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Work could start within months at island's hospice room

'Renovations at the hospital would not have been possible without the £25,000 donation from the Arran Hospice'

REPORT BY
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Work to create four palliative care units on the island, which would greatly improve the quality of life for seriously ill patients, could begin this summer.

At a public meeting of the Arran Hospice last Thursday it was revealed that plans for the four single rooms at Arran War Memorial Hospital are in the process of being completed.

Work could begin this summer subject to planning permission being granted.

Hospital manager, Alan Stout, said that the renovations at the hospital would not have been possible without the £25,000 donation from the Arran Hospice.

'This work will see our bed spaces reduced from 19 to 17 but it will mean we have four

single rooms rather than just two,' said Mr Stout.

'These rooms will be used for palliative care but also for infection control. We would not have had the resources for this without the Arran Hospice fund.'

John McFaul of Bogarie Farm established the fund after his wife Judy died in 2008 having battled breast cancer for 18 months.

Facility

The aim of the fund was - and still is - to provide a facility at the hospital to allow terminally ill patients to end their days on the island.

In recent months there had been concerns expressed by those who had donated money to the charity about what was being done with the £25,000 collected.

The directors admitted at Thursday's meeting that John McFaul, the founder of the

fund, had cast a deep shadow over their credibility.

But they added that since Mr McFaul has stepped down from the fund and relinquished any role in the organisation, they were hoping to reassure the people of Arran that their aim was a genuine one.

Janet Redfearn, treasurer of the Arran Hospice, said: 'Yes our reputation was tainted by John but we are looking forward to the future and being able to provide a valuable resource for the people of Arran.'

A new website has been set up www.arranhospice.org which aims to provide the people of Arran with a comprehensive overview of the fund's activities.

Derek Wenham, the hospice chairman, said that they hoped to continue fundraising for the palliative care units in the coming months.



Jennifer Scott of West Linton and Macy Frame of Glasgow. The four-year-olds made friends at Brodick Castle on Sunday and joined in with great hilarity for the three-legged race. See pages 6 and 7 for Easter Sunday fun feature. 02_b17cas03



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Police files

Vandalism

Sometime between April 16 and 17 a car was damaged in Park Terrace, Lamlash.

Meanwhile on Thursday 21 April, three local youths were reported to the children's reporter for vandalising an area at Brodick Pier.

A window was also broken at Brodick Bowling Club over the weekend.

In all three cases, police are appealing for witnesses.

Arrest

A 20-year-old Lamlash man was arrested by police under a warrant on Tuesday 19 April and he appeared at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court the next day.

Drugs

Two men from Glasgow, a 45 year-old and a 49-year-old, were charged with being in possession of drugs on April 20.

Theft

A large quantity of fuel was stolen from the Arran Outdoor Centre at Claulchlands on April 19.

Please contact the police if you have any information.

Breach of the peace

A 29-year-old Lamlash man was reported for a breach of the peace offence under the Criminal Justice Scotland Act for online harassment offences.

Fines

The owner of a car parked on Market Road, Brodick was issued with a fixed penalty for not displaying a valid tax disc last Wednesday.

The next day a conditional offer was given to a Corrie male who was seen driving through the village with no seatbelt.

On Tuesday a woman aged 53 from Shiskine was issued with a fixed penalty for the same offence.

A 33-year-old Lamlash man was issued with an ASBO after being caught drinking in public on Shore Road in Brodick on Saturday.



Young Hayley Dorricott of Lanarkshire gets to know Chester, a three-year-old Golden retriever, at Robert Earle's dog demonstration on Brodick seafront. 02_b17dog01

Dogs on display at Brodick seafront

The car park on Brodick slipway was home to a display of 15 dogs last Saturday.

Robert Earle of the Arran Dog Centre and his father John were talking to interested bystanders about the characteristics and behaviour of the dogs.

Most dogs came from rescue centres, and the breeds on show included Alaskan Malamutes, Dobermans, Rottweilers, Golden Retrievers, Labradors and Japanese Akitas.

Members of the public, including children, were able to approach the dogs and pet them while Robert explained his plans.

He already has a dog-walking service with 60 regular customers, and depending on the breed of dog, the walk can be a leisurely stroll on the beach or a long hike in the hills.

Five of his dogs are 'husky' types and Robert intends to start a dog sled experience, giving customers the chance of a high speed sled ride along forestry roads.

Community council finally goes on-line

After years of debate about the need for a website, the island's Community Council is finally online.

Brodick councillor Bill Calderwood and friend John Barraclough have put the finishing details to the site, which the council hope will encourage local people to take an interest in their work.

Chairman, John Inglis, said: 'I'm very impressed with the website - it's exactly what we wanted.'

'I feel like this is a new beginning for the community council.'

www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk will go live on Sunday 1 May.

Winning ticket remains unclaimed

The winning ticket in Brodick Castle's hamper raffle on Easter Sunday has yet to be claimed.

Green number 385 was picked from the bucket but it has the wrong telephone number on the back.

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Air ambulance appeal for former island rugby player

'We thought it would be a great idea to try and raise some money here'

Funds are desperately needed to help a former Arran rugby player pay for an air ambulance transfer from his home in Romania to hospital in Edinburgh.

Duncan McAlister who grew up in Torbeg has lived with a life-threatening condition called Polycystic Kidneys for many years.

Due to cysts on his right kidney and liver, he is now critically ill and requires a transplant.

Duncan was airlifted from Romania, where he has lived for 10 years with his wife and daughter, to Edinburgh's Royal infirmary a week ago but the cost of the air ambulance was not covered by his insurer.

So now his brother Craig and his family are desperately trying to raise the money.

'We need to raise 18,000 euros but thankfully we are already two thirds of the way there,' Craig told The Banner at the rugby sevens on Saturday.

Great idea

'As Duncan is a life-long rugby fan and used to play for Arran we thought it would be a great idea to try and raise some money here.'

The family were running a tombola stall and prize-draw with some fantastic prizes that included dinner for two at Coast in Whiting Bay, a signed Rangers football shirt, Blackberry smartphone and a brand new golf bag.



Craig McAlister and his cousin Kenny Brown are desperately trying to raise money for Craig's ill brother Duncan – a former Arran rugby player. 01_b17dun01

Community Council agree to fight turbine plans

The Community Council has agreed to oppose plans for three 15-metre high wind turbines at a site to the east of Hillside Farm, Slidery.

The decision was made after it was revealed plans would soon be lodged by the same company - Vigor Renewables of East Kilbride - for six turbines near Bridge Farm, Shiskine.

The councillors agreed that the visual impact, lack of community compensation and loss of revenue from tourism were all grounds for objection.

Coral Smith of Slidery, whose home is just 150m from the proposed site, told a meeting of the council on Tuesday night: 'If permission is granted for the turbines there is absolutely nothing that we can do about it - we have no avenue for appeal.'

'It is unfortunate that we live in one of the few areas on the island that have been designated suitable for wind turbines but that doesn't mean we don't have the right to fight the plans.'

The proposal is pending consideration by North Ayrshire Council.

