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Island is battered by severe gales

Arran was left in darkness on Monday afternoon after a vicious and unseasonable battering from gales cut the electricity supply to the island.

An unusually strong pattern of low pressure moved in from the Atlantic and hooked up across Kintyre and over to Arran catching trees in new leaf at their most vulnerable.

Forecasters issued a severe weather warning as unexpectedly strong gusts of up to 74mph tore through the island.

The scale of the wind meant the MV Caledonian Isles was forced to berth in Brodick overnight on Sunday and did not leave the pier again until the 8.20am sailing on Tuesday morning.

REPORT
by JENNIFER LYON
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Electricity supplies to the island failed just after 1pm on Monday afternoon in what proved to be a tough time for Scottish and Southern Energy.

Power Lines

By 6pm that evening the company reported that all of Arran and Kintyre had power again, but elsewhere in Argyll 2,000 people waited to be reconnected; Dunoon was the worst area hit.

'We had 19 faults reported; the poles stood up to the wind well, the damage was mainly items being blown onto the power lines bringing them

down,' said a spokesman for the company.

'At the height of the storm 30,000 people were without power and we drafted in 500 engineers from across the UK to help.'

A number of trees fell in the Brodick Castle gardens with one just missing the pedestrian pay station that had been manned by Jill Bunyan of Brodick until an hour before the huge tree fell.

Craig Hatton, head of environment for North Ayrshire Council, said: 'We experienced some very strong winds on Monday, which caused some damage to trees and foliage on Arran and the mainland.'

'There were a number of broken trees across the island as a result of the high winds but council staff worked hard throughout the day to remove any debris from roads and footpaths.'

'The following morning, our staff patrolled the island to assess any further damage and carried out work to remove any loose or broken branches.'

'Cleansing teams are continuing to work their way around the island to ensure all debris - including branches, twigs and leaves - are cleared away footpaths.'

Public funding for Holy Isle jetty improvements

Public funding of £3,400 has been approved towards a feasibility study to provide a safer and all-access jetty on Holy Isle.

The project, called Holy Isle Gateway Project, has a total cost of £4,400 and is for a feasibility and marine engineering study, landing facility design and costing proposal. £2,000 of the money is from

Argyll and the Islands Leader, with a further £1,400 coming from public match funding and £1,000 from private match funding.

The present jetty is described as 'makeshift' and is said to 'restrict access to the island' and be 'difficult and dangerous to use' so that 'less-able bodied people, children and the elderly are unable to visit.'



Up, up and away in my beautiful balloon!

Youngsters from Brodick Primary School excitedly released a multitude of colourful balloons into the air last week as they helped to celebrate the opening of The Douglas Hotel. For the full report see page seven. 01_b21hot02



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Peter McCalla started his new job in St Andrews on Monday. 01_b21pet01

Peter starts new job in St Andrews

For 25 years Peter McCalla has been a household name on Arran as the golf professional at Brodick Golf Club.

But on Monday he started a new job in St Andrews that means he will soon be waving his shop and the island goodbye.

Peter has taken up a post in the home of golf as a PGA professional club maker.

His shop will remain open throughout the summer season with his wife Shona and son Sam at the helm with Peter returning to the island on his days off.

‘I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their business over the years,’ said Peter.

‘I have thoroughly enjoyed my years on the island but it was just time for a new challenge.’

Peter is a PGA professional with over 30 years experience, and is an expert in custom fitting and club making.

He will be working for John Letters equipment at their St Andrews showroom where he’ll be ensuring golfers’ clubs are totally custom fit for their game.

Eleventh hour offer to Arran doctors

REPORT
by HOWARD DRIVER
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Six Arran doctors are still at odds with Ayrshire and Arran Health Board about proposals the group say will raise serious safety issues and will have a devastating effect on the hospital in Lamlash.

The six doctors that form the Arran Health Group say that they have been given less than two months to make Drs Gruszecka and Saleh redundant and rescind a letter of appointment made to Dr Hogg.

Video Link

The GPs, as a group, talked with David Rowland and Dr Grant McHattie of NHS Ayrshire and Arran at 8am on Tuesday via video link from Lamlash to Ailsa Hospital.

Dr Malcolm Kerr of the Arran Health Group, said: ‘No agreement was reached despite an exchange of views and information.’

‘In the meantime, the situation is that Arran will lose the budget for three full time medical staff from 1 July unless the Health Board has a change of heart. The intention is to absorb the associated budget in order to pay for increased costs which the Health Board have taken on in the Out of Hours period.’

Ignoring

‘Dr McHattie’s view was that Arran has ‘too many GPs for its population’, - ignoring the fact that these GPs provide all the medical services at the Lamlash Hospital, not just General Practice.’

Following the meeting, Dr Liz Guthrie said: ‘What’s

‘What’s wrong with Ayrshire and Arran Health Board?’



Dr Krystyna Gruszecka of Shiskine receiving a Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners on 13 May.

wrong with Ayrshire and Arran Health Board?

‘The three Health Board directorates with responsibility for services at Arran War Memorial Hospital are like three separate crews - with no one at the helm.’

‘We urge people to get behind us now, to show the Health Board that Arran cares about keeping its medical services, and will not sit quietly watch-

ing years of work unravel over the next four weeks.’

Dr Wai-yin Hatton, NHS Ayrshire and Arran chief executive, said: ‘I very much regret that statements by Arran Health Group may have raised fears and concerns among the local community; and that they have called into question the integrity of NHS Ayrshire & Arran’s highly professional primary care management

team, by accusing them of making statements that were ‘intended to mislead’. This is not true.’

Following Tuesday’s meeting, NHS Ayrshire & Arran has made what appears to be an eleventh hour offer to the Arran doctors.

Dr Hatton said: ‘This offer is subject to three conditions.’

