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'Housing site' will now be sewerage works

Agreement reached on fate of Whiting Bay field

A field south of Whiting Bay that could have seen five detached houses built will now have a sewerage treatment works instead.

After seven years, the long running saga of Whiting Bay's unfinished sewerage works is about to enter the final stage.

An agreement has been reached between Scottish Water and John Thomson Construction Ltd, landowners of this original preferred site, for the purchase of land to the south of The Lochs at the southern end of Whiting Bay village.

The wastewater treatment works will now be constructed in the field on the landward side of the road immediately south of the track leading to Ardmhor.

Offer

Iain Thomson, director of John Thomson Construction Ltd, said: 'Following this agreement, Scottish Water has entry to this site from Friday May 22. Scottish Water came back to us with an improved offer, but this will mean the end of any further housing development of Whiting Bay to the south of the village.'

New island-wide sewerage works were completed by Scottish Water five years ago with the exception of Whiting Bay. A planning application was lodged in January 2004 by Scottish Water for erection of waste water treatment works on this field, known as site number three, and was approved on August 16, 2004, subject to conditions.

By HOWARD DRIVER

The landowner could not agree a price so in 2006 Scottish Water was granted a compulsory purchase order (CPO) for the site. On December 19, 2006 James Barr Ltd submitted an objection to the CPO on behalf of John Thomson Construction Ltd. The grounds for objection were that this site was ideal for housing development and would be in keeping with existing land uses in the area.

Other alternative sites for the wastewater treatment works were identified further south and to the seaward side of the coast road.

A public inquiry was scheduled for Kilmory Hall this week but an eleventh hour agreement between Scottish Water and the landowner has rendered this inquiry unnecessary.

Scott MacKenzie of the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals said: 'We have been formally notified by agents for John Thomson Construction Ltd that they have withdrawn their objection to the CPO.'

Iain Thomson said: 'We have reluctantly accepted Scottish Water's offer but it means the end of any future southern development of the village. To date we have spent more than £30,000 in preparation for the inquiry. I genuinely believe our site is not the best place for the works.'

'I am sure that there will be questions asked by future generations as to why it was allowed to be built on prime development land.'



Pictured from left to right at the Cool Seas roadshow on Monday is Abbie Mulholland, Mhairi Thomas, John Davidge, John McNeish, Erin Mulholland and Allan McAllister. b21sea01

Seas provide cool roadshow for youngsters

Youngsters from the island's primary schools were treated to an oceanic spectacle this week when the Marine Conservation Society's Cool Seas Roadshow came to the Auchrannie as part of the Arran Wildlife Festival.

The Roadshow features amazing lifesize inflatable sea creatures and an inspirational, fun conservation message.

'It really is a pleasure to see the amazement on pupils' and teachers'

faces alike when they learn that we have these fantastic whales, dolphins, sharks - and even turtles - in our cool seas,' said presenter, Andy Starbuck.

Andy carefully explains the threats these creatures face and through interactive role-play demonstrates how the children can play a part to ensure their survival.

'Most children don't know that we get turtles in our cool seas and that they come here to eat jellyfish,' said

Andy. 'So when I explain that these turtles sometimes eating floating plastic bags by mistake, which can block their guts and starve the turtles to death, they suddenly realise how important it is to dispose of their litter responsibly.'

Staff from the Ranger services of North Ayrshire Council, National Trust for Scotland and Forestry Commission and members of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) helped at the roadshow.



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Huge Arran hike for police officers

Eight Merseyside coppers were on Arran last week to complete a 100-kilometre hike of the island to raise much needed funding for nationwide charities.

One sergeant and seven constables from Merseyside Police were accompanied by two others who aren't policemen and poppy the black Labrador for the mammoth walk.

None of them were experienced walkers but they decided to do it to raise money for Cancer Research UK and the Alzheimer's Society.

So far the total has reached more than £4,000.

Constable Dave Woods said: 'The long journey started with a drive in a minibus and we just made the ferry at 9.40am and arrived in Arran at approximately 11am. The walk started straight away, walking through Brodick and the golf course and then up Goatfell.

'We all had backpacks, carrying everything we could possibly need. But it soon became clear that we did not need 90 per cent of the equipment we were carrying on our back and we paid for it on the incline to



the summit.'

Once they reached the top of Arran's highest peak they unfortunately seemed to lose their way and were driven off course.

'Our map-reader lead us down a valley and he kept reassuring us 'the path is down here', said Dave. 'This valley was quickly named Death Valley as it did not seem to end, with endless heather, rocks and streams and after four hours of not seeing anyone else since the summit of Goatfell, we eventually

made it to a woodland and followed tractor tracks to the road which brought us out next to a primary school in Corrie.' But after that things looked up for the party as they circumnavigated their way around the island.

'Throughout the walk we spoke to many people who kindly donated towards our fundraiser,' said Dave. 'Everyone was extremely friendly and we are very grateful for everyone's kindness and hospitality during our brief stay.'

Eight members of the Merseyside Police department took part in a 100-kilometre hike around Arran last week accompanied by Poppy the black labrador. b21p0101

Fallen Rocks track open for vehicles

The forest track from North Sannox car park to the Fallen Rocks will be open for public vehicle access next Wednesday May 27 from 10am to 3pm.

Arran's head forester Andy Walker said: 'This is particularly aimed at the less able who may not have enjoyed this lovely part of Arran before. You can now walk out to the rocks on a suitable path.

'Please use the passing places and heed any signs and remember that the speed limit is 15 mph. I hope you enjoy the drive.'

Celebration of Terry

After the sudden death in March of Terry Moran who lived and taught on Arran, his friends in Lochranza have decided to hold a special get-together to celebrate his life.

Iain MacLean, of Lochranza, said: 'Some of Terry's friends in Lochranza are having a 'Terry soiree' in Lochranza Hotel on the 30th of this month. Terry laterally lived on Bute but often came back to visit Arran and would usually play a few tunes in the pub in Lochranza. Hopefully we'll play some of the same songs and a few more. See you there.'

Office open

The Arran Banner office will be open as normal on Bank Holiday Monday from 9am until 5pm.

Choir set for radio date

The voices of Lochranza Choir may be winging across the radio airwaves at 6.30pm on Sunday.

The choir was recorded by the BBC singing Mendelssohn's 'O for the Wings of a Dove' two weeks ago.

They were one of 107 choirs

taking part in the Mendelssohn weekend which was celebrated across the country 'from the Isle of Arran to Truro in Cornwall'.

The BBC Radio Three programme on Sunday will be introduced by Aled Jones and a selection of choirs will be featured.

Lochranza Choir was one of only three choirs in Scotland to take part.

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Antiquarians bound for Holy Isle

Arran Antiquarians are organising a re-arranged trip to Holy Isle that was postponed recently because of bad weather.

The trip will be led by Grace Small and has been rescheduled for Friday June 5. Members should meet at Lamlash pier at 10am for the short ferry crossing to Holy Isle.

Because of the tides the return journey will be no later than 3pm. Don't forget to take a packed lunch and stout walking shoes.

As usual, no dogs will be allowed because of the wild animals on the island.

Sponsored dog walk

The Arran branch of the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held a sponsored walk on Sunday May 10.

A hardy group of seven adults and a toddler plus assorted dogs braved the torrential rain on the hour and a half walk and raised £270 for the much-needed work of the society. Thanks go to all those who took part and the kind sponsors.

Christine Drennan, treasurer of the local branch, said: 'I want to stress that all dog poo was picked up of course, and disposed of responsibly.'

100th birthday gift for Ruth

Ruth Russell of Glen Estate celebrated her 100th birthday two weeks ago.

As part of the celebrations she received a birthday card from The Queen and enjoyed a great get-together of family and friends.

But that was not the end of her fun.

Ruth has been a member of the Rural for an amazing term of 63 years.

Last Thursday a number of fellow SWRI members gathered at Ruth's home to make a presentation to her. This was in the form of a lovely red Rhododendron Nova Zembla bush that was ceremonially planted in the gardens outside Ruth's lounge window.

She said: 'I loved my garden when I lived in Corrie and brought a couple of plants with me when I moved to Brodick. It will be nice to see it in flower.'

Ruth joined Corrie and Sannox Rural when she came to Arran in 1946 and is now an honorary member.

She is still able to live independently in Kirk Care, and even though it was raining on Thursday, she made her own way outside to sit and watch the ceremony among her friends.



Centenarian Ruth Russell with fellow members of Corrie and Sannox Rural and the lovely rhododendron bush. b21rut02

First cuckoo in Lamlash

Have you heard the first cuckoo yet?

Neil MacLean of Lamlash telephoned the *Banner* to say that he had heard his first cuckoo of the year last Friday night.

He said: 'He was sitting in the big tree in our back garden and we could see him quite clearly. His call was as loud as anything but no-one was answering him.'