Lookout demolition rubber-stamped by Council

As revealed in the Banner six weeks ago, The Lookout in Lamlash is to be demolished.

Proposals by owners John Thomson Construction Ltd to knock down the building and replace it with two three-bedroom detached houses were passed by North Ayrshire Council last week.

The building has lain empty for 16 years and deteriorated in condition. Structural reports on The Lookout illustrate that the property has deteriorated due to age, weather, water ingress and vandalism to the extent that it is not habitable and is dangerous.

A report by Ian T Mackay, solicitor to the Council, stated that 'the building is category C (S) listed and makes a limited contribution to the immediate setting; the structural condition makes the cost of repair and maintenance not feasible; and there is an acceptable redevelopment plan.'

Objectors

Letters from three objectors pointed out that the design of the proposed building does not reflect Arran's architectural heritage and that the application raises concerns about the whole system of listing.

Arran Community Council

stated that 'the applicant has allowed the building to deteriorate to the extent that local opinion is to remove the eyesore within the village.'

Benefit

The proposed development will benefit the village by removing an unsightly dilapidated property.'

The application for demolition and subsequent building of two houses was granted with five conditions.

Brodick Church centenary service

On Sunday 1 May Brodick Church will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to which any member of any branch of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ is welcome to attend.

The service will begin at 10.30am and will be taken by Rev Dr Ian MacLeod, Minister Emeritus of the church, as part of the centenary celebrations and in recognition of his 32 years of ministry at St Bride's in Brodick.

Speed checks

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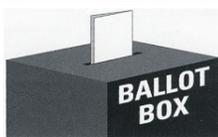
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Candidates named in the

Kenneth Gibson Scottish National Party

SNP

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From the campaign to save Corrie Primary School to the establishment of the 'No Take' Zone, I have campaigned on many issues, working with a variety of island organisations such as ACVS and the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee.

I have held 126 advice surgeries in nine Arran communities. From Monday 9 May, if re-elected, I will continue to hold three surgeries on Arran each month, doing my best for each and every person who needs my assistance while continuing to support island events and organisations.

The SNP has Scotland at its heart. We are not beholden to decisions made elsewhere as we work to build an optimistic, confident and prosperous country in challenging times.

Ambition for Scotland is one thing but what has become crystal clear in this election is that Alex Salmond and the SNP team he leads is head and shoulders above that of any other party.



That is why people ranging from former Ravenscraig union leader Tommy Brennan to businessman Sir David Murray and Hollywood actor and university rector Brian Cox, are voting SNP for the first time.

Investing in infrastructure, housing, education and the NHS are SNP priorities.

We will freeze the Council Tax for another five years to protect household budgets, extend Road Equivalent Tariff to Arran, deliver a record 25,000 apprentices each year, lead a new renewables revolution to provide energy and employment, maintain 1,000+ extra police officers on the beat and introduce a detect cancer early initiative to save lives.

I urge you to vote SNP and help build a better Arran and Scotland.

Maurice Golden Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Scottish Conservatives

It would be an honour and a privilege to be elected as a MSP and I pledge to work tirelessly for all the residents of Arran.

Only by voting Scottish Conservative on the regional ballot in the Scottish parliamentary Elections can you deliver an extra MSP who will speak up for Arran in the Scottish Parliament.

I lead the list of non-elected Conservative candidates for the West of Scotland region.

Under the new constituency boundaries this is a huge step towards me becoming an MSP via the regional vote.

Voting for SNP or Labour on the regional list will not make a difference to the chances of the local candidates becoming MSPs.

So do not waste your regional vote, if you want an extra representative for Arran in the Scottish Parliament then you must vote Scottish Conservative and Unionist.

My pledges include: more affordable housing on Arran and support for first time buyers; retaining the Conservative led abolishment of business rates for our smallest businesses;



Council Tax Freeze and £200 discount for every pensioner household;

boost tourism through creation of a Tourism Investment Bank scheme; sustaining the environment that makes Arran so special; support families by increasing child visitor support; continued reduction in fuel duty and protection for the ferry service; take urgent action to repair and improve our roads through creation of a 'Pot-hole' fund; free universal health checks for everyone over 40 and promoting the mandate your MSP petition scheme to increase accountability of our MSPs.

At the Scottish Parliamentary elections you will have two votes - only by voting once for Maurice Golden in the Constituency Vote and once for the Scottish Conservatives on the Regional Vote can you deliver an extra voice for Arran in the Scottish Parliament.

Mallika Punukollu Scottish Liberal Democrats

Liberal Democrats

The case for voting Liberal Democrat has never been stronger than it is now.

If Cunninghame North is to be prosperous in the future then the local economy needs to be given the support it requires to grow and create new jobs.

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We would set up Regional Development Banks to ensure that local businesses are able to access capital.

More than a billion pounds will be used to help small businesses take on extra staff, to introduce high speed broadband to every part of Scotland and to fund world-leading research in our universities.

£250 million will be used to insulate our homes, cutting emissions and household bills as well as creating jobs.

Through these schemes we aim to create an additional 100,000 jobs across the



country. The remaining £250 million from Scottish Water would be invested in early intervention.

All the evidence shows that spending money in the early years of a child's life saves money later on.

Our £250 million fund would be available for organisations who deliver services for children and parents in the early years to transform the services they provide.

The end result should be that many more of our children are able to get on and make something of their lives.

There is a clear choice in this election between unnecessary austerity under Labour or the SNP and investment under the Liberal Democrats.

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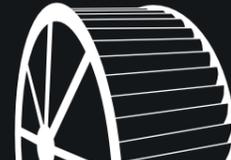
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Cunninghame North election

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Scottish Labour Party



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For the crudest of political reasons, the SNP Government sidelined Arran and used Labour's planned investment in an island ferry discount scheme to reduce fares elsewhere.

The extension of RET to Arran by a Labour Government in Edinburgh would be of immense economic benefit to the island and the culmination of a successful campaign by Arran Labour Party to end this discrimination.

In contrast, Arran's MSP for the past four years was entirely silent on the issue.

While Arran lost out on ferries, North Ayrshire as a whole now has the highest levels of youth unemployment in Scotland.

We need investment to stimulate economic activity, increase the value of tourism and create employment and training opportunities for young people.



When I was Arran's MSP, Labour invested in new social housing and a new secondary school as well as its transport links. Now that investment has dried up and Arran's needs have been neglected.

While Labour ended feudalism, gave tenant farmers new rights and protected the coastal environment the SNP tried to privatise its forests and halted progress toward better inshore fishery regulation.

If islanders support me on May 5, Labour will extend RET fares to Arran, thereby supporting business and reducing living costs.

We will invest in new social housing and give first time buyers extra help to get on the housing ladder. And we will restore regulation of inshore fishing on the Clyde.

Arran needs an MSP who cares about these issues and works with others to deliver the best possible results.

The four candidates for Cunninghame North in the upcoming Scottish parliamentary elections have been named.

Kenneth Gibson, the current MSP, is defending his seat for the Scottish Nationalist Party.