‘While our offer gives Arran Health Group immediate certainty about the future, it also makes it clear that the level of staffing will be reviewed in the future based on the outcome of the service redesign process.’

‘We have asked Arran Health Group to respond to this offer by Friday 27 May.’

On Wednesday afternoon, Dr Malcolm Kerr said that he had not yet seen the offer, but he said: ‘Yes, I’m sure we’ll get back them when we have discussed the terms.’

Working

Dr Krystyna Gruszecka has been working in the Shiskine practice for four and a half years.

On Tuesday she told The Banner: ‘As one of the three GPs facing losing a job on Arran, I have very serious concerns for both day and night time health services on the island, and for the future of safe patient care with such a drastically diminished workforce. Our positions are under threat and we may not have a job after July.’

Dr Gruszecka added that ironically, the photo of her receiving a Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners was taken on 13 May, the same day the Banner ran the first story regarding her possible redundancy.

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Islanders urged to enjoy Wildlife Week

In a bid to help people experience the magic of Arran's wildlife at close hand, the National Trust for Scotland rangers and wildlife expert Bob Logan from Forestry Commission Scotland have joined together to offer a wide range of walks and events over the next week.

Those taking part may see Hen Harrier food passes on the moorland, Golden Eagles searching for food and calving Red Deer.

There may also be otters to be seen on the shoreline as well as ringed plovers, oystercatchers, shell duck, eiders, mergansers, and terns.

Book soon to avoid disappointment as some events have limited spaces.

Car club autotest weekend

The annual Arran Car Club autotest weekend starts today, Friday 27 May.

From 3pm to about 6pm the entrants will be doing a hill-climb on the steep Fish Farm road at Kings Cross.

On Saturday the cars will be burning rubber from 10am in the Ormidale Pavilion car park in tests of handling and manoeuvrability.

Then the cars will be heading for Bennecarrigan at the west end of the Ross Road on Sunday for field trials from 11am to approximately 2pm, followed by prizegiving and presentations.

Devastated by Lilly Mae's pauper's grave

Memorial garden removed by council workers

When Lilly Mae Ferguson was stillborn 10 years ago, her family constructed a small memorial garden at her grave in Lamlash cemetery.

Now that memorial garden has been removed by North Ayrshire Council workers.

Lilly Mae's grandfather, Frank Ferguson, told the Banner: 'The council phoned my daughter, Samantha, to say that she would have to move some of the decoration because they had to do a burial two plots down.'

'We took away the angels and stone bunny rabbits, but the following day the council removed everything; the flowers, the plinth and the toys.'

'We were devastated.'

NAC Island officer Gus MacLeod explained: 'It is quite clear. We phoned on Thursday and asked them to remove those items so that we could get the boxes down to dig a grave for a burial the following week.'

Impossible

'They took away some things on Friday, but the following Monday there was still a lot of items and it was impossible to get the boxes down.'

'All the brickwork, toys and artificial flowers are safely in store. Our men were working within North Ayrshire Council policy.'

Frank added: 'I phoned the

Cemetery and Bereavement officer and am waiting to hear back. I counted another five graves in Lamlash with gardens like Lilly Mae's.'

'We intend to re-instate the garden, but I'll have to put founds in again for the brickwork.'

When the Banner met Frank and Ellen Ferguson at the graveside, a council worker pointed out to them that the garden items would have to be moved again if there was another burial in an adjacent lair in future.

'They have turfed it over,' said a distraught Frank. 'Lilly Mae's grave just looks like a pauper's grave now.'



Frank Ferguson at his granddaughter's grave.

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Lilly Mae's memorial garden before it was removed.

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Winter weekend special ferry fare under discussion

According to Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson, discussions are ongoing to repeat and extend the special winter ferry offer from last year.

For four Saturday's in December 2010, Caledonian MacBrayne offered a special price of £25 for a car and up to four people, return from Ardrossan, coming back the same day or following day.

Mr Gibson said: 'The £25 weekend offer was introduced

briefly last winter and was such a success, but wasn't promoted enough off-island. If re-introduced next winter, which all Isle of Arran Ferry Committee members support, this could help bring many more people to the island off-season and help Arran's economy throughout the winter.'

David Cannon, group public affairs manager, David MacBrayne Group, said: 'Win-

ter savers and similar offers outwith the published fares are designed to be introduced at short notice, if necessary, to stimulate demand, so we cannot say this far in advance whether they are likely to be repeated.'

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Organisers gear up for folk festival

Organisers have confirmed this week that the 17th Arran Folk Festival will go ahead this year.

Beginning on Thursday 9 June, it will run for four days until Sunday 12 June and will feature some of the country's best folk acts and will include bands from Arran.

Jon Hollingworth of Arran Events said: 'Having been very uncertain at the start of the year whether we were going to stage this event this year, we were persuaded by both locals and previous visitors to the event that it was not only a hugely enjoyable festival given its island loca-

tion, but that it was also one of the important entries in the island calendar that brings a considerable number of people outwith the normal tourist season.'

Delighted

He added: 'I am delighted that Joe Trickett and George Pettigrew will open this year's Festival at the Welcome Ceilidh and Concert on June 9 in Brodick Hall appearing as Arran Brew.

'Steve McNeaney (formally of The Boguille Band) is bringing his new ceilidh band over for the same night and is also playing with a fabulous Glasgow based six-piece folk

outfit, the Morgan Lee Band on Saturday 11 June.'

Other local acts this year include Robyn Keen and Amie Hume who had tickets to Rockness but cancelled them to play at the concert in Brodick Hall on Friday night.

Damien Frame is putting The Average Folk Band back together in order to play at the same concert, and the local theme continues on Saturday 11 June when The Picts take to the stage.