It is not so unusual to hear the call of a cuckoo, but much more rare to actually see one. Cuckoos are known to be quite secretive and their call is either to stake a territory or attract a mate. If you have heard, or seen, an earlier cuckoo then let us know.

Ferry survey for business

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and the Scottish Government have launched an online business survey as part of the Scottish Ferries Review.

Businesses in Arran are invited to take part in the survey, which should only take around 10 minutes to complete.

Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'This is a key opportunity for any Arran business to contribute to the Ferries Review.'

'The survey covers current use and satisfaction with ferry services.'

Print firm wins £3,113 court order against Arran Voice

An action in Kilmarnock Sheriff Court last Friday by Montgomery Litho printers, of Glasgow, against the Arran Voice publication for £3,113.50 was undefended and decree was granted by Sheriff Colin McKay for the full amount plus

interest at 9.5 percent per annum, backdated to November 30, 2008.

Following the summary cause hearing, Andrew Montgomery of Montgomery Litho said: 'We are pursuing the Arran Voice for the cost of printing an Arran

Artists calendar and an Arran Rugby Club calendar.

'We required half the money up front but received no further payment. Under section 214 of the Insolvency Act we will be pursuing the directors personally for payment.'

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The champions at this year's primary schools swimming gala were Erin Boal of Brodick and Rory Hunter of Lamlash. b21swi01

Big splash by Erin and Rory

Erin Boal of Brodick and Rory Hunter of Lamlash won the champions races at the annual primary schools swimming gala in the Auchrannie pool on Monday night.

The poolside thronged with excited children and parents as the night began with little James Reid of Lamlash winning the P1 boys race across one width of the pool.

Isla Sneddon of Whiting Bay and Elyse Aitken of Brodick won the P2 girls width races.

The highlight of the evening is always the champion's race and this year saw Erin Boal battling alongside Ailsa McMillan of Brodick,

who came second, and Taylor Smith of Shiskine, third, for the coveted position.

Rory Hunter impressed when he came in first miles ahead of Fraser Blain of Corrie and Finlay Murchie of Shiskine.

Both Erin and Rory were cheered home by the crowd over four lengths of different strokes. Erin also won the P7 girls two lengths front crawl and Rory won the P7 boys two lengths front crawl and breaststroke. A strong Corrie team won the medley relay and Lamlash and Corrie won the freestyle relays.

For full results, see next week's *Banner*.

Dinosaur footprints found

Footprints of a dinosaur that roamed the planet more than 270 million years ago have been discovered on Arran.

Dr Neil Clark of the University of Glasgow discovered more than 100 marks left by a lizard called Isochirotherium – also known as the hand beast.

The prints from the komodo dragon-sized beast were spotted by Dr Clark and some amateur enthusiasts at Kildonan, Slidery and Levenorroch.

The finds at Kildonan by

locals Fiona Gorman and John and Jean Fitzpatrick at Slidery and those of Dr Clark and his colleague Hammy Corrance mean that more than 100 tracks have been found.

Interesting

Dr Clark said: 'What is interesting about these prints, and the lizard that made them, is that the fifth toe is the equivalent of a pinkie on a hand, when you might expect it to be a thumb.'

Footprints had previously been found on the island but the

latest discoveries are the largest to be identified so far.

Last year, Dr Clark was involved in research that suggested footprints found on Skye and in Wyoming in America were left by the same dinosaurs, or a similar species.

Great Britain and the United States formed part of the same landmass hundreds of millions of years ago.

Dr Clark said that further investigation into the link was needed.

Surprises in store

It's that time of year again.

Arran Music and Drama Club are staging their annual musical in Brodick Hall all next week, starting on Monday.

This year it is a change from the usual type of production. It is a true story that became a film, starring Dolly Parton and Burt Reynolds and is 'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas', a real-life tale of Miss Mona's 'Chicken Ranch'.

The Chicken Ranch is actually a bordello, and with such good old toe-tapping country and western music plus laughs galore it is a sure-fire show of sheer entertainment.

Look out for surprises with some familiar, yet new to this club, Arran stalwarts in several cameo roles.

It is a show not to be missed – see the advert on page 13 for full details.



Heather Snowdon, centre, won a medal for the Highland Fling at Dalry Show last Saturday. b21dan01no

Fiona and Heather win medals at Dalry Show

Arran girls Fiona Clarke and Heather Snowdon both brought home medals from the Highland Dancing competition at

Dalry Cattle Show last Saturday.

It was Heather's first ever competition and she was awarded a third place medal for her Highland Fling.

Fiona gained a sixth place medal for her Lilt.

The Arran Highland Dancing Club is keen to attract more recruits. Anyone interested can go along to the next dancing lesson on Saturday May 30 in Brodick Church Hall from 11am to 1pm for a trial session.



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Members of the Brodick Improvements Committee with just some of the rubbish collected from the beach on Sunday.

Clean-up success for Brodick Beach

Members of Brodick Improvements Committee and other local volunteers took part in a beach clean on Sunday morning.

Harry Davidson, secretary of the committee said: 'The photograph shows just a small selection of the rubbish picked up from the beach and the adjacent grassy area.'

'Behind the gorse bushes we came across a rough campsite which had been abandoned, leaving their sleeping bags, tent, towels, boots, bottles

and cans as well as two Co-op trolleys which had been thrown on the fire and were damaged beyond repair.'

Campaign

The beach clean comes just one week after the Improvements Committee began a campaign to rid public areas in Brodick of dog dirt.

Brodick Improvements Committee thanks all those who volunteered to tidy this popular area of the village.

Who is your local NHS hero?

Do you know someone working for the NHS on Arran who has gone the extra mile to help you?

It could be someone who works in a hospital ward – or behind a desk; a doctor – or a volunteer.

Now local people – and other NHS staff - have a chance to recognise the contribution of health workers and volunteers through the first ever Ayrshire Achieves Awards 2009.

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continuous improvement in the quality of care and celebrates exceptional achievements during the year.

Dedicated

John Callaghan, employee director of Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board, said: 'We know that our dedicated staff already go the extra mile. They don't do this in anticipation of awards, but because they are committed to providing safe, high quality care.'

This is an opportunity, however, for their colleagues and members of the public to say, 'We noticed!' So if you know

of someone who deserves to be recognised, we would be delighted to hear from you.'

There are six award categories: building relationships, caring for people, light bulb moment, champion of the year, volunteer of the year and trainee of the year.

Any member of the public, employee of NHS Ayrshire and Arran and partner organisations can nominate an individual or team employed by NHS Ayrshire and Arran for an award. You can also nominate a volunteer, voluntary group or charity for the volunteer's award.

Affordable housing on Arran has an exciting future

The future provision of affordable housing on the island looks 'very exciting' according to Henry Murdo, chairman of the Housing Initiative for Arran Residents (HIFAR).

Speaking at a meeting in the Ormidale Pavilion last Wednesday, Mr Murdo was responding to ideas put forward by Ian Hepburn of the North Mull Woodland Community Ltd.

Mr Hepburn's talk centred on the Mull community's plans for a huge tract of forest they have bought from the Forestry Commission to build affordable housing.

Stage one of the group's plans involve building five rental houses, providing five discounted sites for self builds and five plots for sale on open market.

If this works then stage two is to repeat the above on a similar site.

Mr Hepburn explained that a burden would be placed upon the five self-built houses so that if they were ever sold, the Mull Woodland Community would be able to buy them back at a discounted price.

'We are a rural housing body,' said Mr Hepburn. 'Our aim is to provide low cost housing for the 'homeless' people in the North Mull area.'

After his presentation Mr Hepburn was asked to explain the pitfalls that they had encountered along the way.

'The biggest ongoing challenge is definitely funding,' he said. 'We managed to purchase 700 hectares of forest but that is just the beginning of a very long road. There are so many things to be funded; deer man-

agement, revenue streams, maintenance and then there's even my salary.'

Henry Murdo explained that North Ayrshire Council are currently funding a feasibility study on the island to pinpoint possible plots of land for af-

fordable housing. 'We can certainly learn a lot from the Mull community's plans,' he said. 'Our ideas still very much centre around woodland crofts but our first challenge is to find the land where this can be achieved.'



John Inglis, housing representative of the Isle of Arran Community Council with Ian Hepburn of the North Mull Woodland Community. b21mul01



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Runners compete in the bloodiest Goatfell race ever

Despite being described as the 'bloodiest Goatfell race ever', one of the island's toughest athletic challenges was hailed as a success by organisers at the weekend.

Organiser Paul Emsley of Whiting Bay said: 'Most of the leaders and many of the runners down field returned with cuts and grazes after falls in the middle section of the descent, between the shoulder and the deer fence.'

'Arran's Mountain Rescue

Team (AMRT) provided first aid on site and the injured runners then carried on with the race.