The Scottish Conservative candidate is Maurice Golden and Malika Punukollu is standing for the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

The Scottish Labour Party candidate is Arran's former MSP, Allan Wilson.

Voting will be held between 7am and 10pm on Thursday 5 May at polling stations around the island.

We have asked all four candidates to set out their vision for Arran and explain to the island's voters why their party deserves your vote.



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Easter eggs, bunnies and



They're off in the junior three-legged race. 02_b17cas11

Fun and games for all the family

The now well-established and traditional Easter Sunday fun at Brodick Castle once again brought out families in their droves.

The reception centre car park was full by midday, and vehicles were parked all along the castle driveway.

Activities for the youngsters included an Easter egg trail, decorating of hard-boiled eggs, face painting, Easter bonnet competition, wacky races and a duck egg derby.

After the recent dry spell, water in the mill lade was so low that in order to send the duck eggs on their way, Brodick fire service was called in.

Local firefighter Janice Miller turned up with the appliance full of water and began to pump extra supplies into the burn to help the little chaps downstream.

Castle administrator Ken Thorburn said: 'The crowds seem to be bigger than ever; we are delighted. Its good to see so many youngsters and families enjoying themselves at Easter.'



Hephzi McKinnernan and Ciara Appleton of Blackheath in Birmingham. 02_b17cas02



Brodick fire engine pumping water into the mill lade for the duck egg derby. 02_b17cas07



There is no cheating in the junior egg and spoon race. 02_b17cas09



Scott Gibson and Reece Craig of Kilmarnock romp home in the egg and spoon race. 02_b17cas08

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wacky races at Brodick Castle



Young James Driver limbers up for one of the races.
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Eleven-year-old Lauren Robertson of Brodick made her own Easter bonnet.
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Eighteen-year-old Amy Dee of Middlesbrough won a prize for her painted egg. It was meant to be a lamb, but looked more like a pussycat.
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THE ARRAN BANNER

Arran could benefit from Royal Wedding

As today is the day that Prince William will marry Katherine Middleton it seemed foolish to bother writing about anything else.

Royal Wedding fever has well and truly taken over this country and there are parties taking place all across Arran today to mark the occasion.

Some may argue that this is just one day, one wedding, so why is it so special but experts believe it will be used to give a major boost to the Scottish tourism economy which could see millions of new visitors flock to the country where William and Kate fell in love.

The tourist wedding market is already worth £80 million to the Scottish economy, according to VisitScotland, which is now aiming to capitalise on the nuptials of Prince William and Miss Middleton to significantly increase this figure.

We've been told that on average the British Monarchy is now worth more than £500m to the UK-wide economy each year, but estimates predict that the benefits of the royal wedding are set to far outstrip this – with Scotland perfectly poised to cash in.

It may be hard to quantify an exact figure for the anticipated additional revenue, but more than a million people have already been targeted through a 'Meet The Scots' international marketing campaign which promotes the country as a romantic getaway destination.

Advertisements have run in airline magazines and in recent months VisitScotland has hosted news crews from across the world, including America, Australia and Canada, all helping to showcase the nation's attractions to a global audience.

Much of the activity has centred on St Andrews, where the prince and Miss Middleton met at university, as well as highlighting other destinations including Holyrood Palace, the Royal Yacht Britannia and the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh.

But at the end of the day an increase in tourists to Scotland will always benefit Arran in some way or another.

Arran has always been a place that visitors flock to for their wedding.

Flicking through the old copies of The Banner there is on average two weddings a month featured which are not Arran people.

The beautiful scenery within easy reach of the mainland has always marked the island out as a perfect wedding destination.

Perhaps after the Royal Wedding mania has died down a little we may begin to witness an increase once again in visitors coming here to get married.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8:39)

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Letters to the Editor



Arran family history

Sir,
Many years ago I placed an advert in the Arran Banner asking for information on family history.

This was very successful, and I met two people, one a relative and the other an historian. I am now retired and have been researching my father's side of the family and have just started on my mother's side again. My great grandfather John and his brother Lauchlan came from Arran; one became a ships carpenter and the other a shipmaster in the Merchant Navy.

I have a fairly concise history of them after they left Arran, but have come to a dead end at their father but have a good deal of info on their mother's side. Would it be possible to once again place an appeal in the Banner in the hope that there are still members of the family who can fill in some more information. I will be visiting Arran in July this year, my first visit for over 20 years. I shall also be contacting the Heritage Museum for any documents that might have come to light since I employed a professional researcher in 1987. Thanking you.

Yours,
Ian G Kendall
By email
ian.kendall@mordros.org.uk

Wind turbines not for Arran

Sir,
When I read about the proposals to erect wind turbines on Arran, I was surprised that some people appear to want to ignore the vast majority of Arran residents and their ability to earn a living.

Since it is reported that more than 80 percent of Arran's economy is based on tourism, wind turbines are definitely not something that visitors to Arran come to see.

Mountains, moors, and the views to and across wild land are very valuable and should be protected, especially when they provide so much income to Arran's economy.

There is a place for every-

thing and Arran is definitely not the place for wind turbines.

All the best.

Yours,
Ken Walker
31 Ochloch Park
Dunblane
Artists' lottery winners

Sir
The draw for the 'Arran Artists Lottery' took place as planned on Monday 18 April. The first prize, 'Daphne', a sculpture by Marvin Elliott, was won by Anne Bruce, and paintings by Nicky Gill, Bob Lees, and Maureen Farquharson, were won by Heather Raeside, Margo McLellan, Margie Currie, Iain Thomson, and Nancy MacLeod.

The draw raised the sum of £1,700 in three weeks, which is in itself remarkable. I can assure contributors that the proceeds have already been put to good use.

As lottery promoter, I wish to record thanks to the artists for their extraordinary generosity, to the Book and Card Centre for help distributing entry forms, to the Arran Banner for conducting the draw itself, and to all those who took part for their enthusiasm and messages of support.

Yours,
Dr Malcolm Kerr Brodick

Clyde in meltdown?

Sir,
COAST (Community of Arran Sea Trust) wish to close down the Clyde prawn trawling fleet by closing the Clyde to them.

COAST cites a report describing the Clyde as being 'so heavily fished that it is at risk of being emptied of almost all sea life. Frightening stuff!

This contradicts fishermen's observations over the past couple of years, as we are finding larger marks of fish and feeding on our echo sounders, and indeed catching some species we have not seen for years.

It can be assumed that a healthy ecosystem is when there is an abundance of the top predators and recent research indicates a seal population in excess of 1,000 within the Clyde area.

To sustain such numbers, seals require to consume 1,500 tonnes of fish annually - not an insignificant amount especially when landings of white fish - cod, haddock, whiting etc for the Clyde area, which includes the sound of Jura, is approx 50 tonnes, whilst herring landings are approx 700 tonnes.

In fact, Clyde seals consume fish equivalent to 10 per cent of the white fish quotas for inshore waters on the west coast.

Porpoises are regularly sighted as are nomadic dolphins and whales during the spring and summer months.

Gannets, gulls and other seabirds are abundant, many of which rely, as they have for generations, on fish from fishing vessels.

