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Wooleys of Arran shortlisted for Scottish baker of the year

'The island bakery is recognised for producing one of the best chicken and leek pies in the land'

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Thanks to the island's residents, Wooleys of Arran has been recognised by a panel of expert judges as producing one of the best chicken and leek pies in the land.

Customers from across Scotland voted for their best bakery products throughout March and Wooleys' were revealed as one of the best bakers in Scotland.

The top 30 products in each of the five categories were baked and delivered to Fife for judging by a panel that included retired master bakers with extensive experience of the bakery sector in Scotland.

The panel professionally judged all 150 items shortlisted in the five categories: bread, scones, sweets, savouries and morning rolls to decide on which should be put through as the best in the land.

Wooleys were thrilled to receive a bronze medal for their chicken pies.

Lindsay Keir of Wooleys said: 'We are absolutely delighted to be recognised as one of the top bakers in the country.'

'It's a superb achievement for all the staff and makes all

their hard work worthwhile.' Lindsay bought the Brodick bakery in 1985, but there has actually been a bakery on that site since the 1830s.

For 27 years Lindsay and his family have worked hard to expand the range of goods in his bakery and the famous oatcakes are now legendary around the world.

Head judge Robert Ross said: 'The sheer number of votes has given us a good indication of how strongly the people of Scotland feel about their high street bakers and we were delighted with the quality of the products we had to judge.'

'We really believed Wooleys are worthy of their place on the shortlist and they should be proud to be counted amongst the best of the best of Scottish baking.'

Alan Clarke, chief executive of Scottish Bakers said: 'Wooleys do a great job day in and day out delivering a quality product and I am sure their customers will agree. 'What is key for me though is that this competition has given me great heart that the people of Scotland really do value their high street bakers and are pleased to have been able to back them by voting in this competition.'



Wooleys' Helen McDonald, manager Aileen MacKay and Alison Garrett proudly show-off the winning chicken and leek pies. 01_b20pie01

Freight-only service for second summer ferry

Arran travellers could be welcoming back an old friend on the Brodick to Ardrossan ferry route this summer.

For the last seven years, Arran has benefited from having a second ferry, MV Saturn, running between Brodick and Ardrossan over the busy summer months. But this year we are looking forward to our old ferry MV Isle of Arran taking her place.

Purpose-built

The Isle of Arran was purpose-built for the Ardrossan run and took up service here in 1983 before being replaced by MV Caledonian Isles in 1993.

Isle of Arran Ferry Committee chairman Ken Thorburn told the Banner: 'The second ferry for the summer has not

yet been formally agreed but MV Isle of Arran is the likely vessel. CalMac is in the process of making sure that sufficient funding is in place.

'If confirmed, the Isle of Arran will operate from Monday to Friday as a freight-only vessel with a limited crew and maximum of 12 passengers – basically the lorry drivers. But if there are only a couple of lorries she could take some cars.

'On Saturday and Sunday she will have a full crew for foot passengers and car drivers as well. The idea is to encourage hauliers to use the second vessel, freeing up more space for cars on the Caledonian Isles.

'This summer there will also be a trial 8.20am sailing of the second ferry on Sunday mornings.'

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Scottish Slimmers have arrived on Arran

Scottish Slimmers, Scotland's weight loss organization, have just opened their first classes on Arran.

The classes have been started by Jo Milne and Scottish Slimmers director Isobel McRorie was there to lend a helping hand for the first day.

Class manager Jo Milne lives in Lamlash with her husband and young family and she is looking forward to sharing her weight loss knowledge with her fellow islanders.

'I am really excited about the new classes,' she said.

'Scottish Slimmers have recently launched a brand new eating plan, Positive Eating Made Easy - which allows you to cut back a bit during the week and relax at the weekends - what could be better!'

Busy mum Jo used to work at the Police Station on Arran but chose this new career direction to fit in with her family.

'I have always been really interested in health and fit-

ness and I love my food so I can't wait to share healthy eating tips and fabulous Scottish Slimmers recipes every week!'

Scottish Slimmers runs hundreds of classes across Scotland every day, but have never had a presence on Arran - until now.

Isobel said: 'We are very excited about finally coming to Arran. It has been a goal of ours for a long time to open classes here and I am sure we will be able to help many people on the island to achieve their weight loss goals.'

'There's been a lot of interest already from the locals who are delighted that Scottish Slimmers are opening classes as they've heard such great reports about our successes and they love the fact it's a Scottish company promoting Scottish foods and meals.' Scottish Slimmers new classes are on Thursday evenings at 7pm and Saturday mornings at 11am - both classes are held in Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick.



Isobel McRorie, Scottish Slimmers director, right, with Jo Milne, Scottish Slimmers Arran Class Manager at the Ormidale Pavilion.

Walker with broken ankle rescued

A 57-year-old man who had fallen whilst descending Goat Fell had to be rescued by the Arran Mountain Rescue Team on Saturday. He had fallen on the path above High Corrie and after being assessed by the 14 team members, he was treated for a broken ankle.

Due to the nature of the injuries, it was decided to carry him down the hill by stretcher to High Corrie and airlift him to Crosshouse Hospital.

The AMRT once again, would like to remind all walkers to always prepare accordingly.

Driving offences

On Tuesday 15 May a 49-year-old Whiting Bay woman was issued with a fixed penalty of £60 and three points on her licence for speeding in the village at 5pm.

On Wednesday 16 May a 17-year-old Lamlash man was issued with a Vehicle Defect Rectification Notice in Alma Road, Brodick for having faulty lights on his car.

On the same day, a 50-year-old Lamlash woman was given a fixed penalty for speeding in Brodick.

A 25-year-old Brodick woman was also issued with a fixed penalty for speeding at the same location.

White stag spotted at Glenloig

A brilliant-white deer has been spotted once again on Arran.

Last Thursday night Gary Hemming from Lamlash spotted the white stag at the Glenloig car park at around 10pm.

He said: 'It was with a female deer which was also very light in colour.'

'The stag was brilliantly white, the colour of snow. I stopped the car to take a look and it ran away.'

A blue puppy called Ben at Braehead

A cute little blue puppy called Ben has been born at Braehead Farm, Slidery.

Readers may remember a blue puppy featuring in the Banner in April 2008 when one was born at Geoff Brookes' Southbank Farm at Bennan.

Now Midge McAllister tells us that they have also one of these rare puppies on their farm.

She said: 'Our Kip (the pup's mother) was the Southbank blue pup's sister and has had her first litter of pups - three

mainly black and white, but one very definitely blue/grey.

'We have called him Ben and he will go to my sister Sine at North Sannox Farm, to work, we hope.'

'His father is a North Sannox dog.'

Our photo shows Midge and Willie's nine-year-old son Allan with the litter of pups.



Young Allan McAllister with the new blue puppy and his brothers and sisters. b20pup01

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Brodick Co-op praised by former Beirut hostage

Brodick's much maligned Co-op was handed a nationwide plaudit live on air last week - by famous Beirut hostage John McCarthy.

Tens of thousands of listeners heard McCarthy express his amazement that the store stocked two varieties of balsamic vinegar!

The subject of Arran arose during a feature on BBC Radio 4's Saturday Live show, fronted by him.

The topic was 'Island Lives' and when a studio guest told of his recent links with Arran, McCarthy dished out his praise.

Guest: 'I had the good fortune to spend the day on the submarine HMS Tireless for 24 hours during an exercise near the isle. We surfaced at sunrise off the north end and it was magical. The air was so pure, you could eat it.'