The Picts have played several prestigious events both at home and abroad – from 'T in the Park' and the 'Hogmanay Bash' in Glasgow to twice appearing at the 'Inter-celtique Festival' in L'Orient, Brittany.

The Picts have a long connection with the island and in particular with June McLean of Whiting Bay as one of the band members is her nephew.

'All of the four sessions are free to attend and we have tried to keep the ticket prices for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening concerts in Brodick Hall as low as possible to encourage a good attendance,' said Jon.

'We have also introduced a three day ticket which offers further savings and all tickets are available for purchase from our website www.arran-events.com or from Brodick Post Office.'

Pick up a brochure from local shops or see The Banner's What's On for further information.



Committee member Marc Head sanding the wooden floor in Whiting Bay Hall.

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New hall floor for Whiting Bay Hall

When the committee of Whiting Bay Hall were given a quote of nearly £7,000 to replace the hall's wooden floor they knew they knew they could never afford it.

So they have decided to take matters into their own hands and do the work themselves.

'This is the first time the wood has been stripped back properly for years,' said committee member Marc Head.

'We are taking the floor right back to the original wood. It's a big job but once it's finished the floor will look like new.'

'By doing the work ourselves it's costing only £1,000, a fraction of the price we were quoted.'

In the hall's 85-year his-

tory the floor has only been stripped back to the original beech boards a couple of times.

Marc added that the work this time around will last for years and that the committee hope it will help to make Whiting Bay Hall one of Arran's

best venues.

He said: 'This is Arran's biggest hall and we have both the capacity of the building and dedication of the committee to host some of the island's best events here, whether it be music concerts, weddings, coffee mornings or funerals.'

Midge invasion on way

As if the unseasonably cold and windy weather wasn't enough to cope with, now we are being warned to expect a record invasion of the dreaded midge on Arran this summer.

The curse of the west coast of Scotland will apparently soon be arriving here in massive numbers to make work and play out of doors more difficult than ever. The simple pleasures of gardening and barbecues become an exercise in protection against being bitten.

Experts warn that there could be as many as 800 times the average level of midge this year as recent conditions have been ideal for the Highland Midge *Culicoides Impunctatus*.

Despite the exceptionally cold winter, scientists have discovered that after the prolonged freezing conditions, rather than reducing in number, the midge population has actually increased due to the cold weather reducing its natural predators.

The only sensible advice is to wear light coloured clothing and cover up arms and legs, use a proprietary repellent and try to avoid wooded and damp areas.

School memories

Pirmill Primary School will celebrate its centenary next year and in preparation information is being sought from former pupils and staff.

Ross Traill (P5) said: 'Here are some questions to jog your memories: What was the school like when you were there? What size was the playground and how did you get to school?'

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Young heron rescued from Whitehouse woods

A very young heron was rescued from the Whitehouse woods by Brodick Castle rangers last week.

Lamlash resident Isabel Henderson said: 'I saw the little thing out of my kitchen window, just lying on the ground.'

'It must have fallen out of its nest and obviously couldn't fly.'

Isabel called Brodick Castle rangers and within 30 minutes they were on scene. Jo Totty and Reuben Brian collected the baby heron and put it on the next ferry to be collected at Ardrossan by wardens from Hesselhead Wildlife Rescue Centre near Beith.

Latest reports are that the little bird is slowly recovering.

The trees in the Whitehouse woods are home to a substantial colony of herons whose raucous cries can regularly be heard throughout the village.



Lorna Crawford, left, and Alison McNeice in their new salon, Island Hair and Beauty, at Duchess Court. 01_b21sa101

New hair and beauty salon

Since it opened its doors a month ago there has been an excited buzz surrounding Island Hair & Beauty at the Duchess Court near Brodick.

Alison McNeice and Lorna Crawford have created a hair and beauty salon to rival the very best on the mainland.

'We spent a long time putting lots of thought into what kind of experience we wanted to offer our clients,' explained Lorna.

'That means that we are now able to give clients the best possible treatments as these are all products we would happily use on ourselves - and we do.'

When you first enter the new salon at Duchess Court the enthusiasm that both Lorna and Alison have for their jobs is clear to see.

They are able to offer a luxurious relaxing experience that you might expect only to find in the top salons in Glasgow.

Both women outline that they

have a vision for their business that will revolutionise the way people on Arran experience hair and beauty.

As well as cuts and hair colouring, hairdresser Alison is offering specialist hair and scalp therapies designed to significantly improve the condition of all hair types as well as a range of home care products that really work.

Researching

'Since October last year I've been researching every possible hair treatment to make sure I can offer my clients the best treatments on the market,' said Alison.

'I'm so excited to be able to offer 'KeraStraight' which has revolutionised straightening and repair and is exclusive to me on Arran. Why shouldn't women on Arran be able to get the same treatments as you would expect in Glasgow?'

For Lorna too, the new salon has given her an opportunity to invest in new products in

a bid to offer the very-best treatments on the island. Her tranquil treatment room is perfect for relaxing facials, body treatments and massage, while the nail bar and pedicure station is ideally situated to allow clients to experience the comfortable salon atmosphere.

She said: 'I still feel really excited about the beauty industry. It's so fantastic to have space to offer interesting new things. I have already started doing spray tans and soon I will be able to offer microdermabrasion and new massage therapies.'

She added: 'For nails I can also offer OPI Colour Gel technology which acts like a semi-permanent nail polish meaning the colour lasts for weeks without chipping, and also Minx nail wraps, which are proving really popular'

The salon is open Tuesday to Saturday from 9.30am to 5pm and on Thursdays they are open late.

Its time to get snapping again for the Banner photo competition

The Arran Banner photo competition is now entering its 31st season.

This year, as usual, we will be asking for a maximum of six entries per person in two categories; people and/or animals, and scenic views.