'Only one runner was sensible enough to accept a lift back in the mountain rescue Landrover to the finish line once he had reached the Castle Drive.'

Two runners were referred to hospital in Lamlash but after treatment were able to leave the island as planned on the 4.40pm ferry.

Winner Kenny Richmond,



Winner of the 2009 Goatfell Race was Kenny Richmond of Bellahouston Roadrunners. b21win01



Emma Birnie, the first lady to finish, has run the Goatfell race several times before. b21win04



First local home was number 78, Ben Tattersfield of Lamlash, pictured here at the starting line. b21got02

of Bellahouston Roadrunners, recorded the fastest time this century, and the fourth fastest on the current course when he finished in 1.17.28.

The record is 1.13.40 set in 1984.

Ladies winner, Emma Birnie also of Bellahouston, has run the race many times and her husband Andy won the males

over 40 category by finishing 5th overall.

Ben Tattersfield of Lamlash was the first local home in 1.36, an impressive time for his first attempt at the race.

Football

Even more amazingly Ben went on to play football for Lamlash later in the day.

Other locals taking part in-

cluded Mike Mellor of Brodick and Paul Schaerer and David Hughes who work at the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot.

'There are various people who need to be thanked for their help and support,' said Paul. 'Firstly, Brodick Improvements Association who provided the race marshals for all the road junctions on the course. Sec-

ondly Tim and Bev Hodgkinson of Bay News, Whiting Bay who donated bottles of Arran Aqua to the race and AMRT for marshalling on the hill and for carrying out running repairs to injured runners.

'Finally, thanks to St Andrew's Ambulance Corps for attending to the injured runners at the finish.'

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Kenny Donald of Largs and Kiara pen their sheep at Kilpatrick. b21dog03

Jack and Gem are local champions at Dougarie sheepdog trial

Jack Murchie of Bailemargaidh and his dog Gem won the Arran confined section of the Dougarie sheepdog trial last Friday.

On a cold and windy day the sheep proved particularly difficult to handle and a total of 40 dogs ran including nine local dogs.

The 121st Dougarie Spring Open Sheepdog Trial was held on Friday May 15 at Kilpatrick Farm, Blackwaterfoot, by kind permission of Neil and Kate Henderson.

The committee would like to thank Neil and Kate for the use of the field, Jack Murchie for bringing the sheep from just up the road, Alex Miller of Margenaish, Kildonan for

judging, Donny Robertson of Blackwaterfoot for clerking and Duncan Robertson of Machrie for chauffeuring the handlers to and from the ferry.

Cups of Tea

Also appreciated were the contributions of Darryl Urquart-Dixon of Balmichael with the catering and Susie Murchie and Lindsay Irving for running the bar and tombola



Jack Murchie and Gem received the Learig Cup from Dougarie dog trial chairman Susie Murchie for winning the confined section. b21dog01

although cups of tea were probably more in demand on the day than drams.

Many local businesses provide support, sponsorship and assistance without which the trial could not continue.

Results: Open Class.

1 Alec McCuish, Moss 97 points; 2 John Seton, Glen 95; 3 John Casey, Ben 94; 4 Jimmy

McEachern, Sher 93; 5 Stuart Davidson, Rob 93 (time); 6 Iain McConnell, Fly 92.

Confined Class (Arran dogs).

1 Jack Murchie, Gem 81; 2 Niall McMaster, Anne 65; 3 George Tod, Spice 60; 4 Wullie Stevenson, Jan 50; 5 John Clarke, Moss 44; 6 John Craig, Tess 43.



A line-up of attentive sheepdogs waiting for their turn. b21dog02

Arran Garden Club

At the April evening meeting of the Garden Club we had the pleasure once again of welcoming the well renowned horticulturalist Mr Bill Tait.

Bill has worked at the Edinburgh Botanical Gardens and is now horticultural advisor to Dobbies Garden Centre.

Bill enthusiastically transported us through his beautiful slides of a garden trip to Japan he was leading for Brightwater Holidays.

It was fascinating to observe a completely different approach to gardening where moss is treasured, trees and shrubs are immaculately hard pruned and planted sparingly amongst rock, gravel and water.

These gardens often surrounded temples, including the Emperor's Palace Gardens. All seemed so tranquil and restful to the eye.

The vibrant colours of the

Acers and the blossom of the flowering cherries were a delight to see.

The evening concluded with special thanks to Bill, a raffle and a discussion on the usefulness of vinca (the periwinkle) in the spring garden.

We shall meet again on Thursday May 28 at 7.30pm at Kildonan Village Hall (please note the change of venue for May) when our excellent island garden experts, Mr Jim Jack and Mr Neil McLean will give a talk on Container Gardening.

This is well timed to enable us to get our tender plants outside. Visitors are most welcome.

The Garden Club is organising a trip to Edinburgh Botanical Gardens on Friday June 26. The cost is £12 per person. Places are still available and everybody is welcome. Please telephone Derrick on 860303 if you are interested.

Co-op donate £600 to Wildlife festival

The Scottish Co-operative has donated £600 to the Arran Wildlife Festival 2009 to fund the visit to the island of the Marine Conservation Society's Cool Seas Roadshow, which aims to raise awareness of the importance of marine wildlife.

Every primary school child on Arran attended the Roadshow on either Monday or Tuesday.

Liz McLean, manager of Brodick's Shore Road Co-operative food store, said: 'As a community retailer we are committed to supporting local community events but it is particularly appropriate that we are backing this Marine Conservation Society Roadshow as The Co-operative Group has been commended by the Society for its sustainable fisheries initiative.'

The Co-operative Group has committed £200,000 over two years to support fisheries that otherwise might struggle to fund the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification process, which allows them to be recognised as well managed and sustainable.

This is part of the Co-operative initiative aimed at addressing dwindling fish stocks and poor fishing practices, and helping regional fishing communities.

Arran livestock sales at Ayr

The highest price ever recorded for Arran prime hoggets, £90.50 per head, was received by Richard McMaster, Springfield, West Bennan for a pen of Texels weighing 50kg. Similarly the best price ever recorded for store cattle was achieved by Willie and Midge McAllister, Braehead Farm, Slidery for Charolais cross calves which topped the sale in Ayr on May 5 at 266p per kilo for bullock calves and 250p per kilo for heifer calves.



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BANNER**Gravy train hits buffers**

As the revelations continued this week about the House of Commons' gravy train, it became more unbelievable what MPs had been allowed to claim for.

Speaking on Tuesday, the prime minister Gordon Brown likened the House of Commons to a '19th century gentlemen's club' and announced tough new rules were to be put in place to stop MPs milking the discredited expenses system.

It was certainly time for a review of how this system could allow MPs to say that claims for Laura Ashley sofas, swimming pools and paid-off mortgages could possibly have been 'within the rules'.

Nearly every single member of the House of Commons whose claims have been questioned over the past week has defended themselves by saying they were made within the rules and with the agreement of Commons staff.

Not one of them seems to have questioned why a system existed that allowed the public purse to be abused so abominably.

Andrew Walker, head of the Commons resources, explained that it was his department's job to look at whether claims - which should be made for costs wholly, exclusively and necessary for the purpose of performing parliamentary duties - were reasonable.

How this could ever reasonably include claims for home cinema systems and plasma screen televisions is truly bewildering.

Such items passed the test of being necessary because he said they were needed 'for political purposes' such as watching the news.

Like many of the disgraced MPs, Mr Walker said that the system might be seen to be overly generous, but that it wasn't his place to question the rules.

Under new rules announced this week MPs will be banned from furnishing second homes at taxpayers' expense and they will no longer be able to cash in on the property market by misusing public money.

All past second homes' allowance payments are to be re-examined and any MPs who are shown to have abused their claims will be ordered to pay back the cash. A new, independent body will be set up to take charge of MPs' parliamentary finances.

It has been revealed in the past two weeks that dozens of MPs have been able to redecorate flats and houses at the taxpayers' expense.

Others have charged gardening costs and central heating repairs. Such bills must now be met from MPs pockets but they will still be able to claim rent, hotels, council tax, utility bills and insurance - exactly the system most of us were led to believe was the one in existence.

One MP who certainly does not have her mind on parliamentary expenses or the future of democracy in this country is Arran's MP Katy Clark.

She was due to give birth to her first child at the weekend and on Monday Katy delivered a healthy baby girl weighing 8.5 pounds. Mother and baby are reportedly doing well.

Katy could be forgiven for thinking that maternity leave could not have come at a better time given the goings on at Westminster.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We preach Christ crucified: To those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:23-24)

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Letters to the Editor**Dog fouling must stop - think of the children**

Sir,
Thank you for your coverage of the admirable effort from members of the community to highlight the problem of dog fouling.

Picking up dog faeces isn't nice but it's a whole lot better than leaving it for a child to find.