McCarthy: 'Ahh - I was on Arran only a few weeks ago and what I marvelled at more than anything was the fact that on such a small island you had the choice of two types of balsamic vinegar in the Co-op.'

McCarthy was a journalist working for United Press International Television News at the time of his kidnap by Islamic Jihad terrorists in Lebanon in April 1986. He was held in captivity until his release in August, 1991 after sharing a cell with the Irish hostage Brian Keenan for several years.

Terry Waite, the special envoy of the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, travelled to Lebanon to try to secure the release of the pair - only to be himself held captive between 1987 and 1991.

John McCarthy first visited Arran in June 1994 when he sailed to Holy Isle for a meeting with the spiritual leader Lama Yeshe Losal Rinpoche.

Trust donate to Old Clachan Church restoration fund

A significant donation of £2,000 has been given to the team behind the restoration of the Old Clachan Church in Shiskine from the Arran Trust.

The Shiskine Valley Trust has been working for the past four years to restore the Clachan Church at the head of the valley.

The money from the Arran Trust comes from island visitors who make a small contribution towards conserving and protecting the island environment.

The site of the old parish mission church at Clachan

has long been regarded 'holy' ground.

Since earliest Christian times in Arran, the Clachan Glen was frequented by pilgrims from as far afield as Ireland, making their way across Arran on their way to Holy Isle.

Shiskine residents Jack Murchie and George Banatyne were determined that the building should be saved for generations to come and their hard work has recently paid off.

A re-dedication ceremony will take place on Sunday 27 May at 2pm.



Jack Murchie receives a cheque for £2,000 from Sheila Gilmore of the Arran Trust.



There were fears four years ago that the Old Clachan Church would have to be knocked down.

Delay in Brodick pier resurfacing work

The work to resurface the car marshalling area at Brodick pier has hit a snag.

Originally scheduled to take three weeks and finish last Friday 11 May, it is behind target.

Ferry committee chairman Ken Thorburn said: 'Apparently the consultants had the levels wrong and it has had to be re-done. Its not the fault of the contractors.'

CalMac pier manager Colin McCort added: 'There has been a hold up, but it should be finished in another two weeks.'

Vehicles queuing for the ferry only have the use of half the marshalling area during the works.

Fishing boat runs aground off Corrie

On Tuesday Arran Coastguards were alerted to assist the fishing vessel Magareta II that had run aground north of Corrie with two persons on board.

The small tug Laura M reported that she was 30 minutes away and that she was prepared to help. The Laura M arrived on scene and after establishing a towline managed to tow the fishing vessel safely off the rocks and into deeper water.

The Margareta II was asked to check for any water leaks or steering problems and after reporting nothing untoward, she was allowed to proceed back to fishing.

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Jubilee street party and beacon

Entertainment and activities for all the family marks historic occasion

The plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations on Arran are well underway.

The villagers of Brodick will be hosting a red, white and blue street party on Tuesday 5 June.

A spokesman for Brodick Improvements Committee said: 'A seasoned Master of Ceremonies will be leading us through the day with wit and frivolity.'

Most of the entertainment is centred on the shore front green adjacent to the slipway.'

The event officially starts on Monday night 4 June when a Jubilee Beacon will be lit on the seafront by the Arran

Mountain Rescue Team at the designated time of 10.26pm.

Among the entertainment will be a historic tour of the village led by Grace Small, crazy croquet on the Douglas Hotel lawn, children's races and games and performances by Arran Brass, Arran Pipe Band, Arran Dancing Dogs, Highland Dancers and Ain't Misbehavin.

All Brodick primary school children and below will receive a souvenir mug.

The Jubilee advert on page 11 of this week's Banner was the winning design by Hannah McCartney of P5. All entries will be on display on the day.



Arran jazz fans enjoy Bute Festival

Three Arran jazz fans joined hundreds of locals and visitors in the centre of Rothesay last Saturday morning for the centrepiece of the annual Isle of Bute Jazz Festival. Biff Simpson, Anne Hodge and Lucy Cartledge joined the noisy and colourful 'brolly parade' through the town. The 25th festival, featuring 17 bands and 12 venues around the island, began on the Friday afternoon and continued until the Monday. Photo courtesy of The Buteman.

Invitation from Robert Currie

Robert Currie of New Jersey is President of the Clan Currie Society, based in New York, and he is inviting anyone who is interested, not just Curries, to the 2012 MacMhuirich Symposium in South Uist on Saturday 25 August.

Robert has a strong Arran heritage and comes from an old island family of Curries from Shiskine and Kilmory. In 1995 he attended the Brodick Highland Games and pre-

sented the trophies as Games Chieftain.

Robert said: 'South Uist is a most appropriate place to mark the achievements of Scotland's greatest bardic dynasty.'

'We know that such a distinguished gathering of speakers will do honour to the MacMhuirichs at the symposium in August.'

The MacMhuirichs, a name later anglicized to Currie,

served for over 700 years as professional poets to the Lords of the Isles.

The Clan Currie Society is based in New York and has over 3,000 members worldwide.

Complete details can be found at www.clancurrie-gathering.com/news---Symposium.html.

Right: Robert Currie, President of the Clan Currie Society. b20rob01



Save the Children collection week

The local branch of Save the Children would like to say thank you to those who gave so generously during their collection week from April 29 to May 5.

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Spring Fair success for Corrie Primary

Corrie Primary School held a successful Spring Fair on Saturday afternoon – despite the frequent showers of rain more than £1,000 was raised.

Stalls were set up all over the school grounds selling

everything from children's toys and books to bric a brac and delicious homebaking.

Headteacher Susan Kelly said: 'We made an incredible £1,074.82 so it was a very successful day!

'Please could you convey

our thanks to everyone that came along and parents, staff and children for all their help and contributions and many thanks to all the local businesses who donated prizes for our grand raffle.'

Despite showers of rain in the morning, the day brightened up and the rest of the event was held in brilliant sunshine.

The BBQ proved popular with all visitors, as did the delicious homebaking.



Sarah Jackson and Charlie Hodgart helping on the books stall. 01_b20cor01



The 'Bric a Brac' stall was busy all day. 01_b20cor03



Face painting proved a real crowd pleaser with the youngsters. 01_b20cor04



Former Corrie pupils Abbie Jackson and Tabitha Thorburn-Eaddy were urging people to guess the weight of the cake. 01_b20cor05



Former Corrie Nursery pupil Ross Traill tries to 'beat the goalie' Oisean Gold. 01_b20cor02

Last chance to join Arran Mountain Festival

This year's Arran Mountain Festival begins today.

Don't worry if you've missed out on any of the walks today, just pop along to the Arran Adventure Cabin and see what might still be on offer for the rest of the Festival.

Or why not come along this evening to Eilean Mor in Brodick from 5.30pm and join the Social Gathering, a chance to meet leaders and other Festival participants.

On Saturday evening some local residents will be recounting their expeditions and exploits at Corrie Hall, doors open at 7pm.

And finally test your mountain knowledge at the Festival pub quiz on Sunday evening at the Catacol Bay Hotel, starting at 8.30pm.

You'll find full Festival details and booking opportunities at www.arranmountain-festival.co.uk and you can follow all the events on Facebook and Twitter.

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Locals urged to take part in Lamlash Splash

Local swimmers are being urged to take part in this year's Lamlash Splash – the epic swim between Holy Isle and Arran, on September 15.