Admittedly there has been a lack of basking sharks. This could be due to a change of plankton feeding drift as large shoals were reported from Gigha to Islay last year.

Prawn trawling has been pursued since the 1960s and the stocks according to scientists are fished sustainably.

Indeed fishing effort probably peaked during the late 1980s, since when trawling effort has been reduced by 30-50 per cent.

Fish were exploited in the 80s and 90s by efficient seine-net and white fish pelagic trawling.

There are now no vessels pursuing these methods within the Clyde area i.e. a 100 per cent reduction in effort.

Commercial fishing has been blamed for all the woes associated with the marine environment, when in fact every anthropogenic influence should be taken into consideration.

Do the people who support COAST honestly think fishing families in the Clyde, many of whom can trace our fishing heritage over 100 years, would be party to the eradication of marine stocks which have sustained our families for generations.

Beware, even NIMBY groups have hidden agendas!

Yours,
Duncan McIntosh
Representative of the
Clyde fishermen

THE ARRAN BANNER - on holiday . . .



Just one of the many families enjoying an Easter weekend on Arran this week were the 'Windsors and the Middletons'.

They very kindly sent us this photograph of them catching up with all Arran's local news while relaxing on the island before the big wedding today (Friday).

Don't forget to pack your copy of the Banner if you are going on holiday.

It could be from Washington or Widsor, it really doesn't matter; we would love to see your photographs.

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Rugby fans enjoy island's annual sevens rugby tournament



The Isle of Arran President's team that made it to the final of the plate competition. 01_b17rug01



Many of Arran's senior team members returned to play for the island in the tournament. 01_b17rug04



Edinburgh University's 'Lemon Pie' team included a number of Arran players. 01_b17rug02



Stirling University had three Arran players in their team. 01_b17rug03

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Marr triumph at local club's rugby sevens

Marr Rugby Club were triumphant in the island's annual sevens competition on Saturday after beating Arran in the final.

Many of the island's senior players returned to play for Arran in what turned out to be the first time they've reached the final of the Sevens for many years.

But the Marr team had speed on their side and throughout the whole day they made it look easy as they scored try after try down the wing finally beating Arran 47-5.

Fantastic

Fans of the game were treated to a whole day of fantastic rugby matches that involved some of the best teams from the south of Scotland.

Lemon Pie, Edinburgh University's contribution, included Arran players Kal Masia, Danny Head and Kyle Barbour while Mark Wetton, Gregor Adamson and Nicky

Emsley played for Stirling University.

The Arran President's team was this year made up of the island's under-18s team who topped their league earlier this month.

In the perfect end to their season, the boys of the President's team made it to the final of the plate competition but were unfortunately beaten by Jordanhill Phoenix.

The Jordanhill team were forced to borrow some players from Stirling after three of their players dislocated shoulders and suffered hand injuries.

The turnout of 10 teams was absolutely fantastic considering the rather dull start to the day.

But by 2pm the sun had begun to peek through and the day ended under a beautiful clear blue sky with nearly 600 spectators enjoying the rugby.

Arran Rugby Club's president, Murray Boal, said: 'I'd like to say a big thank you to all the helpers that made the day go so smoothly. Thanks to the bar staff and burger stall helpers and to the first aiders, Neil Bulger, Alison Howie and Fiona McMaster, the day went without a blip.'



Jordanhill Phoenix are pictured with the replacement William Cook and John Robertson Shield after winning the plate competition. 01_b17rug07



Lemon Pie's Danny Head tries desperately to tackle a player from Stirling University. 01_b17rug08



Arran's Sam Casey tried to dodge a Marr player earlier in the day. 01_b17rug06



Marr's men in purple proved almost unstoppable even for Arran's Lachlan Jones. 01_b17rug05

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One week left for Provost's Civic Pride nominations

There is only one week left for nominations for North Ayrshire's Civic Pride citizens of the year.

This new scheme launched by Pat McPhee, Provost of North Ayrshire Council, is looking to identify people who have promoted or demonstrated civic pride in their own communities. There are five categories for the awards which will be presented at the Provost's Charity Dinner in Seamill Hydro on Friday June 17.

The charities to benefit from this event are North Ayrshire Cancer Care which helps around 30 people a day, and Cash for Kids.

The five awards to be presented at the event on June 17 are:

North Ayrshire Community Group Award sponsored by Irvine Housing Association - a voluntary group based

in North Ayrshire which has made a positive contribution and promoted or demonstrated civic pride in its community.

North Ayrshire Citizen of the Year Award sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline- a person

residing in North Ayrshire who has made a positive contribution and promoted or demonstrated civic pride in his/her community.

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Nominations can be made on the form on this page. Entries close on Friday 6 May.



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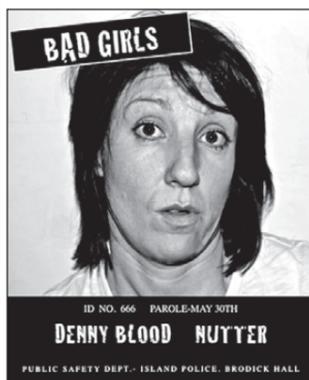
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Denny and Shell - two really Bad Girls



One of the Arran Bad Girls, Denny Blood -nutter.

Arran Music and Drama Club's summer production this year will be Bad Girls - The Musical.

This stage adaptation of the popular television series Bad Girls will open in Brodick Hall on Monday 30 May.

This controversial but humorous drama about life behind bars in a women's prison ran for eight series over eight years on national television. Now the musical is coming to Arran.

Rehearsals are going apace every Thursday night in the

village hall, and this week we feature two of the notorious inmates, Denny Blood, played by Debbie Robertson, who is serving seven years for burning down her children's home, and hard-nosed murderer Shell Dockley, played by Janie MacIntyre.

Despite her hard exterior, Denny's upbringing has left her desperate for love and attention, making her very easy to manipulate.

Denny is prison bully Shell Dockley's 'fixer', and not being too bright, she is always willing to do just as Shell says with no questions.

One day, however, she is going to find a voice of her own.

Shell Dockley is serving life for the kidnap, torture and eventual murder of the woman who 'stole' her boyfriend.

She was described by the judge sentencing her as 'evil personified', a tag she never has any problem living up to.

Whether it's taxing another inmate for her drugs stash or the intimidation of a weaker prisoner, Shell displays an equal amount of cunning and ruthlessness to get what she wants.

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Doing life for murder - Shell Dockley.

Kilmory art exhibition kick-starts AVA celebrations

The Arran Visual Arts (AVA) group opened their Kilmory Easter Art Exhibition last Friday night as part of the run up to their 10th anniversary in September.

The group, which was started in 2001 by local artists Ken McGregor and Alison Bell, now holds monthly art classes as well as bi-annual exhibitions of Arran artists' work.

Forty-six local artists had exhibits on show in the village hall all week – ranging from traditional acrylic and watercolour paintings to abstract landscapes, photographs, embroidery, ceramics and furniture.

Jan McGregor, chairman of the AVA, said that the group were excited about their 10th anniversary in September.

She said that in many ways the Kilmory exhibition was a perfect way to kick-start the celebrations as they had so many members exhibiting work.