I thought it would be of benefit to explain why dog mess must be picked up.

I was quite ignorant of the facts until Ocular Toxocariasis impacted on my own family.

Approximately two to three per cent of the UK population is infected with Toxocariasis Canis and many mild cases go undiagnosed.

In the ocular form, total blindness can occur in the infected eye if not urgently treated. Even if caught very early there will be at least partial loss of sight. In three per cent of cases both eyes are infected meaning about three people each year in the UK go totally blind because of the parasite.

About 100 cases of the ocular form are reported each year, mainly in children.

Dormant larvae can be present in many animals, birds and rodents. If a dog eats something such as a vole or rabbit it can become infected even after recent worming. Particular care needs to be taken with pregnant or whelping bitches and puppies as an extremely high percentage carry the infective larvae.

If the fresh faeces are immediately and correctly disposed of, no one will be infected with Toxocariasis Canis.

If left the eggs will become infective in two weeks - they especially like moist, shady, warm environments.

It is very resilient; rain, sea, sand, freezing conditions and disinfectant- will not affect the larvae. It will also survive in water.

Eventually the mess disappears leaving behind the unseen eggs, which remain a danger for at least two years.

This means we cannot see the problem anymore and assume it's safe to play ball, build

sand castles or maybe weed a flowerbed. All it now takes is a lick of a finger or suck on a sweet for the larvae to be ingested.

The larvae hatch in the duodenum and penetrate the intestinal wall. The blood stream then carries the larvae to organs including the liver, lungs, brain or eyes.

The larvae then become dormant, unable to complete their life cycle. The body's immune system then takes over fighting the parasite.

Several different problems can occur including organ damage, joint pain, breathing problems, fever, abdominal pain, headaches and sleep problems.

Some dog owners might change their ways if they had experienced the devastating effects the consequences can have on someone's life.

Your article stated Toxocariasis Canis can cause temporary blindness - it does not - once the damage is done it's permanent.

Prevention is better than a cure. In this case there is no other option.

Yours,
**Angela Elliott-Walker
Glenartney
Brodick**

Windsock on webcam

Sir,
I have just had a look at your webcam to Brodick pier which looks great.

The one thing that I feel would rather make it even more interesting would be if you had either a windsock, or better still, an anemometer into your transmission so that we could see more clearly what the weather was doing.

Keep up the good work.

Yours,
**Des Mitchell
28 Threestanes Road
Strathaven**

Support for Myeloma UK

Sir,
Thank you so much Jenny, Howard and staff for taking time out to include such a sensitive addition to the Machrie Craft Group's letter on page eight. Thanks to your effort I have already received response

in the form of a cheque for the charity Myeloma UK and several promises of support.

I will report back when we know a final figure for Arran's sponsorship but in the meantime our warmest thanks and kindest regards.

Yours,
**Barbara Black
Machrie**

Eric Bogle, folk singer

Sir,
It's a treat for folk music fans.

Pete Seeger, The Corries, Ralph McTell, Ewan MacColl, The Furies, Tom Paxton, Matt McGinn, Alex Campbell, June Tabor, Archie Fisher, Eric

Bogle. Hold on a second; Eric who?

Aye, Eric Bogle, the Scot frae Peebles, an Aussie Scot since 1969 and friend of all the above.

His songs were recorded by most of them too; even The Pogues got in on the act.

Lucky for us Eric is coming to Arran next Friday May 29 at Whiting Bay village hall, courtesy of the Arran Folk Festival. Doors are open at 7pm and tickets are available from Brodick Post Office.

If you really are a folkie, young or old, you'll be in for a treat.

Yours,
**Joe Trickett
Sheehan Drive, Brodick**



Married at Lamlash Register Office last Friday by registrar Susan Barr were Princess Amelie Aline Tatjana Yveline zu Bentheim-Tecklenburg and Patrick Nagel, both from Germany. The couple moved from Germany to Rastrick in West Yorkshire earlier this year when Amelie got a job in Leeds as a logistics co-ordinator. Patrick starts an MBA course in autumn at Huddersfield University. Patrick said: 'We've been to Scotland several times, especially Edinburgh, Arran, Glasgow and Fort William. Because we liked Arran so much we decided to have our wedding in the so-called 'little Scotland.' Princess Amelie's brother, Prince Cedric Karl Moritz-Casimir zu Bentheim-Tecklenberg was also present at the wedding among 40 or more friends from Yorkshire, Germany and Spain. b21wed01

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In addition to the great selection of professional headline acts, the Festival expects a healthy following of enthusiasts, young and old, who

have traditionally made a holiday of the week and immersed themselves in light hearted revelry as they make their pilgrimage from village to village. In this year's Festival, local artistes also feature highly, as session leaders, support acts to the main bands and in their own right when the CD "Summer Sessions Volume 2" is launched at the Thursday night concert.

The lineup is varied, fun, irreverent and never more so than when tongue in cheek local bluegrass outfit "Saggy Bottom Boys" make their debut appearance to warm

the stage for Ireland's all star lineup "Lunasa" at Saturday's headline concert. "Esther O'Connor", one of Scotland's rising vocal stars will be fusing Folk and Country to gorgeous effect while "Moses" treat us to a stunning selection of original material, which has earned them playlisting for their debut single "No One's Home" on Radio 2. Arran's own jug band "The Millcats", female vocal powerhouse "Aris" and the legendary Island ceilidh champions "The Boguillie Band" complete the listing of talent which will delight audiences for a week of magical music!

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- Thursday 11th June McLaren Hotel Brodick (afternoon)
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Visitors go wild for Arran's



Seafaring wildlife watchers on board Arran Power and Sail's RIB view the birdlife on Ailsa Craig.

Hundreds of visitors flocked to Arran this week for the fourth Arran Wildlife Festival and were treated to over 70 events all over the island and some very special wildlife sightings.

Arran is a haven for some of Scotland's most iconic wildlife and during the festival hundreds of people have been lucky enough to experience the island's wildlife first hand in the company of local and visiting experts.

Lucy Wallace, festival coordinator said: 'Most events were fully booked before the festival even began!'

Gannets

The week kicked off with boat trips to Ailsa Craig where the passengers on board were rewarded with views of 40,000 pairs of nesting gannets and other seabirds such as puffins and guillemots that breed on this famous RSPB reserve 12 miles south of Arran.

Other highlights included

close encounters with barn owls courtesy of Rab Logan of Forestry Commission Scotland.

Rab has a license to check barn owl nests- it is illegal for members of the public to disturb breeding owls so this was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Members of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) were involved with a number of events during the festival, including an excep-



Sea-watchers take up their stance on the Silver Sands at Kildonan to keep an eye on the sea.



Terry Southall demonstrated bird-ringing on a song thrush.



Wildlife lovers on board the Holy Isle Ferry with members of COAST.



Diver Clare Youdale of COAST shows passengers on board some of the treasures of Lamlash Bay.

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Last week Archie was halfway over the Ross Road, sitting at the nice new bridge that would be more at home on a grand prix circuit. The coloured flags were Tibetan prayer flags from the Buddhist retreat centre one mile away. This week he has been having a splash in the sea and is waiting at a door.
Where is that door? b21arc01



Wildlife Festival

tional chance to view some of the marine wildlife of Lamlash Bay.

COAST divers and Arran Power and Sail obtained special permission to bring samples of plants and animals to the surface to show a spellbound audience onboard the awaiting boat.

Arran's bird recorder and regular Banner contributor Jim Cassels was particularly busy during the wildlife festival. Jim was the guide on a

number of events including a minibus safari that left passengers gasping in astonishment as red squirrels, hen harriers and otters put in more than one appearance.

Stunning

Jim said: 'The highlight of the Raptor Ramble in Lochranza on Sunday was a stunning view of a Golden Eagle through the telescope as it sat on the limb of a tree. The golden head was clearly visible.

The majestic bird dwarfing

the two mobbing crows that pursued it each time it took to the air gave an excellent size comparison.'

Evening events were also held in village halls and relaxed venues around the island.

A particular treat was the Bats and Beer event at the Ormidale Hotel where Graeme Walker of Scottish Natural Heritage gave a presentation on bats before taking the group outside with bat detectors to seek out the real thing.



Tom Vella-Boyle of COAST at the Fun Day in Brodick.



Jenny Meade of COAST.



Ross Kerr has a go with the Black Grouse Group's radio tracking equipment.



Fiona Laing of the Arran Natural History Society and Kate Sampson, head ranger at Brodick Castle and Country Park. b21fes13NO



Little Gemma Totty with dad Colin gets her face painted.



On the summit of Holy Isle with members of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST).



Tents sprang up on the Ormidale Park in Brodick on Sunday as the Wildlife festival held a fun day for youngsters and their families.



Liz MacLean, manager of Brodick Co-op joins in the fun.