Sally Hunter and Neil Gillies, who have organised the event for the past 10 years, have handed over the reins to a team of local open water swimmers – Ann Hart, Dawn Ulivi, Heather Raeside, Glen Sloss and Mike Mellor.

These five were the only locals to take part in the Splash last year and they are hoping to encourage more locals to participate in 2012 by holding regular training sessions at Brodick, Lamlash and Cordon.

If you are interested in join-

ing them and you can swim 2,000 metres in under an hour and feel fine at the finish then you are fit to start sea swimming. Please text Dawn on 07525809727.

Ann Hart said: 'Wetsuits are a must as are high visibility swim caps and goggles.'

'For safety reasons, there are only 40 places available for the swim in September and places are filling up quickly, so if you feel up to the challenge this year, please email me at nalatrah2003@yahoo.co.uk and I will send you an entry form.'

'Payment of £20, which is donated to the Junior Sailing Club, must be received with your entry.'

The Lamlash Splash could not go ahead without all the assistance of the local emergency services: RNLI, Coastguard, Ambulance Service and also local volunteers from the Kayaking Club and the Junior Sailing Club.

The swimmers rely on the kayakers to keep them swimming in the right direction and it is hoped that this year, some of the volunteer kayakers will come along to the practice sessions.

So, if you think you are crazy enough to don a wetsuit and give the Splash a go come along to Lamlash Pier this Sunday (May 20) at 12noon and let the training commence!



Robyn Keen from Brodick, centre, with her investor Craig Burke and his PA Angelique.

Investment in Robyn's business from London entrepreneur

A young Arran businesswoman has recently attracted an incredible £37,000 investment from a successful London based entrepreneur after they met an event in the O2 Arena.

Robyn Keen was brought up in Brodick and has been running her own business selling chalkpens from her home in Glasgow for nearly four years.

She met entrepreneur Craig Burke two months ago at a business event in London when she was sitting having lunch in a 'networking area' designed to help people to network with other businesses.

Robyn said: 'I was just about to leave when Craig sat down at the table next to me. 'We began to talk and I told him about my business. He

seemed very impressed and explained that he had started investing in small companies like mine, applying his business module and turning them around in months.

'Within an hour of talking, he had booked a flight to Glasgow for him and his colleague to come and have a meeting with me'.

Invest

Craig is planning to invest around £37,000 in the next year and in return he will get a percentage share of the Arran woman's company.

He has a team of five people who are all experts in different fields of business and they will be working together with Robyn to improve her website, marketing, social media, advertising, product development, email marketing and branding.

Robyn said: 'I believe that with Craig's help and knowledge of business, my sales are going to increase quite dramatically in the next few

months. I would like to be in the position soon to start employing people and have my own office, away from my bedroom at home!'

Robyn used to work for a company that sold products such as chalkboards, menu signs and drip trays.

But their biggest selling product for more than 20 years was a liquid chalkboard pen.

In 2008 the company was badly affected by the recession and had to close down.

However, when they were selling off all their products at discount prices, Robyn saw a great business opportunity and grabbed it.

About 90 per cent of Robyn's business comes through Google and the rest; she says is word of mouth.

'I sell mainly within the UK and Ireland but I sell the pens all over the world. I've even sent pens to Tahiti, an island in the French Polynesia in the South Pacific,' she said.

Free telephone advice line launched

It is hoped that Arran's residents will find it easier to get advice in the coming weeks with the launch of a new telephone advice service.

Advice Line, the new free and confidential service from North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service (NACAS), will give local people free and easy access to advice on a wide range of issues including benefits, debt, employment and housing.

Callers will be able to access a freephone number,

0808 800 9060, for help and advice with their problems.

Once a caller is connected to the Advice Line they can speak to an adviser who will offer an initial assessment and talk through the options available to them based on their situation.

The adviser can then direct them to an appropriate service for the particular help they need, or make a referral to their local CAB office, where they will be offered an appointment with a specialist

adviser - or arrangements will be made for an adviser to call them back.

The Advice Line, a partnership initiative between NACAS and Citizens Advice Direct, is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 8pm and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm, significantly increasing access to CAB services to North Ayrshire residents.

Speaking at the launch of Advice Line, Nina Smith, general manager of North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service, said: 'This is excellent news for the people of Arran.'

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Just what proportion of tourists travelling north to Scotland drive up the M6 motorway? And how many of them stop at Carlisle services as one of the last major motorway services when northbound?

Quite a large proportion, we would guess.

Then why is there next to no information about Arran in the Tourist Office at Southwaite Services at Carlisle?

This is one of the busiest offices and most comprehensive collections of tourist information about Scotland to be found in the north of England.

There are shoals of leaflets on all parts of Scotland, including Edinburgh, Mull, Orkney and Shetland.

But all the Arran information we could find last Sunday was a book by Paddy Dillon called 'Walking on the Isle of Arran', and an Ordnance Survey Explorer map of Arran.

Whilst these two are valuable tomes in themselves, they are hardly likely to encourage many potential visitors to come to our holiday island.

We are not sure what the remit of VisitArran is, but it is reasonable to presume that the organisation's major objective is to encourage potential holidaymakers to visit Arran.

To this end, there should surely be no stone unturned, and the absence of Arran information at Southwaite or indeed any other northbound motorway services is a lost opportunity.

For those who have already decided to come to the island, the VisitArran desk on the ferry MV Caledonian Isles is undoubtedly a great facility and very useful for giving out information to Arran-bound travellers.

It means that when they disembark at Brodick they already have a flying start as to where to go and what to do.

But in these austere times we have to utilise every possible opportunity to encourage more tourists who are coming to Scotland to choose Arran as one of their destinations. And motorway services are a largely untapped opportunity.

On another level, it is great news that our second ferry this summer is almost certain to be the old friend MV Isle of Arran.

Although carrying only freight during the week, at weekends this ferry will be fully operational and a great asset in bringing more tourists to our island.

Ferry operator CalMac may be the butt of travellers' complaints in bad weather, but with the support of the Arran Ferry Committee, they do strive to offer a pretty good service.

All we need to do now is make sure that the holidaymakers have a positive experience while they are here.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (Colossians 3:17)

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Letters to the Editor



Committed to buying local

Sir,
In recent weeks two letters have appeared on your pages that have called into question Auchrannie's commitment to local suppliers.

We would like to highlight that whilst it is Auchrannie's policy to buy locally wherever possible – a number of factors including price, seasonality and availability can impact on our ability to do this.

However, the most recent analysis of our annual expenditure shows that in the last financial year we spent almost £650,000 with suppliers based on the island.

And, of course, Auchrannie's commitment to supporting the local economy goes way beyond just what we spend with local businesses.

As you will no doubt be aware, each year Auchrannie brings in excess of 20,000 visitors to Arran as well as supporting a workforce of around 130 staff all of whom spend a significant amount of money on the island.

Please be assured that our first preference will always be to support local businesses where they can provide the quality required at a competitive price.

Yours,
Linda Johnston
Group Director
Auchrannie Resort
Heartrending donation

Sir,
Your back page article last week commented on the great job done by Peterhead RFC in raising the sum of £23,000 for Daniel Gallagher who lost his legs when hit by car after the Arran Sevens last month.

You reported that this figure included donations and many people have asked me whether Arran had been involved in these contributions.

It was not the intention of Arran Rugby Club to publicise its own donation but, having been asked so often, I feel it is only courteous to reassure the Arran community that their rugby club had contributed £500 to this

heartrendingly important purpose.