Judith Baines from Dippen, a well-known textile and beadwork artist who has been a member of the AVA group since it started, was asked to open the exhibition this year.

In her opening speech she praised the work of the group during the past 10 years in bringing all artists on Arran together.

'The idea behind the AVA was always to try and bring all amateur artists together whatever the level they were working at'

'The AVA are such an inspirational group of people,' she told the assembled crowd. 'The idea behind the AVA was always to try and bring all amateur artists together whatever level they were working at.'

'In that time we have seen everyone improve immeasurably and the fruit of that labour can be seen here tonight.'

The range of work on display this year really is very impressive.

AVA now has 96 registered members and two thirds of them had work on show.

Eye-catching

Sheridan Waldon's 'Bits and Bobs' was a particularly eye-catching modern piece in vibrant abstract colours.

Marion Gentleman's 'Imagination' painted on to silk was a delicately beautiful piece while David Wedge's three untitled photographs had an angry intensity to them despite their still black and white images.

As usual there were many delightful recognisable scenes

including David Penn's vibrant painting of 'Skipness' and Nancy McLeod's attractive 'Holy Isle from Whiting Bay'.

George Christie's painting of

Cleats Shore was particularly striking with its naked form.

Jane Penn's acrylic collages were mesmerising and 'Aileen's Folly' a pen and wash drawing by Kate Rob-

ertson caught the eye of the viewers.

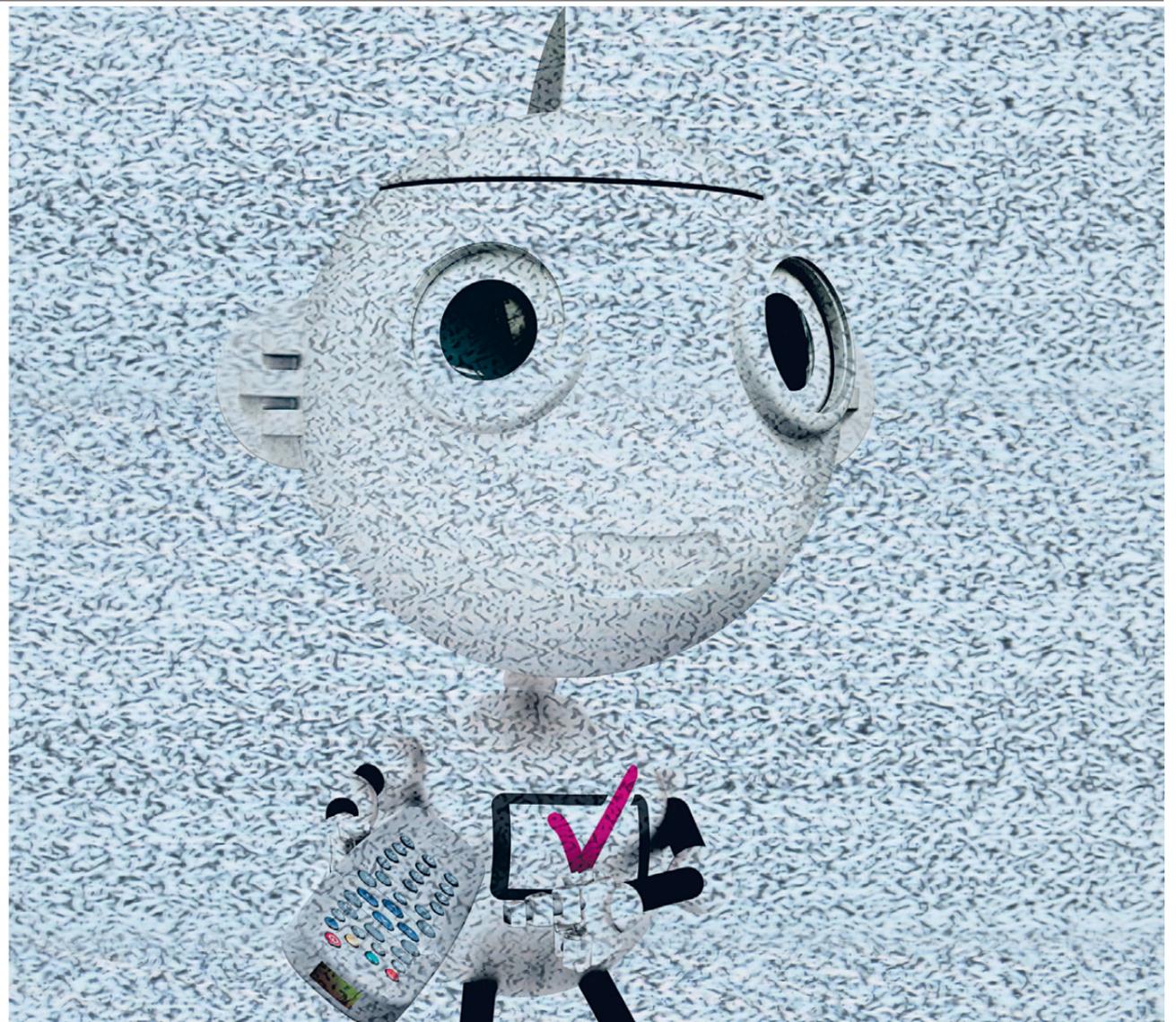
The beautiful simple lines of David Samuels shaker armchair were greatly admired as were the cotton and silk bags

by Tessa Smith. A special mention has to be made of six-year-old Alice Lockhart who, after attending the machine embroidery group last week with her mum, was absolutely delighted to see one of her drawings immortalised in silk and cotton by Maureen McGregor.

In next week's Banner we will reveal who won the 'People's Choice' award at this year's exhibition.



Judith Baines, who opened the exhibition, is pictured with the youngest exhibitor, six-year-old Alice Lockhart. 01_b17ava01



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Residents go quackers over Kilmory Duck Derby

Funds raised for new school path

A very special Easter Duck Derby was held in Kilmory on Sunday to raise money for a path that will allow the children to walk to school.

The duck race is held in Lagg Burn every year, but this Easter the 'Kilmory Kidz Klub' were aiming to raise vital funds for an ambitious new project.

Isobel Mulholland of Torrylinn Farm said: 'We have

been given some land by Charles Fforde which runs from our farm towards Kilmory School.

'We want to create path here so that the children can walk to school instead of having to catch the bus.'

At the moment because of safety rules about children walking to school on roads where there are no pavements, even the children that live



The Kilmory Easter Duck Derby is held every year. 01_b17due01

almost next door to the school have to get the bus.

The new path will mean they can enjoy the short walk to school instead.

More than £500 was raised on Sunday through the Duck Derby and the 'Kilmory Kidz' will be continuing their fundraising throughout the summer for their new path.

•The children of Kilmory would like to say a big thank you to the kind Easter Bunny that left them all chocolate eggs on Sunday morning.

Kilmory children were each given a chocolate Easter egg after the duck race. 01_b17due02



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Digital switchover drop-in session

A special 'drop-in' lunchtime session has been organised by the Arran Elderly Forum in conjunction with the ACVS to discuss help with the upcoming digital television switchover.