Entries can be made via email as attached jpegs, on disc, or as prints.

Each photo must have a caption, and sometimes the caption itself can add to the quality of the entry. The only

proviso is that all entries must have been taken on or around Arran since August 2010.

The Banner reserves the right to reproduce entries in its publications.

Last year's winners were an atmospheric dawn shot of four yachts in Lamlash Bay

in the 'views' section, and an intrepid swimmer taking a bold leap off Lamlash pier in the 'people' category.

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Prepare to be impressed by wealth of Arran artists

It is a well-known fact that Arran is home to more talented artistic people per head of the population than most other parts in the UK.

Proof of this will be found by going along to Brodick Church and hall in Knowe Road to see the church's Centenary Arts and Crafts Exhibition next week.

A cross section of work by local amateur and professional artists, needle workers and sculptors will be on display, including work by such luminaries as Marvin Elliot and Richard Leclerc.

The sixth year art students from Arran High School are also displaying portfolios of their work, which are most definitely worth seeing for their fresh and innovative approaches to visual art.

A display of old Arran postcards will stir many memories too.

Many of the items on display will be for sale, with the church taking only a minimal percentage of any sales.

Refreshments will be served throughout the four days in the church hall, which will be open each day from 11am to 4pm from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June inclusive.

Admission is free but donations will be welcome.



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Winners of the Freestyle relay race; from left, John Mulholland, Kilmory, Cameron Ross-Bain, Kilmory, Anna O'Donnelly, Pirnmill and Fiona Bulger of Corrie. 02_b21swm01



The winning Lamlash medley relay team; from left, David Copperwheat, Scott McKay, Joley Allison and Lori Young. 02_b21swm04

Primary swimming gala

Auchrannie Hotel swimming pool was packed with excited youngsters and proud parents last Thursday night for the annual primary schools swimming gala.

Sally Hunter and her team of helpers kept the proceedings running smoothly and safely while Gordon Allsop gave a commentary and results that

could just about be heard above the cacophony.

Results:

Girls champion race, 1 Fiona Bulger, 2 Katie Murchie, 3 Laura Shaw. Boys champion race, 1 Cameron Ross-Bain, 2 Scott McKay, 3 John Mulholland.

Medley relay, 1 Lamlash, 2 Pirnmill, Kilmory, Shiskine

and Corrie, 3 Whiting Bay.

Freestyle relay, 1 Pirnmill, Kilmory, Shiskine and Corrie, 2 Lamlash, 3 Brodick.

Race winners: P1 girls 1 width, Julie Hamill, P1 boys 1 width, Grant Coyne, P2 girls 1 width, Zara Wilson, P2 boys 1 width, Sam Reid, P2 boys 1 length, Andrew Milton, P3 girls 1 length, Amelia Kemp, P3

boys 1 length, James Reid, P4 girls 1 length, Elyse Aitken, P4 boys 1 length, Aitken Adam, P5 boys back crawl, Harvey Anderson, P6 girls back crawl, Toni Jardine, P7 girls back crawl, Anna O'Donnelly, P7 boys back crawl, John Mulholland, P5 girls breast stroke, Kirsty Kerr, P5 boys breast stroke, David Copperwheat,

P6 boys breast stroke, Ryan Wilson, P7 girls breast stroke, Fiona Bulger, P5 girls front crawl, Emily Armitage, P5 boys front crawl, Harvey Anderson, P6 girls front crawl, Louise Shankland, P6 boys front crawl, Caillean Robertson, P7 girls front crawl, Fiona Bulger, P7 boys front crawl, Cameron Ross-Bain.



Boys champion Cameron Ross-Bain of Kilmory. 02_b21swm03



The start of the P6 girls' front crawl race. 02_b21swm05



Winner of the girls champions race, Fiona Bulger of Corrie. 02_b21swm02

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Brodick youngsters given guided tour of the Douglas Hotel



To celebrate the opening of the recently refurbished Douglas Hotel, pupils from Brodick Primary School were invited along on Thursday morning for a special tour of the building.

The youngsters from primary three, four and five enjoyed a treasure hunt inside the hotel before a guided tour and many seemed a lit-

tle over-awed by the scale of the hotel. They were then treated to an incredible selection of juice and desserts in the stunning new dining room.

Outside in the grounds the youngsters then released an array of colourful balloons in to the sky. 01_b21hot01

Leader stresses education is still a top priority

Faced with a funding gap of £7.4million in the 2011/2012 revenue budget, North Ayrshire Council Leader, David O'Neill has reassured local parents that the Council is doing 'everything possible' to limit the impact on education budgets.

Councillor O'Neill and education spokesman, Councillor John Bell, have stressed that the Council's priority is to protect education in spite of the budgetary pressures currently facing local authorities.

Mr O'Neill said: 'The Council's reduced financial settlement from the Scottish Government came with significant conditions attached, including a national agreement between the Scottish Government and CoSLA to protect the number

of frontline teaching posts. 'Reductions in school support staff were therefore required in order to reduce overall education spend while retaining teacher numbers to comply with the national agreement. 'We will continue to work with staff and trade unions to avoid compulsory redundancies if at all possible and are already talking to support staff about voluntary early retirement.'

Agreed

The Council has already agreed to cut 50 classroom assistant posts, 18.2 clerical assistant post and 4.5 technical posts across North Ayrshire and Arran.

Mr Bell added: 'No cuts in education are ever welcome but North Ayrshire Council

must make the best use of limited resources. We invited every parent in North Ayrshire to a Parent Conference in October last year and have since met with the chairs of North Ayrshire's Parent Councils three times in the last year.

'Senior Council officers also met with the chairs of the Parent Council immediately after the budget was announced and, although they expressed their concerns about the changes, the vast majority indicated that they understood the need to reduce spending across the whole of the Council.