Yours,
Bill McLaughlin
Vice President
Isle of Arran RFC
Britain's road disgrace

Sir,
Having spent a week in Holland the roads there are like silk – not a rutty bump, pot hole, nothing!

Even the side roads are smooth.

Arran and all British roads are a disgrace compared the roads in Holland.

How is it that they can do it and we cannot?

Our roads are dangerous. As for the road to our island hospital, it's abominable; an accident waiting to happen!

Yours,
L and H Ross
Whiting Bay
Arran Citizens' Advice Bureau

Sir,
As a volunteer at the Citizens' Advice Bureau I am writing to support the comments made by my colleagues in Kilbirnie and Largs in their letter published in The Banner on 5 May.

The advice service on Arran continues to be used by a significant number of people. For many of them a service in Saltcoats would mean no service at all – they would find the journey difficult and their concerns are often too complex to deal with over the phone.

I was therefore very pleased to see in your report of the hustings in the same edition of the Banner that both the Labour and SNP candidates said unequivocally that, if returned at the local elections, they would ensure the advice service was kept on Arran.

Following the election, these two parties have between them 23 of the 30 seats on the council, so I do now hope that we can be confident that our advice service is no longer under threat.

Yours,
David Scott
Tighenmenach
Blackwaterfoot

MS Grants available

Sir,
Currently the Ayrshire and Arran branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society has funding available to assist with a grant to help a person who is thinking of improving their quality of life with, for example, domestic adaptation, respite care or a short break and anything else that would make your life better.

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Yours,
Boris Tulika
Balmichael
Shiskine

Election thanks

Sir,
I would like to take this opportunity, through your newspaper, to thank the voters for their valued support in the recent local election.

Although I was not elected, I was overwhelmed by the support I received.

Also, I would like to congratulate the successful candidates and wish them well in their endeavour to serve the constituents.

Yours,
David Tate
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Candidate

Roads need repairs

Sir,
Another summer is upon us and not much has been done to try and repair the main roads.

Not that the repairs seem to last that long with too many heavy vehicles on our small roads.

With a dry spring, a good chance has been missed to repair them.

Does anyone on the mainland care anymore, it seems not?

Your,
John Adams
McKelvie Road
Lamlash

Old Banner discovered

Sir,
My sister, Mrs Margaret Brown, was going through some old stuff, when she came across a copy of The Arran Banner from 1989.

It was the time of the storm, which destroyed Lochranza Pier.

I spent the first 30 years of my life in Lochranza and my father Nigel Kerr, who had a home trade masters certificate, worked on the pier in his latter years.

I spent all my working life at seas and saw it in all its moods.

However I have a feeling that there was a mention of this storm, including photographs, when the new pier was opened, but I am not sure.

Yours,
Neil Kerr
Durward Court
Glasgow

Editor's note: The destruction of Lochranza pier was indeed featured again recently in the '20 Years Ago' section of The Banner.

Car accident thanks

Sir,
I'd like to say thanks to the police, paramedics and everyone who helped at my accident on Monday 7 May.

Luckily we all got out safely from my car that was on its roof.

Yours,
Donald MacKenzie
Ferndean
Kilmory

Apology

On page three of last week's Banner it was reported that David Tate the Scottish Conservative and Unionist party candidate in the local elections received 49 first preference votes.

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We sincerely apologise for any confusion caused.

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The Brodick and Corrie pupils clearly enjoyed the show. 01_b20bps03

Primary pupils see the future of the Earth 100 years from now



'Time traveller' Alu, left, and her companion visited Brodick Primary School as part of Generation Science. 01_b20bps02



Pupils were able to interact with the show which was designed to increase awareness about our environment. 01_b20bps01

Pupils from Brodick and Corrie Primary Schools found out all about recycling and the environment last week when time traveller Alu and her companion visited their classroom as part of Generation Science, a schools touring programme of science shows and workshops, delivered by the Edinburgh International Science Festival.

Sponsored by EDF Energy, the 'Future Earth' show focuses on sustainability and the environment.

It follows the journey of Alu who lives in a world 100 years from now and who travels back in time to tell us about the importance of recycling and reusing our resources.

Mrs Kelly, head teacher at Brodick and Corrie Primary said: 'We are delighted to

have Generation Science at Brodick Primary this year.

'We think that the Future Earth show is an excellent way of engaging children and communicating an important message about recycling and caring for our environment to ensure the future of the planet. It also introduces the children to new concepts in a fun and enjoyable way.'

Encouraging

Stuart McGhie of EDF Energy said: 'As Britain's largest generator of low carbon electricity, we are always looking at new ways of encouraging our customers to save energy and resources.'

'Children are never too young to learn about climate change and the importance of recycling and this show will demonstrate this in a lively

and entertaining way.

'We hope that the children enjoy the show, which we hope will not only bring science to life in the classroom, but inspire a future generation of scientists for Scotland.'

Future Earth is one of 16 shows and workshops provided by Generation Science which are designed to make science fun, exciting and easy to understand and to help teachers cover the school science curriculum.

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Guest speakers and former pupils Mhairi Calvey and Faye Black. 01_b20pir10

Pirnmill Primary School celebrates its centenary year

'I fell in love with learning the minute I walked through the doors'

Pirnmill Primary School celebrated its centenary - a time spanning two world wars and countless changes - with a garden party in the school grounds on Wednesday.

Pupils and staff from both the past and present gathered for the event and there were many happy memories of Pirnmill School to be shared.

Headmistress Hazel Gardner, said: 'For 100 continuous years we have ensured that the children of our villages have been given an education - I think that is a very fine achievement.'

'The experiences we encounter in our learning years lay the foundations for later life and I think we can see by

what our former pupils have done that this is a very strong foundation here at Pirnmill.'

She then praised the present staff for the commitment to the pupils and said that the children were a credit not only to the school but also to the further community.

Amongst the guests was Betty Campbell who now lives in Shiskine.

At the age of 92 she is the oldest surviving pupil and she had many memories to share.

Others there included those who had been evacuated to the school during the Second World War.

There were also a large

number of more recent former pupils at the school too.

Mhairi Calvey, a former pupil at the school who now works in London as an actor, was invited to speak to the assembled guests on her time at Pirnmill.

She said: 'The last time I spoke on this stage was about 15 years ago and Fraser MacDonald pulled my chair out from under me.'

'It's amazing though that 15 years later I'm still in touch with all my friends from here - even Fraser.'

She added: 'It definitely felt more like being part of a big family when you were here. It

wasn't like being at school at all. I have very many happy memories of my time here.'

Faye Black was a pupil at the school between 1985 and 1992 and now works as visitor centre manager at the distillery in Lochranza.

She said: 'I fell in love with learning the minute I walked through the doors.'

'I have so many happy memories of my time here but my most vivid memory is being trapped in between the 'big' classroom and the 'small' classroom by Roddy Bell who said he wouldn't let me go until I gave him a kiss. 'Happy memories indeed.'

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Betty Campbell, left, is now the oldest surviving pupil of the school aged 92. She is pictured with Kathleen Proudlock and Sheena Bannatyne who both started school at Pirnmill in 1944. 01_b20pir05

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Linda Marshall and Hazel Cranston. 01_b20pir06



Three Pirnmill headmistresses – Rhona MacLean-Ross, Wilma Morton and Hazel Gardner. 01_b20pir09



Former pupil Aileen McAllister, right, with Ailsa Weir whose son is now a pupil and Mairi Innes whose children went to the school. 01_b20pir02



Pirnmill's youngest – nursery pupils Harvey Bonar and Lewis Jeffrey. 01_b20pir08



Ben Innes, Scott Harwood and Gregor Stewart – all former pupils of the school. 01_b20pir04



Former pupils Eli Milesi, Eileen Jeffrey and Sabrina Beatan. 01_b20pir01



Former pupils and staff all gathered for the centenary garden party. 01_b20pir03



Sisters Seonaid and Ceitidh Anderson. 01_b20pir07

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60 years

Decorative border with Union Jacks, a crown, and the words 'Ireland', 'Scotland', 'Wales', and 'England'.