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Twenty members of the Lagg Lunch Club attended the 100th meeting at Kildonan Hotel recently. b21lag01NO

100 lunches for Lagg Club members

The members of a Southend monthly lunch club popped the champagne corks to celebrate their 100th meeting at the beginning of May.

Twenty people met on the first Tuesday of May for the Lagg Lunch that first began in February 2001.

The idea for a monthly lunch club came from Ian Tait of Corriecravie who suggested to the then owners of The Lagg Inn that it would be a good way to liven up the winter months.

Voted

So on a cold day eight years ago Nan and Mike Meteyard of Lagg Hotel invited a few people to the lunch and they voted to meet again in March and bring along a friend.

There were to be no speakers or speeches, just

an informal gathering for a glass of wine and a simple lunch.

When the inn was sold it was decided to move to the Breadalbane Hotel in Kildonan and then eventually to the Kildonan Hotel after the closure of the Breadalbane.

Mike Meteyard said: 'This has proved a very convivial meeting place and the club has now reached its 100th lunch without a break. This was a special occasion with champagne; a three-course meal and a special cake with '100 Not Out' on the icing.'

The club would like to thank the Kildonan Hotel for their hospitality and the group are already looking forward to the 200th lunch on the first Tuesday of September 2017.

Arran livestock sale

United Auctions had forward 1,786 store cattle and cows, 1,862 prime hogs, ewes, and ewes with lambs at foot at their Stirling Auction Mart at Kildean.

Cattle prices

Charolais cross bullock stirks £600, 202p Drumaghinier.

Charolais cross heifer stirks £580, 185p Drumaghinier.

Simmental cast cows £935, 140p Birchburn.

Aberdeen Angus cast cows £695, 111p Drumaghinier.

Sheep prices

Mule ewes and twin lambs High Park £147.

Mule ewes and single lambs High Park £110.

Texel cross hogs Cnoc £65.50.

Mule hogs Craigraineach £51.50.

Blackface hogs Altgolath £82, Drumaghinier £66.

Mule cast ewes Drumaghinier £64, Auchenhew £55, Drumla £52.

Texel cross cast ewes Drumla £65, Auchenhew £63, Bannan View £55.50.

Cheviot ewes Cosyden £47.

Suffolk cross ewes Craigraineach £63.50.

Blackface ewes Craigraineach £50, Bannan View £42, Drumaghinier £38.

Cast tups Drumaghinier £79.

SEPA urges islanders to register septic tanks

Arran residents can register their septic tank or small sewage treatment works for £1 or less until the end of May.

The opportunity to register septic tanks and sewage works for a pound will end soon and Scotland's environment watchdog is urging anyone with an unregistered septic tank to use this opportunity to save money.

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is keen to reassure people that although there is a legal requirement to register, there are no time limits for people to do so and no fine will be imposed for non-registration.

Registration must take place when new houses are being built or when people come to sell their house, but this waiver period is the ideal time to do it when it is virtually free.

Registering now could save you more than £100.

Colin Bayes, SEPA's director of environmental protection and improvement, said: 'There are no ongoing fees after registration and no regular inspections. Only where a pollution incident occurs and can be traced back to the septic tank will SEPA then carry out an inspection of the installation and detail any remedial action, which should be undertaken by the owner.'

'If the pollution incident is traced back to an unregistered tank, SEPA would require the owner to deal with and remove the cause of the pollution and to formally register the tank.'



Jim Arnold entertaining visitors at the Heritage Museum with accordion music. b21arn01

Usage and abuse of Standing English

Jim Arnold of Whiting Bay has written and published a fascinating little book on the usage of the English language.

He has chosen examples from his experience of living on Arran to illustrate correct usage as well as common mistakes in speaking and writing English.

Chapters feature examples from Caledonian MacBrayne, North Ayrshire Council, the Royal Bank of Scotland, and even the Arran Banner.

He points out simple errors such as the council 2009 waste collection calendar saying *let's recycle arran* and the signs at

closed customer positions in the Royal Bank of Scotland saying *teller balancing*.

He says: 'It is only in keeping to the rules of Standard English that we can hope to succeed in our attempts to communicate with our fellows both here and elsewhere. That does not diminish the importance or usefulness of English idiom, native Scots vocabulary and regional British expressions which all have appropriate places.'

All income from the sale of this little booklet goes to the Isle of Arran Heritage Museum.

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The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, May 20, 1989

A Lady for Lara

Lara Brewood, aged seven of Brodick, was looking forward to her big day on Thursday.

She had a new dress, she knew she was getting a day off school and she knew she was to meet a very important person.

Lara was supposed to be presenting a basket of Arran Aromatics products to Edwina Currie MP but in the end she was privileged to meet a real Lady rather than a mere commoner.

Due to low mist and rain Edwina Currie's visit had to be postponed when her helicopter was unable to land.

As a result the Lady Jean Fforde was asked to step in and open the new Aromatics factory at Home Farm.

In her short address Lady Jean spoke of the previous aromatic qualities of Home Farm and how its new aromas would likely be more pleasant to sensitive noses.

Sponsored slim update

Dave Ashcroft's sponsored slim update is 15 stone 12 pounds.

That means the owner of the Catacol Bay Hotel has lost a remarkable 16 pounds in two weeks and if he continues at

this rate he will weigh less than eight stone by August!

More tourist info

The Tourist Board are opening information counters at both Ardrossan and Lochranza piers this week that will remain open all summer.

Visitors will be able to book accommodation and seek Arran information before boarding the ferry or, in the case of the Lochranza site, without having to drive to Brodick.

The return of the Fanatic

So there I was in my padded cell being weaned off the sedation following last year's Arran football when the telegram arrived from The Arran Banner's editor: 'Where are you, Stop, Season started two weeks ago, Stop'

Is he rambling or what? Start? Stop? Make up your mind.

Then I check the back pages....Arran Haulage Cup, oops!

The man with his finger on the pulse of Arran football has let his digit slip and missed two glorious weeks of league football.

So here are the results so far: Shiskine 6 Southend 1, Brodick 4 Northend 1, Shiskine 11

Southend Utd 1, Northend 1 Lamlash 4.

Campaigner for new ferry service

A former Campbeltown councillor, who has been trying to get a new ferry service off the ground, is hoping that it might make a regular call to Arran.

Mr Duncan McMillan and a group of businessmen are hoping that their Troon to Northern Ireland via Campbeltown ferry might be in operation by April 1990 and the next stage would be to include Arran on the run.

Mr McMillan has already been responsible for a campaign to start a smaller ferry between Campbeltown and Blackwaterfoot.

When asked about this proposed larger service, Mrs Evelyn Sillars, said: 'I think it would be a very long term project because a new route takes a long time to become a viable service.'

Right: Brodick Castle administrator, Ken Scotland, is to leave the castle this coming August to take up a similar position at a privately owned historic property on the mainland.

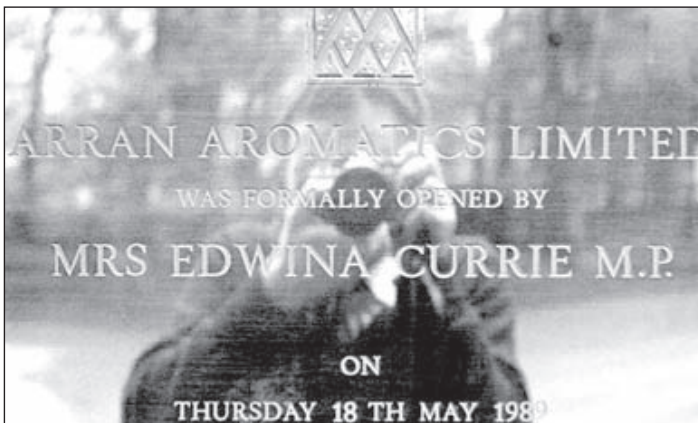
b21twe01



Jim Marsden of Pirnmill and his model aeroplane has become a regular sight in the field at North Sannox in recent weeks. b21twe02



Jan Murrie of Arran Aromatics with seven-year-old Lara Brewood and the Lady Jean Fforde at the opening of the new factory at Home Farm. b21twe03



The £300 plaque that does not tell the truth. Edwina Currie's visit was postponed due to the poor weather.

B21twe05



First and second year pupils at Arran High School rehearse the school musical 'Carrots'. b21twe04

February 2010 The trip of a lifetime

An invitation to you to cycle 412 miles from Kolkata to Kalimpong in West Bengal, India and raise funds for the children of Dr Grahams Homes.

