)60, 2 David Morrison (10)62, 3 Corey Allan (10)64. There was one magic two from Wolfi Kroner and Nicol Auld won scratch with 66.

Sunday 15 April, a super turnout of 35 played in the Wolfi and Gege Kroner Stableford, SSS 36 points, CSS 36 points. 1 Mark Wren 42 points, 2 Peter Towndrow 39 points, 3 Wolfi Kroner 38 points, 4 Tam Young 37 points.

Ryan Armstrong won the Junior prize with 42 points and the scratch prize was won by Nicol Auld with 66. There were magic twos from Adam Kelso, Mark Wren, David Brookens and David Mack. Thanks go to Wolfi and Gege for their generous prizes and for organising such a super day out - and weather to match!

Fixtures: Sunday 22 April, Gents medal. Wednesday 25 April, Richard Parfitt Stableford.

Brodick Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 4 April, Summer Cup. 1 A Hume (10)61, 2

G Hendry (7)62, 3 R McCrae (7)64. Scratch G Hendry 69. There were seven twos. Sunday 8 April, Marchioness of Graham Trophy (Bogey). 1 B Smith (13)2up (bih), 2 R McGunnigle (11)2up, 3 J Armit (4)1up. Wednesday 11 April, Summer Cup. 1 G Hendry (7)61, 2 M Dobson (10)63, 3 I Macdonald (7)64. Scratch G Hendry 68. There were 19 twos. D Robertson and I Macmillan got two each.

Sunday 15 April, British Legion Trophy (36 Holes). Winner I Macdonald (7)136. Runner-up A Hart (18)137. Sweep 1 I MacDonald (7)64, 2 A Hart (18)67, 3 B Armit (7)68. Scratch I MacDonald 71. There were 5 twos.

Fixtures: Sunday 22 April, Club Trophy. Draw Saturday 21 April at 12noon. Sunday 29 April, Belhaven Medal.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Saturday 14 April, 22 played CSS 62. Sweep 1 D K Henderson 65-7=58, 2 J McConachie 64-4=60 (bih), 3 E Cannon 78-18=60. Best scratch J McConachie. Magic twos D K Henderson, R McDonald, A Smith 2, D Logan 2.

Wednesday Medal in operation now.

Fixtures: Saturday 21 April Medal Sweep 8.30am and 1pm. Saturday 28 April Grouse Qualifier and

Leatherby Cup, pairs. Pick your own partner 8.30am and 1pm.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results: Tuesday 10 April, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 John Pennycott 62, 2 Bert Green 66, 3 Brian Sherwood 71. Scratch John Pennycott 75. Fixtures: Tuesday 24 April, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary tee-off 12.30/5.30pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Results: Thursday 12 April, Ladies 12 hole Medal, 20 played, CSS 47. Silver

1 and Scratch A Anderson 52-9=43, 2 J Turnbull 54-7=47 BIH. Bronze 1 S Hill 62-15=47 BIH, 2 A Burnett 65-18=47.

Sunday 15 April, AGA Arran Grouse Foursomes Qualifier. 1 D Logan and A Kerr 49- 6=43, 2 and Scratch D K Henderson 48-4=44. Both these pairs will represent Lochranza in the final - played at Whiting Bay on Saturday 8 Sept. J Morrison and C Rae will be Shiskine A, and C Muir and W Robertson will be Shiskine B and will also be playing in the final at Whiting Bay.

Fixtures: Gents Friday evening game continues - make up your own group and phone the starter to book a time otherwise turn up for the draw at 5.30pm.

Northend prepare for 'Festival of Football'

An exciting 'Festival of Football' is taking place in Lochranza on May 5.

Northend Thistle are organising the festival to kick off their 2012 season in style.

This year there will be a junior tournament as well as the regular senior games.

Organiser Chris Traill said: 'From 11.30am until 1.30pm we are having a 'Fun Fives'

tournament for all children in P4 to P7, boys or girls (max eight per team).

'There is a maximum of eight team places available so it is best to book in advance.

Welcome

'Children without a team of five are more than welcome to turn up on the day and we will find a 'squad' for them.'

Chris added: 'From 2pm un-

til 6pm there will be a 'senior sevens' tournament for teams from secondary school age and older.'

There will be a barbeque and other fun and games at the field throughout the day.

The hall will be open from 8pm for an evening dance with two fantastic Arran bands and DJ.

Chris said: 'Hopefully the

sun will shine and the crowds will 'flock' to the Ewe Camp Stadium.

'Both junior and senior tournaments will shortly be advertised to mainland teams through the Scottish Youth Football Association so please phone 830615 to book a place for your team,' said Chris.

'If you don't have strips, bibs will be provided.'

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Celebrations for Arran RFC as season comes to an end

The players and supporters of Arran Rugby Club gathered at the Ormidale Hotel on Saturday night for their end of season prizegiving dinner.

For the relatively young side, which only re-entered senior rugby last September, it was a chance to celebrate a season full of remarkable achievements.

At the moment Arran are at the top of the league with 64 points, but sadly Lanark RFC have two matches still to play which will undoubtedly lead them to promotion.

However, in the course of 16 games Arran have had only 97 points scored against them – an incredible feat for such a young team.

The strength and commitment of the youngsters was proven when all the top prizes this year went to the younger members.

Gregor Adamson from Brodick was voted Player of the Year for his incredible achievements on the pitch and Young Player of the Year went to the tenacious youngster Liam Boal of Brodick.

Iain Bayne of Lamlash was given the trophy for Most Improved Player while Bill McLaughlin received the award for Greatest Contribution to the Club.

There was much hilarity when Frazer Barr of Brodick was given the Arse of the Year award for the second

year running in his absence.

One of the speakers of the night was club secretary Bill McLaughlin.

He said: 'Rugby has for me been a way of life and, I can assure you a delightful life at that.'

'I have made great friends, enjoyed great times, but none to compare to the times

I have had in the last three years with Arran Rugby Club with each and every one of you sitting here who have made it for me, the greatest Rugby experience of my life.'

He added: 'Two years ago I had to inform the AGM that we could no longer field a senior team but would concentrate an under 18 Rugby and we did and what a season that was!'

'Then the move back to senior rugby this season; trying to reassure 16 and 17 year olds that they would be ok in senior rugby.'

'I needn't have worried because as we all know, it has worked perfectly and all credit to the seniors who have had the maturity to treat everyone simply as a fellow team member.'



The prizewinners at Arran RFC's annual dinner on Saturday night. 01_b16rug01



Liam Boal was presented with a lovely teapot in place of the missing trophy for Young Player of the Year! 01_b16rug02



Gregor Adamson from Brodick was voted Player of the Year for his incredible achievements on the pitch. 01_b16rug03

Brodick Bowling Green re-opens

With summer just around the corner – we hope – the bowlers of Brodick have been polishing their bowls ready for the opening day on Saturday 28 April.

The first bowl will be thrown at 2pm and rink games will resume every Monday and Wednesday at 6.45pm and on Saturday at 2pm.

It goes without saying that new members will be very welcome.

No matter what your age – the younger the better – if you have never played before but are looking for a good healthy gentle sport to take up, why not come along at any of the above times.

Club members will happily

give basic tuition.

Both the bowling green and the tennis courts in Brodick next to the village hall will be open from April 28, weather permitting, from Monday to Saturday inclusive between 10am and 5pm.

Ormidale 10k race 2012

The annual Ormidale 10k race takes place this Sunday 22 April.

The race starts from the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick at 12noon.

Entries will be taken on the day.

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