George Pettigrew, left, treasurer of Arran Folk Club presents Robin Fisher of Arran Events with a cheque.

Arran Folk Club winds up after more than 20 years

The Arran Folk Club - an entirely separate entity to The Arran Folk Festival - have recently decided to wind up and have passed their remaining funds to Arran Events.

In 2003 the then Folk Festival committee decided to take a break after running an annual Folk Festival each year from 1989.

The Folk Club was born with the aim of keeping things 'ticking over' and since then it has successfully promoted acoustic sessions

throughout the year. At a folk club meeting in January this year, it was officially agreed to wind up the folk club and pass the remaining funds to Arran Events CIC.

Promote

George Pettigrew, the Arran Folk Club treasurer, said he was delighted to pass the remaining funds to Arran Events at it was fully in keeping with the Folk Club constitution to promote folk music throughout the island.

Although the Arran Folk

Club was formally wound up last year, it continues informally with sessions and performances at various locations throughout the island including Kildonan Hotel, Bar Eden in Whiting Bay, The Ormidale in Brodick and Catacol Bay Hotel.

Jon Hollingworth of Arran Events said: 'We are very grateful to the Folk Club for entrusting us with the remainder of their funds.'

'They will be put to good use in further promoting live music on Arran throughout the year and, in particular, ensuring the continuance of the Folk Festival in June each year.'

'I think it's a good, varied line-up this year and tickets are already selling fast on the website.'

This year's Folk Festival will run from June 14-17 June and brochures are now available at various retail outlets.

Further details and tickets are available from www.arranevents.com and Brodick Post Office.

Evening of live music at Whiting Bay

Arran Events are pleased to present an exciting evening of live music featuring top Scottish bands 'Kitty the Lion' and 'Brown Bear and the Bandits' on Saturday 26 May in Whiting Bay Hall.

Jon Hollingworth of Arran Events said: 'We are looking forward to having 'Brown Bear and the Bandits' return to Arran to promote their EP launch.'

'We have been working hard to get 'Kitty the Lion' to come over since Arran Events began over a year ago and are therefore delighted that they have included Arran as part of their tour to support their debut album release.'

In the two short years since releasing their debut single, Glasgow quintet 'Kitty the Lion' have gained considerable support and acclaim from the Scottish music scene and

beyond, earning them coveted slots at Rockness and T in the Park as well as Edinburgh's Hogmanay stage and Celtic Connections.

In the last year that band have been busy playing dates with Ben Howard and have recently had their music featured in the BBC drama series Lip Service.

Featuring finely crafted lyrics from front-woman Anna Meldrum, the band have become well renowned for their unique brand of adrenalin-fuelled folk-pop, earning praise from the likes of BBC Radio 1 DJ Ally McCrae who said: 'The song-writing really showcases the talent of this band, with harmonies and hooks adding to Anna's lyrics and honest delivery. A band I can actually believe in!'

Sharing the bill are Largs-based band 'Brown Bear and

the Bandits' featuring Matt Hickman on guitar and vocals, Kay McLaren on drums and Stuart McArthur on bass. Combining folk guitar, pop hooks and meaningful lyrics, the trio have earned a reputation as a formidable live act following recent support slots with Pete Docherty and a busy tour schedule to promote their debut EP 'Truth or Dare.'

Their reputation was recently cemented by overcoming strong competition to take top prize in the Best Acoustic Act category at the prestigious Scottish Alternative Music Awards.

Tickets are £10 and are available online now at www.arranevents.com. Doors open at 8pm and this will be a licensed event for over 18s.

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Support service launched

People living with cancer on Arran can now get quick and easy access to information and support on cancer services, following the launch of the Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service.

The service is a partnership between NHS Ayrshire and Arran, Macmillan Cancer Support, North Ayrshire Council and the voluntary sector, and provides: a confidential support service, time to talk, counselling, a relaxing place to meet others affected by cancer, access to complementary therapies, guided internet use and links to support groups.

The service is available in Saltcoats Library every Tuesday and Friday from 10am to 2pm.

Audrey Sutton, head of community and culture for North Ayrshire Council, said: 'We are absolutely delighted to provide Saltcoats Library as the base for the Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service in North Ayrshire.'

'Almost everyone in Arran will know somebody affected by cancer. To know that this invaluable support is available is important, not only for patients themselves, but also family and friends.'

Bird Notes – Dunlin

by Jim Cassels

According to Gray's account in the 'Birds of Arran' (Bryce 1872) Dunlin were 'plentiful breeding on all the hills of moderate elevation in the district'.

In the early 1980s the bird was described as a rare breeder and in more recent years there have been no breeding records.

These changes in Arran are matched by declines in many areas south of the Great Glen, so that now in Scotland, the breeding birds are concentrated in the Flow Country of Sutherland and Caithness and in the peatlands of the Northern Isles, Outer Hebrides and the Grampian Mountains.

Open areas of grass and moss, near pools and wet flushes in upland and moorland are favoured breeding places. There was a serious decline in num-

bers in the Uists following the introduction of hedgehogs there in the 1980s.

Internationally, there are nine sub species of Dunlin breeding in a continuous band right round the Arctic.

Breeding areas

Three of these sub species, including the Scottish breeding population, have been recorded in Scotland coming from breeding areas stretching from north-east Greenland through Fennoscandia to north west Russia.

All the species migrate south to winter at more southerly latitudes mainly along the coasts as far south as the equator.

It is on this passage in both spring and autumn that you are most likely to see this wader on Arran's shores.

Its fat shape and slightly



Dunlin are easily recognisable by their fat shape and slightly down-curved bill.

down-curved bill are worth studying, so you'll find it easier to pick out less familiar shore birds.

Most Dunlin in spring and autumn show signs of either the black belly which is part of the smart breeding plumage or black spots on the flanks which are typical of juvenile plumage. Only in winter plumage

do they have completely clean flanks and bellies and then you have to rely on shapes and sizes to identify them.

In flight, the Dunlin is one of a dozen small waders which show a pale wing bar and white sides to the tail.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to

me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net. I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2011' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

Smoking campaign takes to the roads

Fresh Air-shire, NHS Ayrshire and Arran's smoking cessation service, is taking to the roads this summer to highlight the ever-increasing cost of smoking.

Information adverts will appear on the side of 80 Stagecoach buses and inside 200 more.

The adverts aim to highlight the rising cost of smoking – a 20-a-day smoker will spend approximately £2,548 on cigarettes each year.

Following the budget in April the cost of a 20-pack of cigarettes has risen to roughly £7.

And as well as the cost to a smoker's pocket there is also a heavy health-related cost, with more than 13,500 people dying each year in Scotland due to smoking-related illnesses.

Dr Carol Davidson, executive director for public health, said: 'It's so important that we try to reach as many people as possible with the message that it's never too late to quit smoking.'

'Smokers are putting their own health at risk, as well as their family members, if they smoke in the home or car.'