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Mon. 25th May – Sat 30th May

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Thur – General Knowledge Quiz – 10pm
Fri – Over 21's Disco – 10pm
Sat – Over 21's Disco 10pm
Sun – Country/Blues with string theory 9.30pm
Tue – Pop Quiz 10pm

Real Ale (Recommended CAMRA Good Beer Guide)

BANNER**WHAT'S ON...****EVERYDAY**

Brodick Castle, Gardens & Country Park
 Trout fishing
 Hawk Walks
 Fitness Assessments, Gym Induction, Personal Training
 Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick

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

SATURDAY 23rd MAY

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football
 Arran Dancers, Ballet & Jazz, 3 - 18years
 Karate
 Learn to Salsa
 Family Games Kids & Adults
 Fun in the Spa Pool
 Over 21s Disco
 Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game
 Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game
 Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees
 Arran Wildlife Art Exhibition
 Kildonan In Pictures & Cream Teas
 RNLI Shop Open

Coaching, 10.30am - noon
 Arran High School 10am - 4pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
 KA Campus, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 2pm
 2pm
 Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 6pm
 Corrie Hall, 11am - 5pm
 Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm

SUNDAY 24th MAY

Alcoholics Anonymous
 Family Games Kids & Adults
 Fun in the Spa Pool
 Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
 Arran War Games
 Scotlands Garden Scheme, Strabane Garden Open
 Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees
 Arran Wildlife Art Exhibition
 Kildonan In Pictures & Cream Teas

St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
 Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
 Library Annexe, 1.45pm
 Arran High School 1 - 4pm
 11am - 5.30pm
 Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 6pm
 Corrie Hall, 11am - 5pm
 Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm

MONDAY 25th MAY

Senior Fitness
 Over 50's Badminton
 Badminton
 Cardiac Rehab
 Circuit Training
 Citizens Advice
 AB Attack
 Aerobics Class
 Weight Wise
 Netball
 Summer Bridge
 Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game
 Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees
 Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game
 "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"
 Arran Wildlife Art Exhibition

Auchrannie 10am & 11am (Gym)
 Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm
 Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
 Open 10am - 2pm
 KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm
 KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm
 Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
 High School Sports Hall, 8pm
 High School, 6.45pm
 6.45pm
 Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 6pm
 7pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm
 Corrie Hall, 11am - 5pm

TUESDAY 26th MAY

Lochranza Swimming Club
 Pop Quiz
 Arran Civic Trust
 Legs Bums & Tums
 Army Cadets
 Pop Quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Citizens Advice
 Pulmonary Rehab
 Open Music Session
 Indoor Bowling
 Brodick Toddler Group
 Body Conditioning Class
 Country Dancing
 Youth Club
 Senior Fitness
 Open Folk Session
 Rotary Club
 Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees
 "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"
 Arran Wildlife Art Exhibition
 Fashion Show

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Ormidale Pavillion 7.30pm
 Auchrannie Spa 6pm - 7pm (Studio)
 Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
 Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)
 Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)
 Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
 Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
 Church Hall, 10am - 12pm
 KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Kildonan Hall - 6pm
 Auchrannie, 10am - 11am
 Bar Eden, 7.30pm
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
 Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 6pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm
 Corrie Hall, 11am - 5pm
 Lochranza Hall 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 27th MAY

Hockey
 Core Strength
 Jnr Rugby Training
 Shiskine Beavers
 Aquafizz
 Circuit Training
 Yogalates
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy
 Kickboxing
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Whiting Bay Toddler Group
 Lamlash Beaver Scouts
 Selt Making Class
 Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game
 Coffee Morning
 Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game
 Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees
 Arran Wildlife Art Exhibition
 "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"
 Rugby Club AGM
 Kilmory Public Hall, AGM
 Coffee Afternoon in aid of RNLI

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm (Games Hall)
 Auchrannie 5.30 - 6pm
 P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.15pm
 Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm
 Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am (Hotel Pool)
 Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
 Auchrannie Studio, 10am - 11am (Studio)
 10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm
 KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm
 Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm - 9pm
 Ormidale Park, 7.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
 Village Hall 10am - 12pm
 High School, 6.15pm - 7.15pm
 Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
 2pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.30am - 12pm
 7pm
 Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 6pm
 Corrie Hall, 11am - 5pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30pm
 Kilmory Hall, 7.30pm
 Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm

THURSDAY 28th MAY

Senior Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Citizens Advice
 Lochranza Craft Club
 Pilates
 Coffee Morning
 Arran Music & Drama Club Rehearsal
 Cardiac Rehab
 Table Tennis
 KA Jog
 Legs, Bums & Tums Class
 Arran Junior Singers Practise
 Shiskine Cubs
 Scouts
 Lamlash Cubs
 Brodick Toddler Group
 Indoor Bowling
 Junior Tennis
 Cricket Practice
 Open Folk Session
 Garden Club Evening
 Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees
 Arran Wildlife Art Exhibition
 "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"

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

FRIDAY 29th MAY

Arran Pipe Band Practice
 Aquafizz
 Citizens Advice
 Quiz
 Adult Tennis
 Yogalates
 Over 21's Disco
 Foundations at the Cabin
 Coffee Morning with Pictures
 Exhibition of Arran Paintings by William Lees
 "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
 Open 10am - 2pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 4.00pm - 6.30pm
 Auchrannie 10am - 11am
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Brodick, 7pm - 9pm
 Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 10am
 Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 6pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm

SATURDAY 30th MAY

Farmers Market
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Kilmory Hall, 11.30am - 3.30pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm

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

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

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

*and at The Council Offices, Lamash

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

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

Application No: 09/00244/PP Address: Site To South West Of Goatfell, Brodict, Isle Of Arran Proposed Development: Erection of temporary accommodation for workers

Application No: 08/00964/PP Address: Site To North Of Dippenhead Farm, Dippen, Brodict, Isle Of Arran Proposed Development: Change of use of farm office to agricultural use

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS IN CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1987

Applications for Listed Building Consent. Written comments to be made within 21 days.

Application No: 09/00032/LBC Address: 12 The Row, Catacol, Brodict, Isle Of Arran KA27 8HN Proposed Development: Replacement of windows to side of end terraced dwelling house

Ian Snodgrass
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE

**Boundary Commission for Scotland
Review of Scottish Parliament boundaries –
North Ayrshire Council area**

The Boundary Commission for Scotland has reviewed its provisional proposals for Scottish Parliament constituencies in the light of all representations received and Local Inquiries held. The Commission has decided not to amend the boundaries of the constituencies in North Ayrshire Council area from its provisional proposals but to amend the constituency names. The Commission's revised recommendations are:

Constituency	Designation	Electorate	Description
Cunninghame North	County Constituency	56,150	North Ayrshire Council electoral wards 4 (part), 5, 6, 7, 8
Cunninghame South	County Constituency	50,240	North Ayrshire Council electoral wards 1, 2, 3, 4 (part)

The Commission also proposes that these constituencies be combined with other constituencies as listed in the table below to form a Scottish Parliament region:

Region	Electorate	Description
West Central Scotland	477,430	The constituencies of Cunninghame North; Cunninghame South; East Kilbride; Eastwood; Greenock and Inverclyde; Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse; Paisley; Renfrewshire North and West; Renfrewshire South.

A copy of this notice and maps illustrating these proposals can be inspected at:

- North Ayrshire Council HQ, Cunninghame House, Irvine;
- Irvine Library, High Street, 168 High Street, Irvine;
- Largs Area Office, Brooksby Medical and Resource Centre, 31 Brisbane Road, Largs;
- Ardrossan Library, 39/41 Princes Street, Ardrossan.

The same material is also available from the Commission's web site at www.bcomm-scotland.gov.uk

Representations about these proposals should be submitted by 21 June 2009 by e-mail to representations@scottishboundaries.gov.uk or by using the reply facility on the Commission's web site or in writing to The Secretary, Boundary Commission for Scotland, 3 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QJ; or by fax to 0131 538 7511. All representations should include full details of the correspondent's address and postcode. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, representations will be made available to those interested in the Review except in very exceptional circumstances.