'We are keen to continue this level of engagement and plan to arrange a Straight Talking session specifically aimed at members of our 63 Parent Councils.'

Local plan on the agenda at Arran Community Council

Arran residents are being encouraged to respond to the NAC Local Development Plan.

The Local Plan is one of the items on the agenda for the next meeting of Arran Community Council on Tuesday 31 May at 7.30pm in the Ormidale Pavilion.

Other items include possible new housing in Lamlash and the prospects of a fish farm off

the north east coast of Arran.

Chairman John Inglis said: 'The NAC Local Development Plan is online and available in Brodick Library; there are only six weeks left for objections.'

Arran residents are welcome at the meeting and may make contributions to debate by prior arrangement with the chairman.

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Electricity rules our lives

The unseasonably high winds we've been experiencing all week have certainly come as surprise to all of us.

Usually at this time of year we're sunning ourselves under clear blue skies – May is a month of sunshine not storms.

And yet on Monday, in particular, the island was ravaged by gales that meant the ferry was unable to leave the island all day. When the power went off just after 1pm there was a real sense that the islanders had battened down the hatches in order to escape the worst of the wind.

Most shops and businesses closed up for the day, as without electricity there was little they could do.

However one conversation overheard by a reader of The Banner on Monday afternoon shows just how much we take electricity for granted in our daily lives.

Customer: 'Hello there, are you serving lunch?'

Waiter: 'Sorry madam we have no electricity, but you are very welcome to sit by the fire.'

C: 'Oh, oh well. We'll just have three teas and a milky coffee then.'

W: 'Would you like it lukewarm or cold?'

C: 'Sorry?'

W: 'We have no electricity madam.'

C: 'Oh right, well how long until you have electricity?'

W: 'Hopefully in an hour or so.'

C: 'Well ok then, I suppose we'll have to do without. Do you mind putting the radio on so we can hear the weather forecast for tomorrow?'

This rather funny anecdote was sent to us by a reader who was amazed at how people nowadays find it so hard to accept that if there's no electricity there really is nothing that we can do.

We rely on electricity for every aspect of our lives.

The petrol stations closed as the electric pumps couldn't operate and The Co-operative supermarket even had to close as when the power goes down the electric stock take system is out of action.

Here at The Banner office as we sat in darkness, we were left with the horrible knowledge that if the power did not come back on by Wednesday – having said that it was unlikely it would ever be off that long – there would be no paper on Arran this week.

Everything we do here in the office relies on electricity; even our phones don't work when the power fails.

We write all of our stories on computers and they all get electronically transferred to our sub-editors in Oban.

We may only have lost power for a few hours on Monday but it was long enough for us all to realise just how much we rely upon it.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5: 22-23)

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Letters to the Editor



Objection to health cuts

Sir,
May I through The Banner appeal to the patients of Doctors Faye and Greg Hamill and Doctor Krystyna Gruszecka of Shiskine and Lochranza surgeries to sign the letter of objection that is now in surgeries, shops and village halls on the west side of the island.

It is addressed to Ayrshire and Arran Health Board to properly think out the detrimental effect the proposal to reduce the quality of the medical care and attention we presently enjoy, by making Dr Krystyna redundant; a lady who most recently has been awarded by her professional peers the Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

It would appear that the grey-suited people of the AAHB have no understanding of the needs of this island and are taking no notice of the professionals nor the Arran Public Reference Group.

This is so typical of bureaucrats who live in their own self-perpetuating existence and ivory towers. How many of them, I wonder, will be made redundant in order to save money?

How much do they contribute to the health of the residents and visitors to our island?

It is not only the doctors' practices that will be affected, should such proposals be allowed to happen, but also our hospital. We have witnessed the removal of both full-time surgeons and anaesthetists.

What next, the closing of the hospital due to lack of medical staff? The whole ethos of the medical care is likely to be destroyed by those who have no knowledge, nor do not perhaps want to know, how this island functions.

So please make your opposition known, write to the AAHB, and I would suggest that others arrange similar petitions as patients of the other practices on Arran.

Perhaps at last AAHB might just listen to and empathise with the patients who should be the chief concern, as well as doctors and their staffs

who provide such a wonderful service.

Yours,
Colin Mills
Shiskine

Triumph in the Square

Sir,
Regarding your editorial last week discussing 'Arran in the Square' and whether it had managed to attract 'great hordes of first time visitors', it is always difficult to quantify the success of such an event immediately, but it was about so much more than just the weekend's events.

The event is still all over the internet and footage of the live bands that appeared is spreading on YouTube.

After the event, several new pages appeared including one on Tourism Matters saying 'it is this sort of creativity that is required to drive destinations forward and has to do with businesses recognising that genuine cross benefiting collaborations have impacts on the bottom line.'

'The Arran project works because of the awareness that together they have something worth working on. It is not simply about a website, a brand, or a brochure; it is in reality about eclectic working together, about synergy'.

When Arran Events was asked to organise the live music for the event, I immediately accepted, as did everyone I asked to play and everyone worked together to make it happen – including Arran Haulage who transported all our PA gear, and Stagecoach who transported the Pipe Band.

As a public declaration of what a community like Arran can achieve, it was a triumph.

Well done VisitArran - I was proud to be a part of it.

Yours,
Jon Hollingworth
Arran Events
Gate Cottage
Machrie

Wind turbines intrude

Sir,
Although it's against my better judgment to take note

of an 'anonymous' letter in the Banner let alone respond to it, some clarity is called for on my expressed position on wind farms.

I am critical of the adoption of the policy in Scotland in particular because I believe that wind turbines intrude too much in our exceptional landscapes and that the cumulative effect of multiple wind farms has never been fully recognised.

I am not critical of the farmers themselves who are tempted to accommodate them for the return that is offered and I humbly concede that if I were in their position I would likely take the money too.