'Smokers are paying a high price at the tills to continue to do something which causes so much damage to their health.'

She added: 'Help is at hand however as we have a wide range of support for people who want to quit smoking.'

'This ranges from one-to-one or group support with a smoking cessation advisor to providing access to Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) – Fresh Air-shire is here to help. Get in touch with us today to find out the best way you can give-up smoking for good.'



Dunlin in breeding plumage.

APAWS bag pack thanks

Valerie from APAWS would like to thank everyone who donated to the bag packers on Saturday 28 April making the day very successful.

Also to the staff at the Co-op, without whom the day would not have been possible.

Two very lucky people won the raffles prizes.

First prize of wine and chocolates went to Mrs Reid of Clachlands Farm and second prize, a cuddly lion, was won by Ally from Blackwaterfoot.

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The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, May 16, 1992

Photo finish

Tom Knox is Arran's new Conservative district councillor.

For the first time in 28 years the island will not be represented in local government by Mrs Evelyn Sillars. It is the first time for three decades that Arran will be represented by a councillor who has stood on a party political ticket.

But it was a very close thing – John Sillars the Labour candidate was only 65 votes behind Mr Knox.

New police officer on Arran

PC Alan Rintoul commenced duties on Arran this week, having replaced constable Alan Hill who was transferred

a month ago. From Glasgow and a policeman for nine years, he should find one or two differences on Arran since his last beat was in the Gorbals.

No TV licence

An incredibly high number of Arran residents do not have a television licence, according to recently published figures.

As a result the TV detection van will be on the island this week to start knocking on doors and issuing fines.

So you have all been warned – better go out and buy one now rather than waiting for a fine!

Arran welcomes Thunderbirds

Thunderbirds, the popular television series, have been turned in to a children's comic and one of their first adventures is called 'The Isle of Arran Riddle'.

In the issue Lady Penelope and the Thunderbirds' adventures all take place on our fair isle.

Standard Grade upgrade

Pupils entering third year at Arran High School next session will, for the first time, be studying eight subjects at Standard Grade rather than seven. Court martial

Lt/Cdr Peter MacDonald, temporary command of HMS Trenchant when she



Evelyn Sillars was presented with a small token of appreciation by Lady Jean Fforde for all the work she has done on behalf of Arran as councillor. b20twe02



The district council candidates from left, Mike Lunan, John Sillars and Tom Knox, watch the count with varying degrees of expectation. b20twe04

accidentally sunk the fishing boat Antares off Sannox in autumn of 1990, is to be court martialled.

If found guilty he could be reprimanded, dismissed or even imprisoned.

Environment week

The Lady Jean Fforde is to mark National Environment Week by writing to The Daily Telegraph with the request that they stop wasting money and paper with so many special supplements in the paper. A job supplement for example, she said, should be available to buy, but not forced on those not wanting it.



It was ladies only at Lamlash Community Centre last week when the 'Hunkamania' show arrived on Arran with scantily clad men oiled and wearing very little clothing. b20twe01

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Last week Archie was sitting on the 90th birthday seat carved by Tim Pomeroy for Lady Jean Fforde in the garden of Brodick Castle. First correct answers came from Cara in Shiskine and Lynn in Caldervale. This week he is on the grass again, but what is that green building behind him?

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Arran Heritage Museum

Open Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, Sunday 12.30pm-4pm
2pm
Loch Garbad, Bank and Boat fishing
9am-Dusk
Rosaburn, Brodict 10.30am-4.30pm

Zumba Fitness Class
Weight Watchers
Arran Healthy Outdoors Conservation Exercise
Rink Games
Junior Hockey Club 8yrs up
Garden Walk
Arran Willife Safari

Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm
St Molios, Church Hall, 7pm
Rangers Centre, 10.30am-1.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7pm
Brodict Castle 2pm-3.30pm
Rangers Centre 10.15am - 4.15pm

Saturday 19th May

Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Open rinks
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Games
Dawn Chorus
Mountain festival talks & Mountain Rescue BBQ
Southend Vs Lamlash Bay
Scottish Slimmers
Goatfell Race

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
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2pm
Brodict Castle 4-6am
Corrie Hall, 7pm
Brodict 3pm Kick Off
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict 11am
Ormidale Pavilion, 12noon

Wednesday 23rd May

Hockey
Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones
Kids Games
AYF Film Making Club
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Services
Arran Absolute Beginners Running Club
Junior Tennis
Rink Games
Bridge Drive
Coffee Morning
Rink Game
Rink Games
Northend Football Training
Parkinson's Support Group
Outside Boot Camp
Barn Owl Nest Box Check

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School – kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5-6pm
Brodict church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Car Park, 6pm
Shiskine Tennis Club, 4.30-6pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15-12noon
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lochranza, 7pm
Lamlash Hospital 2pm
Arran High School 6am
Rangers Centre 10am - 12pm

Sunday 20th May

Alcoholics Anonymous
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Live Music
Open Mic Session
Open Garden at Strabane (Brodict)
Power Of Love Workshop
Brodict Bowling Open Day
Painting with Light

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
Between 11 am and 5 p.m.
Corrie Hall, 11am-5pm
Brodict 2pm
Brodict Castle 11am-3.30pm

Thursday 24th May

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
Coffee Morning
General knowledge Quiz
Zumba Fitness Club
Garden Club
Live Country/Folk music
Cricket Practice
Senior Tennis
Fishing Tackle Sale
Scottish Slimmers
Badger Walk

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
Brodict Rangers Centre, 7.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Sannox Oval, 6pm
Shiskine Tennis Club, 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall 10am-8pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict 7pm
Rangers Centre 8am - 10.30am

Monday 21st May

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
Rink Games
Rink Game
Rink Games
Kilmory Hall AGM
Arran Antiquarians – Kitty Walker
Outside Boot Camp

Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm –5.30pm
High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
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
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30 for 6.45pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Kilmory Hall 8pm
Brodict Hall 2pm
Arran High School 6am

Friday 25th May

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Weight Watchers
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Quiz
RNLI Shop
Quiz
Fishing Tackle Sale
Quiz
Corrie/Sannox Coffee Morning
Landrover Forest Adventure

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 10am-11am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 6.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Lamlash, 2-4pm
Catacol Bay Hotel 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall 9am – 3pm
Catacol Bay hotel 9pm
Village hall 10.15am
Rangers Centre 11am - 3pm

Tuesday 22nd May

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
Scottish Country Dancing

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
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Brodict Hall, 6.30pm-8pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
12/00202/PP; Site To West Of, Kilmichael Country House Hotel, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Modification of condition no. 7 of planning permission N/05/00248/PP to permit change of use from holiday letting cottage to permanent dwelling house (cottage no 2).

12/00236/PP; The Whins, Claulands Road, Lamlash, Brodick; Erection of two and a half storey dwelling house (including demolition of existing dwelling house).

(A841 BOGUILLIE, ARRAN) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

The Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to temporarily close the A841 from, Lochranza to North Sannox daily 9am-3.30pm, dates 21 -25/5/12 for carriageway resurfacing works. Alt. Route is via A841, B880 & C147 and vice versa. Full details may be inspected at Perceton House, Irvine, KA11 2AL, Daily 9am-4.45pm.

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Refurbished Machrie Bay Golf Club opens its doors

An open day was held at Machrie Bay Golf Club on Saturday 5 May to celebrate the refurbishment of the clubhouse and village hall.

Work carried out over the winter included improved drainage round the building, rendering of the outside, new lower windows and magnificent new decking.