On Friday 6 May between 11am and 3pm the Elderly Forum have invited its members and anyone else who may be interested in joining the forum to come along to the Ormidale Pavilion.

Jackie Campbell (EAGA) and Morag Campbell (Arran ACVS) will be on hand to provide information and advice to anyone that would like more information about the switchover.

Ann McQuade from North Ayrshire Carers will also be attending and carers of people of all ages can find out information about their services.

Free soup and sandwiches, teas and coffees and scones will be provided.

COMING SOON
Spring Fair & BAR-B-QUE
Saturday 7th May 2010
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Corrie Primary School

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Isle of Arran Lifeboat Guild
RNLI SCO37736
Coffee Morning
Ormidale Pavilion
Saturday 30th April
10.15am - 12pm
Baking Stall - Tombola - Raffle
Adults £2 - Children 50p

The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, April 27, 1991

Lost forever?

One of the most beautiful views on Arran, the vista looking across Brodick Bowling Green to Goatfell, could be lost forever.

A planning decision taking by the council on Tuesday could see the small area between the road and bowling green built on.

The building is to be a new surgery for Dr Malcolm Kerr and would be sited next door to the Brodick Pharmacy.

Decanted

The residents of the Twelve Apostles in Catacol have this week had to pack up their belongings and move out of their homes.

This is in preparation for the £250,000 worth of work that will be carried out on the 12 buildings this summer.



Wendy Freeman of Lamlash, an expert concert accordionist, is determined to return to performing after her one-off appearance at the Arran Music Festival was such a success in March.

b17twe01



Sid and Janice Robison in front of their new home, Drimla Lodge in Kildonan. b17twe03

Sadly the owner of Number Three still can't be traced.

Bill Hay who owns Number One said: 'CDC should compulsorily purchase it and change it into a council house. But the holiday people don't share that view.'

Census 1991

The 1991 census is over - at least it is for most people, providing they have filled in their forms.

We spoke to two of Arran's census enumerators and asked them how they had fared.

'It's just a case of trying to find people,' said Hilary Mutch.

Andy McCormack encountered another problem: 'There are so many people here who buy holiday homes and want to remain incognito.'

New posting

Arran's Bank of Scotland manager, Robert Armour, is to transfer next month to a post in the bank's Glasgow head office.

The new manager is coming from the branch in Sanquhar and Kirconnel, which is the same branch that Mr Armour's predecessor came from.

Rugby apology

Following the rumpus created at the Glenisle Hotel by Heriots Rugby Club, manager Fred Wood has received a cheque for £384 and a written apology.

He also said that on returning home the Heriots players had been severely reprimanded but following coverage in the national press the case has been re-opened.

Transport Museum

Open at the Anchor Hotel, Brodick. Tuesday and Wednesday 11am to 6pm - come and see how they ran.

Pool progress

The eagerly awaited Auchranie swimming pool is running to schedule and looking good.

The inside has been fully tiled with curved corners at the bottom and splendidly an Auchranie crest sits in the mosaic in the centre of the pool.

Patience rewarded
Drimla Lodge at Kildonan, one of Arran's most distinctive buildings, has come to life again after years of neglect and lying empty.

Bought by Sid and Janice Robinson from Yorkshire, the couple finally moved into the house this week.

Now Drimla Lodge has come to life again as a family home and the Robison family can begin to enjoy a life that has been planned for 14 years.



Ian Adamson of Hydro Electric hands Angus Raeburn of Corriegills a voucher of £100 as the winner of our recent 'Knowledge of Electricity' competition. b17twe02



Married last Saturday by the Rev Andrew Barrie at St Molio's Church, Shiskine were Fiona Mitchell and Calum Gilmour of Ladeside Place, Shiskine. b17twe04

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Last week must have been too easy as we had hoards of correct answers but the first one came from Brian and Rosie Laycock in West Yorkshire. Brian said: 'I think Archie is at the Brodick Castle car park next to the Royal trees. He looks majestic next to the spring daffodils.' Well done Brian. Can anyone guess where those beautiful spring flowers are this week?

Whats on

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2pm
Loch Garbad, Bank
9am - dusk
Rosaburn Brodict, 10.30am - 4.30pm

SATURDAY 30th APRIL

Karate
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Rink Game
RNLI Shop Open
Arran Lifeboat Guild Coffee Morning
Koffee for Kalimpong
Exhibition of Paintings by John Inglis
Quiz & European Night

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Lamlash pier, 2pm - 4pm
Ormidale Pavilion 10.15am - 12pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.30am - 12pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 12pm - 5pm
Brodict Golf Club, From 7pm

SUNDAY 1st MAY

Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Quiz
Texas Scramble
Family Fun Afternoon

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Library Annexe, 1.45pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 11.30am
Lamlash Golf Club. From 4pm

MONDAY 2nd MAY

Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games
Citizens Advice
Senior Fitness
BreathWalk Class
Circuit Training
Table Tennis
Badminton
Mums and Tots Swimming Lessons
Hatha Yoga
Blether & Bite
Summer Bridge
Rink Game

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm
Park Terrace, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 11am
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 12pm - 2.30pm
High School Cafe, 6.30pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm

TUESDAY 3rd MAY

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Junior Hockey Club
Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up
Scottish Country Dancing
Indoor Bowls
Youth Club
Rink Game

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm
Park Terrace, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm
Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

WEDNESDAY 4th MAY

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Yoga for Every Body
Senior Badminton
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Circuit Training
Rink Game

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10am -11.30am
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm

THURSDAY 5th MAY

General Knowledge Quiz
Arran Music & Drama Rehearsals
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Table Tennis
Youth Club
Senior Fitness
Pilates
Pub Quiz
Brodict Embroidery Group
Arran Youth Foundations
The Wee Blether - soup & sandwiches

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym
6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio
Kinloch Hotel, 9pm
Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Behind Library, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 12pm - 1.30pm

FRIDAY 6th MAY

Arran Pipe Band Practice
Quiz
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Seniors Badminton (Over 50)
Over 21's Disco
Arran Youth Foundations
Jazz Cafe

Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm - 11pm

SATURDAY 7th MAY

Rink Game
RNLI Shop Open

Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Lamlash pier, 2pm - 4pm



PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL: NOTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADOPTION STATEMENT

Notice is hereby given that North Ayrshire Council has published a Proposed Plan and Environmental Adoption Statement, under the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 and the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 respectively.

The Proposed Plan is a land use planning document, which sets out a vision for North Ayrshire over the next 20 years, identifies specific areas for future development and acts as the framework for determining planning applications in the area, once adopted.

The Environmental Adoption Statement sets out how North Ayrshire Council has taken cognisance of the potential significant environmental impacts highlighted in the assessment of the Main Issues Report, the precursor to the Proposed Plan. In the interest of improved sustainability, a Social and Economic Adoption Statement has also been produced.

Various Supplementary Guidance documents relating to design guidance, affordable housing and wind farms are also being consulted on with the Plan.