From a holistic perspective, however, the price of the loss of landscape value does not measure well against the value of the limited amount of output from wind farms, which is poor in comparison to other forms of energy generation, and there are figures to prove this.

Scotland has the potential for almost every known method of energy generation. Why spoil the wider countryside?

Contrary to the inference by the name withheld correspondent I do not nor ever have favoured nuclear power. I wholly support the Scottish government's policy on this.

I have had my say. I am not going to campaign against any individual application.

North Ayrshire has a policy in place for what is acceptable and what is not.

I have merely tried to gauge by expressing my own view whether or not the wider Arran community is in favour of wind farms or is more concerned about their lasting effect on the island's valued landscape.

Yours,
Councillor Margie Currie
Eastlands
Shiskine

Wind turbines inefficient

Sir,
In the letter headed 'Turbine confusion', the remark I made about financial compensation was quite clearly aimed at our objections to the proposed Sliderry wind farm site. Community wind farms have

been mentioned by some, including a Community Council member, not discussed, and none would be appropriate on this particular site.

I did not call the meeting. I was contacted; spoke to four residents, two of whom attended, two did not.

I didn't say that the objector's views were those of 'the community'.

I stated that they were the views of the Sliderry community members opposed to this wind farm proposal.

Anyone could have submitted letters of support in favour of the proposed wind farm to NAC, but only two village residents did so, along with six others, none of whom actually live in the village.

If other Sliderry residents wished to support the application, there was absolutely nothing to prevent them from doing so.

The report as to why the application was turned down is on NAC's website, and the gist is that it did not comply with Planning Policy, and may also affect residential properties in the vicinity by reason of noise.

Due to the research I've done in the last couple of months, my own view on wind turbines has changed considerably.

Current statistics show them working at 21 percent efficiency.

The electricity they produce costs approximately 3-4 times that produced by conventional power stations.

We pay for this, not only through the renewables levy applied to our power bills, but also in higher unit prices.

CO2 reduction is not as great as suggested, as every turbine needs to have immediate power generation available from a conventional power station on stand-by, to 'take up the slack' as soon as the wind drops below generation speed.

The current interest in turbines is being fuelled by the subsidies available. If it were down to concern over climate change, then they would have been erected long before now. We are all paying for these subsidies.

The un-named letter writer says groups of two or three

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Young Fraser wins Dougarie sheepdog trials

A 16-year-old young man from Girvan has won the open class of this season's Dougarie Spring sheepdog trial.

Fraser Shennan and his dog Fizz had an almost perfect run to score 98 points out of 100 and win the Dougarie Cup on time difference from second placed Stuart Davidson of Dunoon.

A total of 40 dogs competed of which 30 were from the mainland and the standard of work was high with only 'time' separating the top three results, all of which were on 98 out of 100.

The Open Spring Dougarie sheepdog trial was held last Friday 20 May at Glenloig, String Road, by kind permission of Mr C Fforde and Mr J C Murchie, Tighnafraoch.

This was the first time that the trial had been held at this venue, and it was deemed by the competitors to be an excellent field for the trial.



Open winner of the Dougarie sheepdog trial, 16-year-old Fraser Shennan and his dog Fizz. 02_b21dog03

Wullie Stevenson of Whiting Bay won the Learig Cup as

overall confined winner and Harbourview Cup for best confined drive.

George Tod of Balgowan won the Baldy Craig Rosebowl for best confined outrun, lift and pen, and the Glaister Shield for best Arran bred dog.

Newcomer Diane Lewis of Whiting Bay won the Machrie Farmers Cup for best confined fetch and shed.

The committee would like to thank Alec Miller of Kildonan for judging and Donnie Robertson of Blackwaterfoot for clerking; all the individuals who contributed to the smooth running of the trial and in particular, the local and mainland businesses which provided generous sponsorship.

Open results: 1 Fraser Shennan 98, 2 Stuart Davidson 98, 3 Neil McEachern 98.

Confined results: 1 Wullie Stevenson 78, 2 John Murchie 72, 3 George Tod 69.



Trophy winners at the Dougarie spring sheepdog trial; from left, Wullie Stevenson, Stuart Davidson, Mike McNally, Jessie Main, George Tod and Diane Lewis. 02_b21dog01

Heritage Museum in the Square

Stuart Gough called The Banner to point out that he was representing the Arran Heritage Museum at the Arran in the Square event last weekend, and not necessarily discussing nature and wildlife with visitors.

He said: 'I was there with three other volunteers on the Heritage Museum stand; Chris Black, Shelagh Collins and Margaret Bruce. We gave out museum flyers and free postcards of the museum and talked to hundreds of people.'

Continued from Page Eight turbines in sites off the road would not be an unreasonable compromise here.

Perhaps he/she should speak to residents in Lagg living close to the Kilmory school turbine (the same model proposed for Sliddery) to find out their experiences.

There are good reasons for the council planning guidelines that state that they should not be nearer than 700 metres from non-associated housing.

Huge sums of money are currently subsidising wind turbine erection, at the expense of other, less intrusive types of renewable energy.

All our opinions on these matters are valid, and we all have the option to stand up and be counted, whatever our views.

I note that although many of us who objected to the Sliddery proposal had the courage to state our names, the letter writer does not.

If you live in the Southend, a wind farm may shortly be proposed near you, so it might be a good idea to know the facts - and not just from those who will be profiting from them.

Do some research, get some independent information, then make up your own mind about how you feel.

Yours,
E Coral Smith
Sliddery



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Visitors come from all over the world to see how and where the Arran Malt is produced. b26dis09
Visitors enjoying a dram at last year's open day

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The distillery is fortunate to have a dedicated team of staff in Arran and at their head office in Stirling who all work hard to ensure that not only does the island produce the best whisky possible but people from around the world are able to come here and see how it is made.