Dr Hugh Buchanan
Secretary

The Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba

DRAFT CROFTING REFORM BILL

PUBLIC MEETINGS (7.30PM - 9.00PM):

- 1 June - Kirkwall, Orkney (Picaquoy Centre - Skerries Meeting Room, Muddiesfield Rd)
- 2 June - Lerwick, Shetland (The Town Hall, Hillhead)
- 3 June - Mid Yell, Shetland (Mid Yell Community Hall)
- 8 June - Inverness (Craigmonie Hotel, 3 Annefield Rd)
- 9 June - Lairg (Lairg Community Association Hall, Main St)
- 10 June - Durness (Durness Village Hall)
- 11 June - Poolewe (Poolewe Village Hall - 8pm start)
- 15 June - Grantown-on-Spey (Ben Mhor Hotel, 53 - 57 High St)
- 16 June - Broadford, Skye (Broadford Village Hall)
- 17 June - Fort William (Lochabra Hall, High St)
- 18 June - Connel, Nr Oban (Falls of Lora Hotel, Connel Ferry)
- 22 June - Tiree Rural Centre (Crosfol, Isle of Tiree)
- 24 June - Brodict, Isle of Arran (Brodict Community Hall)
- 25 June - Bowmore, Isle of Islay (Ionad Chaluim Chille Ile, Gartnatra)
- 29 June - Stornoway, Isle of Lewis (Cabarfeidh Hotel, 11 James St)
- 30 June - Tarbert, Isle of Harris (Harris Hotel)
- 1 July - Lioncleit, Isle of Benbecula (Dark Island Hotel)
- 2 July - Castlebay, Isle of Barra (Castlebay School)

A consultation on the draft Crofting Reform Bill was launched by the Minister for Environment, Roseanna Cunningham MSP, on 19 May 2009. A series of public meetings are to be held throughout crofting areas in order to present and discuss the proposals in the draft Bill. Meetings will be held on the above dates and all are welcome to attend. Copies of the consultation document on the draft Bill can be requested from your local Agricultural Area Office or accessed online at: www.scotland.gov.uk/272272

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HOELZL

We are happy to announce the birth of our son Eric Maximilian Hoelzl in Kilmarnock, 27th April.

Mum and Eric are fine and we would like to thank all our friends, neighbours and colleagues for their best wishes and gifts.

We would also like to say thank you to Donna and Elaine, the Arran doctors, the Ayrshire Maternity Unit and Dr Walker for their extremely professional help and ongoing support.

Eric, Johanna, Jana and Alwin

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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

Independent but working together.

Minister

Rev Angus Adamson.

Parish Asst

Mrs Jean Hunter.

Worship will be conducted in the above churches

at the following times, to which all are invited

Sunday 24 May

Brodick Church 10.30am

Corrie Church 12pm.

Lochranza 9.30am

Pirmill 10.45am

Shiskine 12pm

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

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 24 May

(Church is on the road between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)

Shiskine 11am

Sunday School meets in the Church Hall

Brodick 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)

Rev David Karoon

All welcome

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass, 7.30pm

Sunday Morning Mass 11am

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH

Sunday 24 May

Worship for Pentecost will be conducted by the Minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am

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

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 24 May

Holy Communion, 11.00 am.

Rev'd Paul Fletcher

Coffee after service.

Wednesday 27 May

Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.

All Welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash

"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"

Sunday 24 May

Rev. Gillian Maclean

Kilmory 10am

Lamlash 11.30am

In both Churches

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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)

Communion Services

Sunday 24 May

11am, Trust Housing

Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick

Evening Service, 5 Glen

Road, 7pm

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 27th, 7pm

Rev. D. Macleod

All welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday 24 May

10.45 Communion

Tea and coffee from 11.10

11.30 Worship and Word

Speaker: Rev Willie Wright

All welcome.

PERSONALS

60TH BIRTHDAY



Cute kid Jackie!
Happy Birthday
Love Margot, Ian,
Euan & Michele xxx

Look who is 21



Happy Birthday
Love Mum, Stu, Stacey & Papa

Sara (Hairdresser)

Would like to thank Dr Laura Sills and all the fantastic staff at AWMH who attended to me when I was knocked down on April 3rd and also at ward 2c, Crosshouse.

Thanks to all my friends and clients for their help and best wishes especially George and Edna, Joyce and Alan, Stevie, Ann, Jan, Norma, Liz and to my great friend and neighbour May who has been my lifeline.

The salon will be open on
Wednesday 27th May.

To My Love ...

*I wrote seven poems and
two love songs,
all for you.*

*Keep them in a silver gilt box,
as you do.*

*And if I ever get too tired to say true,
I still love you.*

*I have held your hand now,
for twenty years or so.*

*So it's no great surprise,
that I love you more and more.*

*I will hold on to you forever,
and never let you go.*

*Happy Anniversary
My Darling Valerie!*

HAPPY 40TH SHONA



FROM ALL THE FAMILY.

Happy 40th Birthday Paul

Love from
Jennie, George,
Sue, Tony, Chloe
and Harry

Jerry scoops last trophy of the season

Jerry Arthur of Kilpatrick won the Arran Ladies Golf Union Flockhart Trophy last weekend in the final game of the season at Machrie Bay Golf Course.

Twenty one ladies played and the winner of the competition was local member, Jerry Arthur with a 68 on a better inward half over Aileen Latona of Brodick.

Winner of the scratch on 85 was Lamlash's Sheena Murchie.

The game, which is the ladies spring meeting, should have been played at Corrie on Saturday May 9, but despite the course having been in a playable condition at 10am, by 12.30pm, the time they were due to tee off, several greens were under water.

The ladies enjoyed Lindsay's excellent soup and sandwiches while they considered their options.



Jerry Arthur with the ALGU Flockhart Trophy.

Knowing that the forecast was good for Sunday it was decided to postpone the game for one day.

As Corrie was hosting the AGA Spring Handicap on Sunday, they were very grateful

to Machrie for allowing them to play the Flockhart there instead.

Thankfully it was a glorious day at Machrie, although back on the east side of the island it rained!

Young golfers success

Archie McNicol won the Arran junior golfers Stevie Bunyan Cup recently with Matthew Dobson coming in second place. Photo courtesy of Lenny Hartley/JinglyJangly Images 2009.



Gregor Adamson beat Kyle Barbour 2-1 in the final of the Arran Golf Association Junior Cup on Monday night at Corrie Golf Club. Photo courtesy of Lenny Hartley/JinglyJangly Images 2009.

Graeme is a celebrity and a football legend



Graeme Tod, a cup winner in the Dukla strip at Firhill. b21soc01

Graeme Tod of Shiskine rubbed shoulders with some football legends on the hallowed turf of Firhill stadium two weeks ago.

For those who are not soccer fans, Firhill is the home of The Jags (Partick Thistle football club) and it celebrates its 100th anniversary later this year.

Graeme, who has regularly pulled on the red strip of Shiskine football team, was taking part in a celebrity and football legends charity match on behalf of his company, the Clydesdale Bank, and they were raising funds for St Margaret's Hospice in Clydebank.

Graeme said: 'The Clydesdale Bank is a charity partner with Help the Hospice and our company had the offer of a place in the team. My name was pulled out of the ballot so I was the lucky one.'

The charity match between the Hospice Heroes and Dukla Pumpherston boasted a number of celebrities and football legends, as well as Graeme.

Among those pulling on a strip in the name of fund raising were Neil Lennon, Chic Charnley, Alex Rae and politician Tommy Sheridan. In the interests of Old Firm fairness, the Dukla team's kit was half green and half blue and they were managed on the day by Chick Young.

A number of family and friends made the trip from Arran for the day and were not disappointed when Graeme scored the final goal in the 6-2 victory.



Family and friends from Arran in the crowd. b21soc02



Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday May 13, Summer Cup, 46 played, CSS 64.

1 R Waine (14)62, 2 W Kroner (14)63 BIH, 3 J Armit (6)63, scratch J Armit 69.

There were five twos from W Kroner, G Sillars, P McCalla, E McKinnon and A Raeburn.

Sunday May 17, Graham Putter (Greensomes), nine pairs took part.

Winners were Matthew Keir and Iain MacDonald 61.6, runners up were Bruce Jenkins and Douglas Robertson 62.2.

There were five twos, M Keir/I MacDonald and T Raeside/B Walker got two, B Jenkins /D Robertson got one.

Fixtures: Sunday May 24, Navy Shield (stableford). Tee off times from 8.30am and 1pm. Draw at 12pm on Saturday May 23.

Ladies: April Medal on Tuesday April 21, first silver Shirley Anderson (13)70, 2 Isobel McDonald (17)73.

First bronze Aileen Latona (24) 73, scratch Shirley Anderson 83.

Coronation Foursomes, 1 Yvonne Brothers and Fiona Crawford 34 points, 2 Pat Adamson and Leslie Murray 32 points BIH.

Club Trophy round one, May 12. First silver Jean Glen (18)69, second silver Jan Beattie (13)70.

First bronze Kate Sizer (33)71, 2 Gege Kroner (29)74, scratch Brenda Livingston 82.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday May 13, **May Medal and Ann Cook Tray.** Weather was kind to all who played, especially Sheena Murchie who had an excellent match, which included a two at the fourth hole. Well done. 1 Sheena Murchie 78-13=65

and scratch, 2 Jo Hastings 93-22=71, CSS 65.

Gents: Thursday May 14, Summer Cup 23 played. Scratch D Macfarlane with a 65.

1 G Andrew 73-10=63, 2 D Macfarlane 65-1=64, 3 S Campbell 72-7=65, three magic twos J McGovern at the 16th, G Boyle at the 4th and G Andrew at the 16th.

Friday May 15, Final of AGA Senior Bowl, Lamlash v Brodick.

Congratulations to Lamlash on defending the Bowl after a close encounter winning three-up overall.