The above documents can be viewed online at: www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/localplans or in person at: Cunninghame House, Friars Croft, Irvine, KA12 8EE. Copies are also available to view in all libraries in North Ayrshire.

Copies can also be obtained in paper or CD format by telephoning 01294 324757, by emailing LDP@north-ayrshire.gov.uk or by writing to Planning Services, Proposed Plan, North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE.

Statements in support of, or in objection to, any specific provision, policy or proposal in the Proposed Plan are now invited. Comments on the Adoption Statements and Supplementary Guidance published with the Plan are also invited.

Statements should be made by filling out a 'Representation Form' available online or by requesting a form using the contact details above. The deadline for all comments to be received is 4.30pm on Friday 24 June 2011.

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

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at Corporate Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine* between the hours of 9am and 4.45pm on weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) excepting Saturdays and Public Holidays or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Written representations may be made to the Solicitor to the Council (Corporate Services) at the address below by 20 May 2011.

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*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008

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Application No: 11/00251/PP Address: Loan Mhor, Shannochie, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8SJ. Proposed Development: Erection of single storey extension to rear of detached dwelling house.

Application No: 11/00247/PP Address: Balmichael Water Treatment Works, Shiskine, Brodick, Isle Of Arran. Proposed Development: Erection of new treatment building and outfall headwall.

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Wednesday 4 May
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Sunday 1 May
Rev Gillean Maclean
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
In Lamlash - Sacrament of Baptism
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)

Saturday 30 April
Communion Services
preparatory service 7pm
13 Glen Avenue Brodict
Sunday 1 May
Communion Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodict
Evening Service 7pm
Monday 2 May
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Prayer Meeting
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Brodict Church 10.30am
Family Praise service
Corrie Church 12pm
Family Praise service
Lochransa 10.45am
Family Praise service
Shiskine Church 12pm
Family Praise service

A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

Thursday 5 May
Shiskine 12pm
Service of Prayers for Health & Healing

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SCO14005)

Sunday 1 May
The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.

All who love the Lord will be most welcome at His table.

There will be the usual activities for the young people in the Church Hall.

Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.
All very welcome.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Morning Mass 11am

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 1 May
Meeting for worship
11am

Glen Estate, Brodict
Enquiries to Jeny 302799

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Thursday 5 May
Taize worship
St Margaret's Episcopal Church
7.30pm

BIRTHS

McALLISTER - CHARLES JOHN

Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Sunday 24th April 2011. Charlie, aged 91 years, formerly of Braehead Farm, Sliderry, beloved husband of Kitty, dear father of Charlie, Willie, Catriona and Jean, much loved grandfather of the family. Funeral service in Shiskine Free Church on Thursday 5th May at 12 noon and thereafter to Kilmory Cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Alzheimer's Society. Transport available from 9.45 ferry and return 16.40 ferry.

Arran's churches celebrate Easter

The congregations of the island's churches enjoyed a busy Easter weekend of prayer and celebration.

As in recent years, Arran Churches Together held a Procession of Witness on the holiest day of the Christian calendar, Good Friday.

People of all denominations gathered at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Brodict on Friday afternoon for a short service.

Just after 2pm the congregation emerged with a large wooden cross and a solemn

procession led by Father Noel Colford made its way along the seafront.

The walk symbolises Jesus' last walk to Calvary.

Refreshments

When they reached Brodict Church another short service took place followed by refreshments.

On Easter Sunday around 40 people and five dogs were up at the crack of dawn to watch the sunrise at 5.51am.

The truth of Easter drew them together at the Viking Fort, Kingscross as they gath-



The Procession of Witness took place through Brodict on Good Friday. 01_b17eas01



More than 40 people gathered at Kingscross on Easter Sunday to watch the sun rise.



Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 20 April, Medal, 12 players, CSS 60. 1 H B McKinnon 69-11=58 BIH, 2 A McDonald 69-11=58, 3 J McGovern 67-6=61. Magic twos A Napier.

Saturday 23 April, Grouse Qualifying Foursomes, 20 played. 1 D Wilkinson and S Cline, 2 D Logan and A Napier. Congratulations to David and Stan who go forward to the finals at Lamalsh in September.

Fixtures: Wednesday Medals at 5pm. Saturday 30 April, Stableford competition at 8.30am and 1pm and 1.45pm. Tee reserved from 12pm until 4pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 21 April, Ladies 12 Hole Medal, 18 played. Silver: 1 Fiona Crawford 46-7=39, 2 Viv Parks 55-11=44, 3 Christine Maxton 49-4=45. Bronze: 1 Sylvia Money 64-18=46, 2 Steph Hill 64-17=47 BIH, 3 Margot Bannatyne 71-24=47. Best Scratch Fiona Crawford 46. Congratulations Fiona on a superb round of golf!

Fixtures: Thursday 5 May, Ladies 12 Hole Medal, tee-off 1pm. Sunday 1 May, Gents 12 Hole Medal, tee-off at 1pm.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

The postponed Texas Scramble was played on Saturday 23 April. Scores were nail biting close. In second place were the 'Tailenders' Richard Fletcher, Lynn Walker and Marjorie Brown with a 65.5. In first place were 'Team Rankin plus Pat' Brenda and David Rankin with Pat McDonald with a score of 65.4. Scratch went to 'The Sarrasons' Susan and Ross Butchard with Andy Martin with a 72. Many thanks to all who came along.

Ladies: Sunday 24 April, Boyd Quaich medal had a good turn out of ladies. 1 Carol Simpson 61 and also winning scratch 84, 2 Jean Davidson 65. There were no magic twos this time and the kitty is building up nicely ladies!

Gents: Sunday 24 April, a cooler day than recently saw 32 gents compete for the Easter Medal, SSS 63, CSS 63. 1 Jim Meehan (22)59, 2 Gus MacLeod (10)60, 3 Michel Augier (16)62. Nicol Auld won scratch with 66 and there was just one magic two from Jamie MacPherson.

Fixtures: Sunday 1 May, Tor Alvey Greensome. Wednesday 4 May, Summer Trophy.

Brodict Golf Club

Ladies: Monday 26 April, Stableford Competition, CSS67. 1 Isobel Macdonald (17)42, 2 Liz Lees (8)40, 3 Kay Kitson (22)39. Jan Beattie had the only two.

Gents: Wednesday 20 April, Summer Cup, 53 played, CSS 64. 1 E Thompson (17)62, 2 E McKinnon (0)62, 3 G Hendry (8)63. Scratch E McKinnon 62. There were 17 twos, M Holmes, T Raeside, M Keir, B Smith and C Scotland got two each, lots of others got one.

Sunday 23 April, Club Trophy, 28 played, CSS 64. Sweep results 1 I McDermid (13) 60, 2 T Raeside (7)64, 3 R McCrae (7)64. Scratch E McKinnon 70. Winner of Club Trophy Ian McDermid. Runner up Terry Raeside. Social event: Saturday 30 April, Supper night and Quiz in the clubhouse from 7 pm. All members and guests welcome.

Fixtures: Sunday 1 May, Brandon, open draws at 8.30am and 1pm. Sunday 8 May, AGA Spring Handicap and Thomson Cup Qualifier, at Shiskine. Draw on Wednesday 4 May, late entries accepted on the day.