To mark their 16th anniversary a very special open day is being held in the grounds of the Lochranza based company.

On Sunday 29 May a fantastic day lies ahead for visitors to the stunning surroundings of the Lochranza distillery with a packed programme of exciting events taking place that should not be missed.

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tasting vouchers, a whisky miniature and bottle of water as well as special discounts for bottles purchased in the distillery shop.

Throughout the day visitors can take part in unique Master-Classes with whisky experts and the distiller James MacTaggart and money raised through ticket sales will be given to local charities.

In the grounds there will be a traditional Arran Farmers Market and an island showcase featuring all of the fantastic food and drink producers on the Isle of Arran.

World famous celtic-rock

band 'Callanish' will be playing during the day and at a special event in Lochranza Hall at night.

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Brodick pupils tackle climate change

'They felt it was a challenging idea'

Taking action on climate change recently were the pupils from Brodick Primary School.

On March 21 the whole school took part in the National Climate Week challenge, the details of which weren't fully revealed to them until 9am that morning.

Some amazingly creative and innovative work was created despite them having to meet a 2pm deadline.

One group - Lewis Coyne, Matthew MacDonald, Lauren Robertson, Ross Dobson, Dan McAleer and Robbie Milton - received a commendation

from the National Climate Week judging panel for their solar and wind powered railway for Arran.

Teacher Anne Watts said: 'They were surprised and proud to hear that they had received a commendation for their work.'

Judged

All the entries were judged by footballer Gary Neville, singer KT Tunstall, scientist Catherine Senior and television presenters Liz Bonnin and Ben Fogle.

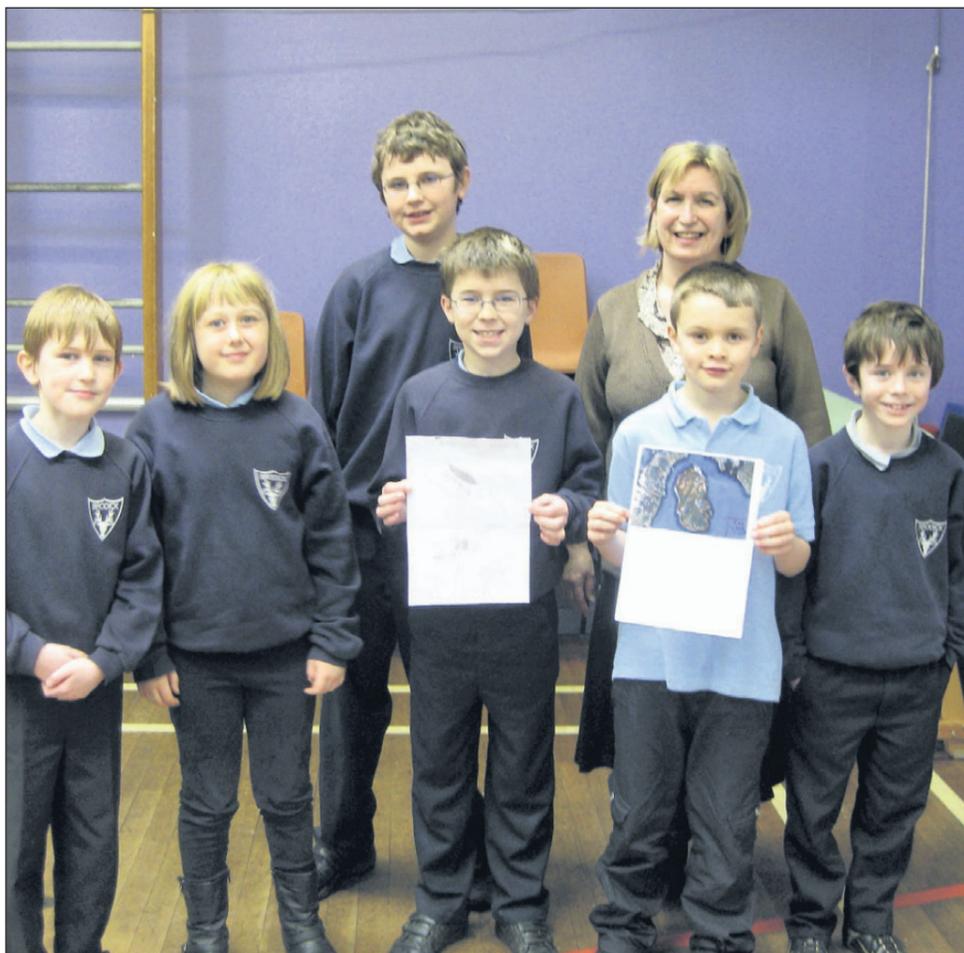
'They felt it was a challenging idea but an important one that everybody should now be

taking seriously.'

The youngsters came up with the idea after Dan McAleer discovered that trains use 10 per cent less energy than cars when researching on the internet.

Lewis Coyne brought his knowledge of solar and wind energy and the idea of a magnet has already been used in Japan.

All the participants from the school said they were keen to take part again next year and said National Climate Week was an excellent way to get people thinking and acting about climate change.



From left to right, Robbie Milton, Lauren Robertson, Lewis Coyne, Matthew MacDonald, Ross Dobson and Dan McAleer with headteacher Mrs Susan Kelly.

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Scottish Islands Peak runners scale Goat Fell

Competitors from the Scottish Islands Peak race came to Arran last Sunday to scale Goat Fell.

The adventure race is for teams of sailors and fell runners and is held annually on the West Coast of Scotland. The race starts in Oban with a short hill run before competitors sail to Salen on Mull, run over Ben More, sail to Craighouse on Jura, run the Paps, sail to Arran, scale Goat Fell before finishing in Troon.