Inside the tearoom has had a makeover due to the enthusiasm of Tom and Felicity who have taken over the lease this season as well as a lot of hard work from committee members.

Lady captain Alice Anderson and club captain John Milesi cut the ribbon as the new tearoom was officially opened for the season.

A nine-hole stroke play competition was also held and over 50 people took part.

All competitors enjoyed tea/coffee and a bacon roll or cake courtesy of the club and provided by Felicity and her staff.

Results: Ladies 1 Steph Hill 29 net, 2 Marjorie Brown 31.5 net. Scratch Fiona Crawford 41. Nearest pin at 5th: Piet Johnston, longest drive at the 6th Sally Brookes.

Gents 1 Calum Rae 29.5 net, 2 John Wright 30.5 net. Scratch Calum Rae 36. Nearest pin at 3rd Willie Anderson, longest drive at 7th David Johnston.

Right: Machrie prizewinners David Johnston, Willie Anderson, Piet Johnston, Steph Hill, Calum Rae, John Wright, Sally Brookes and Ron Woods the winner of the Hugh Steel competition.



Lady captain Alice Anderson and club captain John Milesi mark the opening of the revamped tearoom by cutting the ribbon while Felicity and her team, competitors and well-wishers of the club look on.



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(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday, 20th May
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher. Coffee after service.

Wednesday, 23rd May
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

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Parishes of North Arran:
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Independent but working together.

Minster, Rev. Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant, Mrs Jean Hunter

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Sunday 20th May
Brodict Church, 10.30am
Corrie Church, 12noon
Lochransa Church 9.30am
Pirmill, 10.45am
Shiskine, 12noon

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

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"

Sunday 20th May
Rev, Gillean Maclean
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
Tuesday & Thursday:
Afternoon tea, Lamlash Manse
2-4pm Christian Aid
In both churches:
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Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 11am

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 20th May
Worship will be conducted by Rev John Webster at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service. All very welcome. Traidcraft goods will be on sale after the service.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday 20th May
Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodict
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.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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

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(continuing)
Sunday 20th May
Morning Service 11am
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Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road Brodict
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 23rd May
at 7pm
5Glen Road, Brodict
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BIRTH



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Josh and Hilary are very happy to announce the safe arrival of Struan Reid on 13 April 2012

BIRTHDAY

Happy 21st Birthday Stephen



Lots of love Mum, Dad and Debbie xx



Golf

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 9 May, Medal 2 and Anne Cook Tray, 16 played, CSS 64. 1 Clair Barclay 71-11=60, 2 Tricia Martin 91-28=63, 3 Ellie Jones 78-12=66, scratch Clair Barclay 71. Twos from Tricia Martin and Brenda Livingstone at the 16th. Also well done to Tricia from all at Lamlash for her marvellous hole in one at the 15th on Saturday!

Gents: Thursday 10 May, Summer Cup, CSS 67. 1 Douglas Macfarlane 68-2=66, 2 Alan Smith 76-9=67, 3 Jim Young 81-13=68. Best Scratch D Macfarlane 68. One two from D Macfarlane at the 4th. Sunday 13 May, second round of qualifiers for Club Championship and Scratch Cup, CSS 67 (reductions only). 1 Euan Evans 69-3=66 BIH, 2 Ian Bremner 72-6=66, 3 Todd Jameson 72-5=67. Best Scratch Euan Evans 69. Twos from Paul Jameson, David Cameron, Euan Evans and Lee Girbow.

Fixtures: Saturday 19 May, quarter finals of club championship, 5pm start. Sunday 20 May, Summer Stableford, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Thursday 24 May, Summer Cup - make up own groups.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Sunday 13 May, the Eric Wood stableford was

played in atrocious conditions on Sunday but six brave ladies set off up the hilly first just as the rain started. We agreed at the beginning that we would play just 15 holes but if things got difficult we would play less!

As conditions worsened at the top, the decision taken was to play holes one to seven then play down the 18th to a welcome mug of soup and a wee beverage! Despite the weather, the competition was valid (although not for handicap purposes!) Doreen Mainds came second with 15 points (and a great magic two at the 3rd) and in first place was Jean Davidson with 17pts.

Well done Jean - the winner of a generous voucher for the club (thank you Howard and Lesley Wood), a lovely plant and of course the Eric Wood Trophy.

Gents: Wednesday 9 May, an excellent field of 36 played in the fourth round of the Summer Trophy, with the best six rounds over the summer to count for the Trophy. Despite Wolfi's super score the CSS stayed at 63. 1 Wolfi Kroner (16)57, 2 John Simons (11)62 BIH, 3 Sandy Pringle (13)62 BIH, 4 Jamie MacPherson (5)62. Malcolm Pennycott won scratch with 65 and there were magic twos from Allan MacLeod, Gordon Provan, Keith Kelsall, Malcolm Pennycott, Nicol Auld. David Morison and Jamie Stewart.

Sunday 13 May, 21 played in blustery conditions for the Eric Wood Memorial stableford competition. CSS stayed

at 63 or 36 points. 1 John Dick 37 points BIH, 2 John Simons 37 points, 3 Peter Smith 34 points BIH, 4 Corey Allan 34 points BIH. Gordon Provan won scratch with 74 and there were two magic twos by Danny Head and one from Gordon Provan.

Fixtures: Sunday 20 May, McKelvie Cup round one, (first round of the Club Championship Qualifier.) Wednesday 23 May, Summer Trophy. Sunday 30 May, McKelvie Cup round two.

Brodict Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 15 May, Club Trophy 2, CSS 68. 1 Lesley Murray (24)69, 2 Tricia Martin (27)70, 3 Yvonne Brothers (17)72 BIH. Scratch Brenda Livingstone 84 BIH.

Club trophy winner Lesley Murray. Runner-up Kay Kitson. No twos were scored.

Gents: Wednesday 9 May, Summer Cup, 43 played CSS 65. 1 G Hendry (5)62, 2 R McCrae (7)63, 3 B Walker (17)64. Scratch G Hendry 67. There were 17 twos. Gordon Hendry got three and Bobby McCrae two.

Sunday 13 April, Brandon 11 played, CSS 67. 1 R McCrae (6)65, 2 I Sillars (14)69,

3 G Hendry (5)70. Scratch R McCrae 71. There was one two. First Class Brandon - R McCrae, Second Class Brandon - I Sillars.

Fixtures: Sunday 20 May, Graham Putter (greensome), draw Saturday 19 May, 12 noon. Sunday 27 May, Navy Shield (Stableford).

Arran Golfers Association

Friday 11 May, Senior Bowl semi-final at Shiskine. With strong winds making playing difficult both games went down the last hole. First match Shiskine v Brodict. In the first game Jimmy Armit and Chris Pattenden v Jo Faulkner and Gator Kerr. A very close game with Jimmy and Chris winning 1up.

The second game Bobby MacRae and Doug Robertson v William Kelso and Graham Andrew. Bobby and Dave 3 up after 9 but William and Graham fought back to win 2 up giving the win to Shiskine. In the second match, Machrie v Lamlash, Brian Sherwood and Bert Green took on Drew Wales and Alan Winship.

This was a close game with Machrie winning 1up. In the second game David Price and Mike Hesp played Alan Smith and Andy Smith. Another close game with Lamlash winning 2 up leaving Lamlash winning by 1.

On Friday 18 May the final will be played between Shiskine and Lamlash played at Shiskine with tee off at 5pm.