Arran Golfers Association

Up and coming fixtures: Monday 2 May, Junior Handicap at Shiskine Golf Club at 4pm.

This year's junior competition will

take place at Shiskine Golf Club and is open to all juniors with an official handicap; there is a trophy for the winner that must be returned after a year. Juniors without a handicap can still play but are not eligible for the competition. No entry fee. The best eight scores qualify for the match play competition which will also be held over Shiskine, first round ties by Sunday 8 May, semi finals by 15 May and the final the following Monday 23 May at a time to suit Shiskine, semi and final must be played at Shiskine but first round ties may be played at a course that suits the two players.

Wednesday 4 May, Arran Golfers Association AGM will be held in Lamlash Golf Club at 8.30pm.

Sunday 8 May, the Guy Spiers Trophy, Spring Handicap, will be held at Shiskine Golf Club, draw will take place at the AGM sheets on notice boards.

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Machrie Bay Golf Club

The Machrie Bay Ladies took part in the annual ladies Kiscadale competition playing on four out of the five days as per the usual format.

During the course of the competition the standard of play was mostly very high with only the odd moment of despair by all the teams.

The Machrie Ladies achieved out best result to date, winning four points (only three points last year) and happily surrendering our usual place at the bottom of the league.

The overall winners were Whiting Bay Ladies winning all but one of their eight matches. This was brilliantly won by Machrie Ladies.

The Ladies would like to thank all those who turned up to support them and to David Wilkinson for his support as caddy on all occasions.

We would like to say to other male members of the Club that it is quite permissible for male club members to attend and show their support for the Ladies who are representing THEIR Club. We can assure them that they won't be the only men in attendance.

Thanks again to all the ladies who took part in the competition, non-

er to sing and praise the Risen Saviour.

The Rev Elizabeth Watson said: '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 gathered for the 29th consecutive

year to worship the One who brings life in all its fullness and to enjoy the fellowship that being in Him can bring to us all as gather to welcome Easter Day.

'Maybe you would like to join us next year when Easter Sunday falls on April 8.'

Recent results: Tuesday 19 April, Hall of Fame Championship. 1 David Wilkinson 64, 2 Brian Sherwood 67, 3 Hugh McClelland 68. Scratch Mark Sherwood 73. There were twos from Brian Sherwood and Alastair Chalmers. Well Done to David who will now represent Machrie at Drumpellier Golf Course in August. All money raised goes to Cancer Research UK.

Fixtures: Tuesday 3 May, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton, 12.30/5.30pm tee-off. Saturday 7 May, Hugh Steel Cup O/60 played over 9 holes, tee off 2pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 21 April, Summer Cup, 39 played, CSS 64. 1 Willie Currie 75-14=61, 2 Raymond Burke 75-13=62, 3 Neil Young 65-3=62, 4 Todd Jameson 71-8=63, 5 Stuart Campbell 70-7=63. There were twos from Alan Winship and John O'Sullivan.

Saturday 23 April, Glenisle Mixed Fours Cup, 24 played. 1 Jimmy and Irene Cameron 81-20=61, 2 Derek and Catherine Robertson 71-10=61, 3 Andy and Clair Barclay 68-6.5=61.5. There were twos from Derek and Catherine Robertson, Mark and Rachel Wren, Andy and Clair Barclay and Jim and Brenda Livingstone.

Sunday 24 April, Easter Texas Scramble. 1 Alan Smith, Alistair Ferrier, Val Crawford and Helen Young 59-9.7=49.3, 2 Ian Gillan, Alastair Crawford, Colette Robertson and Alison Young 56-6.3=49.7, 3 Mike Watt, Iain Murchie, Ian Docherty and Catherine Robertson 56-5.2=50.8, 4 Mark Wren, Derek Robertson, Lee Girbow and Jenny Pattenden 57-5.9=51.1.

Fixtures: Saturday 30 April, Arran Grouse Qualifier (Foursome), make up own fours and see starter for times. Sunday 1 May, Hamilton Bowl at 9.30am and 1pm starts.

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Senior rugby team's return planned...

'... but we need to know that you are committed to playing for the team'

A senior rugby team could be returning to the field in Brodick later this year but only if the Isle of Arran Rugby Club can get the players to commit.

Last year a decision was made to take a break from senior rugby after it was revealed that a number of players were leaving to travel overseas.

As a result the club decided to focus on the under-18s team which this year topped their development league.

But since most of these players will now qualify for the seniors come September, it is hoped that Arran RFC will be able to re-enter in the third division of the West League.

Bill McLaughlin, honorary secretary of Arran Rugby Club, said: 'The minimum number of players that will make a senior team viable is 20.

'With 20 players we can then guarantee that 16 or 17 will turnout to the games.'

He added that the number of people that have expressed an interest in playing has overwhelmed him.

'But at the end of the day that isn't enough - we need to know that you are committed to the team,' he said.

Interested

The club's AGM will be held this Wednesday at the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick at 7pm.

All those interested in playing for the senior team must attend this or confirm their interest by calling Niall McMaster on 820253 before the meeting.

'All those players wishing to see senior rugby played in Arran this coming season please make every effort to be there,' said Bill.



Marr triumph in Arran rugby sevens

The boys of Marr Rugby Club pictured with the Arran Society of Glasgow Cup after winning the Arran Sevens tournament at Ormidale Park in Brodick on Saturday. Sadly they beat Arran in the final to take the top prize but the spectators were treated to a fest of rugby throughout the day. For the full report and all the pictures, see pages 10 and 11. 01_b17rug09

Footballers prepare for new summer season

Six teams will be taking part in the Arran Football League this year as new team Bay FC have joined for the first time. Made up of former Northend players, Bay FC is captained by the Lochranza team's past captain, Matt Milne.

The other five teams are Brodick, Lamblash, Northend, Shiskine and Southend.

This year all league games will take place on a Monday night with a kick-off time between 6.30pm and 7pm.

The cup semi and final will be played on a Saturday at 3pm.

The first game of the season will be a preliminary round of the Arran Haulage Cup between firstly Brodick and Bay FC and Southend and Northend on Monday 2 May.

In the semi-final the winners of the first group will play Shiskine and the second group's winners will play Lamblash on Saturday 7 May.

The final will then be played the week after on Saturday 14 May.



The last time an Arran senior team played a league match was two seasons ago.

Summer Bridge

The results of the Summer Bridge tournament held at Arran High School on Monday 25 April were as follows:

N/S 1 Trisha Martin and Isobel McArthur, 2 Peter Thompson and Sandra Turnbull, 3 Margaret McGill and Evelyn Sillars.

E/W 1 Jannette McBride and Jan Beattie, 2 Wendy McNiven and Roddy Thompson, 3 Margaret and Douglas Bruce.

Next tournament Monday 2 May at 6.30pm for 6.45pm. All welcome.

ISLE OF ARRAN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

AGM

in the
Ormidale Sports
Pavilion

on

Wednesday
4th May

at
7.00pm

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