Saturday May 16, Jamieson Cup and first qualifier for championship, 14 played.

Scratch I Murchie with a 68, 1 G Andrew 72-9=63, 2 E Evans 69-5=64, one magic two from A Smith at the 16th.

Sunday May 17, Scratch Cup and second qualifier for championship. Scratch D Macfarlane with a 65, 1 N Young 67-4=63, 2 A Winship 76-13=63, 3 D MacFarlane 65-1=64, there

were two magic twos from G Andrew at the 16th and A Wales at the 17th.

Championship first round on Saturday May 23 from 5pm. D Macfarlane v N McIntyre

L Girbow v E Evans, N Young v G Andrew and I Murchie v D Wales.

Fixtures: Every Thursday, Summer Cup arranging times with starter.

Sunday May 24, Medal at 9.30am and 1pm. Tuesday May 26, championship semi-finals from 6pm.

Arran Golfers Association

Seniors Bowl 2009. The final took place on Friday May 15 in the usual wet conditions; holders and hosts Lamlash took on Brodick in what turned out to be an entertaining game.

First off were Dan and Miller against Lindsey Keir and Terry Raeside. Brodick got off to a good start and went two-up after 10 holes with some solid golf.

Dan and Miller however dug in and like last week came back strongly on the back nine and squared the game at the last hole with an excellent birdie from Dan.

Second match was the strong pairing of Bobby McCrae and Dougie Robertson up against Drew Wales and Alan Winship. The Lamlash pairing came out the blocks smartly and got into an early lead that they never relinquished.

The game ended on the 16th with a half in three's giving Drew and Alan the game three-up and the match overall by the same score, three-up to Lamlash.

Congratulations to Lamlash on retaining the trophy and to Brodick on making it a very entertaining and sporting final. Thanks also to Lamlash for the course, which was in pretty good condition considering the last three weeks of awful weather; the course was playing tricky especially with the semi rough being higher than usual.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Saturday May 2, Hugh Steel Cup. 1 David Price 31, 2 Peter Emsley 35, 3 Donald Campbell 36.

Tuesday 12 May, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton 1 Jerry Arthur 68, 2 Brian Sherwood 69 3 Donald Campbell 71, scratch Brian Sherwood 77.

Fixtures: Tuesday May 26, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton and SLGA Medal 12.30pm/5.30pm tee-off.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday May 13, 1 M Macdonald 77-17=60, 2 S Beardsley 71-7=64.

Saturday May 16, Club Championship Qualifying round one, 1 R Logan 65-6=49, 2 A Macdonald 72-12=60 BIH, 3 H Taylor 84-24=60, scratch, E McKinnon 63.

Fixtures: Saturday May 23, Club Championship Qualifying Round 1, tee-off 9am and 1pm. Wednesday May 27, Medal, Tee-off from 5pm. Friday May 29, Club Championship Quarter Finals.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday May 13, 22 played in the next round of the Summer Trophy, SSS 63, CSS 63.

1 Peter Smith (19)62, 2 John Simmons (16)64 BIH, 3 John Pennycott (11)64, 4 Jamie MacPherson (5)65. Jamie also won scratch with 70 but there were no magic twos.

Sunday May 17, there were 31 competitors for the Eric Wood Memorial Stableford, played in lovely conditions, with some very low scoring.

Thanks to Howard and Lesley Wood for supporting the competition and providing some lovely prizes.

The winner with an excellent total of 41 points, and shooting only one away from the course record with a 59, was Nicol Auld.

Second with 39 points was Dave Hackett, third Allan MacLeod and fourth Jamie MacPherson, both also with 39 points.

Fixtures: Sunday May 24, McKelvie Cup round one. (Club championship qualifier). Wednesday May 27, Summer Trophy. Sunday May 31, McKelvie Cup round two.

The top eight scratch scores over the two rounds qualify for the club championship, the next best eight net scores qualify for the JC Reid Trophy.

Ladies section: Sunday's Eric Wood Memorial competition had a good turnout from the ladies section.

The winner was Fiona MacPherson with 32 stableford points with Lesley Wood and Mary Dick at joint second place with 30. Mary was just pipped at the post on countback.



Howard Wood (centre) is pictured with the ladies and gents winners of the Eric Wood Memorial Stableford at Whiting Bay Golf Club, Fiona MacPherson and Nicol Auld. The competition is in memory of Howard's Dad Eric, who was a keen member of the club until he was 80. b21wo01NO

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Cup victory for Sannox

Sannox Cricket Club travelled to Carradale for the first leg of the Carran Cup fresh from a win against the Kintyre team in the Argyll league last week.

The Arran boys were confident despite having trouble making up a full team and with the threat of rain in the afternoon the skippers agreed to a 30 over match and Sannox losing the toss were put into bat.

Sannox openers Pomeroy, Jenks and Lease fell for only 11 runs. Tony Brookes came in at number four and immediately set to repairing the damage. Despite some rash moments when he could be seen chiding himself at the crease, he managed to put on 33 before being caught off by a signature big swing.

Daniel Brobson playing only his second innings for Sannox made four before being run out and Jim Gourlay fell the same way to a superb return from deep cover after adding a useful seven.

Ben Yates and Dan Goronwy both playing their first games for Arran, both fell to ducks and Martin Kemp came in uncharacteristically at number nine, to hit some delightful straight driven sixes and useful fours ending the innings with 37 not out.

Scott Weir at number 10 fell to a grubber for five and skipper Chris Marriott batted the innings out

with Kemp for 14 not out. The final rush of runs gave Sannox a defendable 132 for 9.

The teams turned around quickly without lunch to try to beat the approaching rain. Pomeroy opened tightly for Sannox with a couple of wickets. Jenks from the pavilion end bowled well and accurately and could justifiably feel cheated not getting any wickets from his four overs. Carradale could have been in even more trouble had several easy chances not been dropped. Finally one stuck with Pomeroy off Jake Lease's bowling. Only Fox at number two for Carradale could make any headway and put on 12 for the Kintyre men before being caught.

Sannox pushed back for Carradale skipper Keogh at number five for the hosts but he fell to an easy catch by Kemp behind the stumps off a Brookes' delivery.

Macbrayne at number eight fell to Dan Goronwy's first spell of bowling for Sannox and A McMillan in Carradale's tail, tried wagging out a single handed 10 runs after his brother retired hurt following a swing, straight out of a highland-games manual, at a shoulder-high delivery.

Speaking afterwards, Tim Pomeroy said: 'Carradale ended 61 and will have to do some serious homework before the Carran Cup return match in August.'

Sannox cricketer Christopher Jenks bowls for the Arran team while Tim Pomeroy looks on.

Experienced golfers go back to school

A group of experienced golfers from Shiskine Golf Club have been learning how to pass on their knowledge to aspiring players by attending a coaching session at Arran High School.

Seven members of the club took part in the level one golf-

coaching course at the beginning of May with Allan Martin, a professional golfer and trainer.

Allan Martin said: 'Good coaches ensure that individuals participating in golf have positive experiences in the game and are therefore more likely to

continue their involvement into the future. High quality coaches are knowledgeable, competent and confident in their abilities and can greatly assist players in achieving their goals and aims.'

Shiskine Golf Club secretary, Pietre Johnston, said: 'We put seven forward for this course and I am thrilled to say all seven passed.'

'The course is Club golf, level one, and lead by the PGA. Level 1 golf coach qualification is the first qualification of the coaching pathway in Scotland and is ideal for parents, interested volunteers, etc, and involves home study of up to five weeks prior to a two day course with a PGA tutor.'

'Our seven volunteers, when they receive their licenses, will be equipped to deliver the two-year Clubgolf Stage one programme to our juniors.'



Willie Kelso, Joe Faulkner, Gordon Stewart, trainer and golf professional Allan Martin, Jacqui Rankin, David Henderson, Liz Kerr and Jenni Turnbull.

Southend notch up another win

A rampant Southend notched up another impressive win on Saturday night when they defeated Lamlash eight goals to nil.

The Southend team were leading 3-0 at half time after Nicky Emsley, Elliot Smith and Lucky Lee all found the back of the net.

Lamlash struggled to keep a hold of the ball but were unlucky to miss a few attempts at goal.

In the second half, Southend's Danny Head scored an impressive goal and Nicky, Lee and Elliot doubled up their first half tally.

An unfortunate own goal from Lamlash gave Southend one more point on the board.

Man of the match however had to go to Lamlash's Ben



Tattersfield who demonstrated incredible stamina throughout the game. Ben had completed the Goatfell race in the afternoon before turning up for the match in Whiting Bay at 6pm and playing a full 90 minutes.

Left: Lamlash's Greg Cameron steals the ball from Southend strikers Murray Picken and Sandy Kelso as Jamie Picken and Frazer Barr look on.

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