Fixtures: Thomson Cup 2012 draw: Brian Smith v Dougie Robertson, Alan Smith v Brian Sherwood, Jim Henderson v Bobby McCrae, Graham An-

drews v Andy Pattison, Paul Bremner v Drew Wales, Lee Girbow v John Taylor,

Lee Dutton v Fraser Barr, Iain Bremner v Davy Ross. First round matches to be played by May 20. Second round by June 3, semis and final on June 9 at 1pm and 6pm at Lamlash, first two rounds may be played elsewhere if mutually agreed.

Junior matchplay, second rounds by May 20 and final on May 26 at 5pm.

Kelso Cup at Machrie Bay Golf Club, semi-finals on Friday 1 June from 4.30pm and final on Friday 8 June at 4.30pm. Draw: Shiskine v Whiting Bay first out then Brodict v Lamlash.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 8 May, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Brian Sherwood 63, 2 David Price 67 BIH, 3 Mike Hesp 67. Scratch Brian Sherwood 72. **Fixtures:** Wednesday 23 May, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary SLGU medal tee off 12.30/5.30pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 10 May, Ladies Club Championship Qualifier Round 1, 14 played, CSS 70 RO. Silver: 1 and Scratch C Maxton 84-10=74 BIH, 2 J Turnbull 88-14=74, 3 S Gray 92-16=76.

Bronze: 1 L Murray 98-24=74, 2 F Scott 102-25=77, 3 S Brookes 106-24=82.

Sunday 13 May, Gents 12 Hole Medal, 10 played. 1 and Scratch J Faulkner 48-4=44, 2 C Rutterford 56-10=46, 3 J Culpan 57-9=48.

Fixtures: Ladies Club Championship Qualifier Round 3, Thursday 24 May, 1pm/5.30pm. Gents 18 Hole Medal, Sunday 20 May, 3pm tee off.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 9 May, 14 played CSS 61 Medal. Sweep 1 D Logan 68-9=59, 2 M Elliott 74-14=60, 3 S Beardsley 67-6=61 (bih over R Burke). Best scratch S Beardsley 67.

Saturday 12 May First qualifying round for Club Championship, 25 played CSS 61. Sweep 1 P Bremner 65-9=56, 2 D Logan 67-9=58, 3 S Beardsley 65-6=59. Best scratch S Beardsley 65 (bih over P Bremner). Magic twos D Hayes, J Adams, D Logan, A Smith, A McDonald, A Napier, J McConnachie 2.

Monday 14 May, Carradale outing 11 played. Morning sweep 1 B Rooney 31 better last 3, 2 R Logan 31 better last 6. Magic twos B Rooney, J McGovern, R Logan. Prizes donated by H (Spud) Taylor - least putts for both nine holes - 1 R Logan 13 putts, 2 J Milesi 13 putts, afternoon nine holes R Logan 13 putts. Afternoon sweep 1 S Beardsley 34-3=31, 2 B Sherwood 36-4.5=31.5. No twos recorded in afternoon.

Thanks to Spud for donating prize money for least putts. Winner of shield Robert Logan 66-6=60.

THANKS

THANK YOU

Margaret Milligan would like to thank all my friends and neighbours for the surprise 80th birthday party.

Also for flowers, cards, lovely presents and phone calls.

A special thanks to 'my girls' for making it such a happy day, you know who you are!

WEDDING



The marriage of Mathew Beasley son of Joyce and Alan Beasley of Corrie and Tracey Murchie daughter of William and Janette Murchie of Shiskine. Taken place on Friday 11th of May in Corrie.

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Brodick's defence was all at sea as Southend scored an amazing six goals to nil.
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Cup final awaits for Lamlash Bay and Southend

Southend's Elliot Smith got a birthday hat-trick on Saturday when his team beat Brodick 6-0.

In the first semi-final of the Arran Haulage Cup, Jamie Picken, Donny Park and Nicky Emsley also scored to lead Southend to the final. Referee Iain MacDonald sent off Brodick's Fred Galbraith and Southend's Lee Russell for their antics on the pitch.

Meanwhile later on Saturday, Lamlash Bay

secured a place in their first ever final with a win over Shiskine.

Five goals

Bay FC scored five goals to nil with scorers Ben Tattersfield, Sam Tattersfield (2) and Giazude Simonas – as well as a Shiskine own goal – helping them to the final.

The cup final will take place between Bay FC and Southend this Saturday at 3pm in Ormidale Park.

Bowls Federation announce summer fixtures

The Arran Bowls Federation has announced the summer fixtures for the coming season. All games will start at 7pm.

They are as follows: Laidler-Gardner Triples competition, Tuesday 5 June – Lamlash v Whiting Bay, Brodick v Blackwaterfoot. Thursday 7 June, Whiting Bay v Lamlash, Blackwaterfoot v Brodick. Tuesday 12 June,

Lamlash v Brodick, Whiting Bay v Blackwaterfoot. Thursday 14 June, Brodick v Lamlash, Blackwaterfoot v Whiting Bay. Tuesday 19 June, Blackwaterfoot v Lamlash, Whiting Bay v Brodick. Thursday 21 June, Lamlash v Blackwaterfoot and Brodick v Whiting Bay.

Championship games – all to be played at Whiting Bay. Monday 2 July, Ladies

Singles – Whiting Bay v Brodick, Lamlash v Blackwaterfoot. Gents Singles – Brodick v Whiting Bay, Lamlash v Blackwaterfoot.

Tuesday 3 July, Pairs – Brodick v Whiting Bay, Lamlash v Blackwaterfoot. Rinks – Brodick v Whiting Bay, Lamlash v Blackwaterfoot.

Thursday 5 July, all finals. Please cut out and keep.

Arran RFC celebrate unexpected promotion

Arran's rugby club were overjoyed this week to discover that they have been promoted to the west league's third division.

The island club had thought that promotion was impossible after they finished second this year, below Lanark.

Reason

Former secretary Bill McLaughlin explained: 'The reason we didn't know until now was that we hadn't allowed for Kilmarnock being relegated from the National League which means two

teams went down - Garnock were also relegated.

'So the whole West league set-up had to be re-shuffled resulting in two teams being promoted from division four.'

The SRU also announced this week that Arran RFC will be presented with a silver plate to mark its achievement in gaining promotion in its first season back in senior rugby.

Jim Stevenson, former president of the SRU will travel to Arran to make the pres-

entation on Saturday 2 June. In order to ensure the biggest possible turnout for this momentous event the club urgently need members' input on what to do on that day.

Celebrate

It is hoped that the club's players and members will gather at the Ormidale Pavilion to celebrate the achievement.

Please reply as soon as possible with your ideas to Murray, Jenny, Niall, Stuart or Bill with any ideas for the celebrations.

Brodick Bowling Club

The sun shone brightly on Saturday 28 April, opening day, and players from Whiting Bay and Blackwaterfoot came to take part in the first game of the season.

The green was in excellent condition and all the old skills soon came back which made for a very happy afternoon.

Saturday 28 April: Ian Davidson, Peter Lee and Roger Peacock (+9), Monday 30 April: Robert Crawford, Peter Lee and Ann Whattam (+17), Wednesday 2 May: Colin Haggarty, Lavinia Hendry and Peter Lee (+9), Saturday 5 May: Colin Haggarty and John McConachie (+28), Wednesday 9 May: Charlie Weir and Lavinia Hendry (+19), Saturday 12 May: Peter McCalla, Peter Lee and John McConachie (+5), Monday 14 May: Ann Whattam and Peter McCalla (+1).

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