The sailing course of 160 nautical miles includes the strong tides and overfalls of the Corryvreckan and the Mull of Kintyre whilst the runners cover 60 miles and 11,500 ft of climbing.

The race takes two to three days and each team consists of five people - usually two runners and three sailors.

The event organisers said:

'Perhaps part of its charm is that every year brings its own memorable scenes whether it is getting ahead of your nearest rival by means of a 'cunning plan', racing neck and neck with another team under spinnaker or gliding quietly through the water as dawn breaks.'

He added: 'Although the race can be extremely competitive, for most people, it is not the thought of winning that brings them back year after year but simply the pleasure of sailing and running in the company of a great crowd of like minded people.'

'We all love the hills and seas of the Scottish West Coast and the race is just an excuse for the annual jamboree when we can celebrate our good fortune at being able to experience this great adventure in these wonderful surroundings and in such good company.'

Residents urged to complete council tax survey

Residents across North Ayrshire and Arran are being urged to give their feedback on the local Council Tax and Benefits Service.

In a bid to develop customer satisfaction and improve the service offered, North Ayrshire Council is seeking the views and opinions of local people.

Give your feedback and opinions on the current levels of service by completing a short survey at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/NewsArticles/CouncilTaxSurvey

The survey will run for the next four weeks and the results will be used to help shape service improvements in future.

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Vote for Arran's Art in Mind as community champions

Now is the time to vote for Arran's Art in Mind group.

The group has been short-listed in the Arts and Culture section of the NAC Civic Pride Awards, and islanders are urged to cast their votes now.

The group meets every Friday throughout the year and is a branch of Arran Visual Arts. Its aim is to introduce local people with mental health problems to art and self-expression to help them gain in confidence and self-worth.

Jan McGregor, one of the founders, said: 'We are absolutely over-the-moon to be nominated for this award.

'It's a wonderful recognition of the work that we have done since 2004 in helping people with mental health problems to enjoy meeting others in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.'

Participants

The group is helped immensely by professional artist Felicity Walker, who comes over from the mainland each week to teach, help and support group members. Participants each week are given the chance to either work on a group activity or do their own thing, often achieving great results.

Provost Pat McPhee said: 'The event is set to be a spec-

tacular celebration of all that's great about North Ayrshire and I would urge local people to get their votes in quick for the groups and individuals they feel make a real difference to our communities and help recognise them for their fantastic efforts.'

It could not be easier to vote for the groups and/or individuals in each of the five categories; simply complete the coupon on this page and send it to the Communications Team, Chief Executive's Service, North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE before the 12pm deadline on Friday 10 June.



The Art in Mind group has been working tirelessly since 2004 to help people on Arran with mental health problems to express themselves. 01_b21art02

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Shirley Anne Harris

All votes must be received by 12 noon on 10th June 2011

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Citizens Advice to open at the Ormidale Pavilion

Following the restructuring of the citizens advice service in Park Terrace, Lamlash, a new service will soon be up and running in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick.

Sarah Hammond, service manager for Outreach in North Ayrshire said: 'Having listened to views of people in Arran, North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service is pleased to

announce that as part of the new outreach strategy, advisory services will be delivered from the Ormidale Pavilion from the beginning of June.

'This central location will make NACAS advice easier to access and the service will be able to draw on additional expertise of volunteers from the mainland until the number of Arran volunteers

is increased.' Ms Hammond added: 'NACAS is pleased to announce that from June Arran will also be provided with some of the services of Jobcentre Plus and CEIS Ayrshire delivered at the Ormidale Pavilion in partnership with North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service.'

Uncertainty

Councillor Margie Currie said: 'After a period of uncertainty and interrupted service I very much hope that the advice service offered by NACAS on behalf of CAB Scotland which has been re-configured and relocated will be successful.

'During the time since the

manager's post was withdrawn at the end of last year, three intrepid and dedicated volunteers have endeavoured to keep the service going with support from NACAS in Saltcoats and with background support from Arran CVS.

Nina Smith, general manager of NACAS said: 'I would like to thank the management of the Ormidale Pavilion for their understanding and co-operation in this joint venture.'

NACAS is looking for new volunteers to extend its service provision. Applications should be made to Sarah Hammond on 07832 107377 or sarah.hammond@nacasadvice.org.uk

Summer Bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 23 May were as follows: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland, 2 Roddy Thompson and Eendie McNiven, 3 Jan Beattie and Janette McBride.

E/W 1 Margaret McGill and Evelyn Sillars, 2 Liz McKellar and Linda Trickett, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Jean Barclay.

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Thurs. 9th June : Concert & Ceilidh, Brodick Hall. 7:30pm. £10
Anvil Ceilidh Band, Pauline Alexander, & Arran Brew.

Friday 10th June : Concert, Brodick Hall. 7:30pm. £12.50
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Moon walkers prepare for Edinburgh hike

Three Arran women - Ann Rhead, Janette Head and Marie Park - will be completing a 13-mile hike through the streets of Edinburgh to raise money for breast cancer research.

They have decided to take part in the annual Moon Walk on Saturday 11 May to raise vital funds while also having a good catch up and chat whilst walking!

'Breast cancer has touched most families on Arran in one way or another through family members or friends,' said Ann.

'I was diagnosed last summer, one of many women on the island, and received fantastic treatment.

'My family and friends have

supported me throughout and are doing so again by helping me raise funds for Breast Cancer research.'

Rather than taking sponsor sheets around the community they have already started to collect funds for Breast Cancer by holding a Bingo night in Whiting Bay Golf Club.

Organised

'We can't thank Johnny and Elaine Kelso enough,' said Marie. 'They organised and ran the whole event and a great night was had by all.'

'We failed miserably at winning any bingo prizes but felt we had won the night by raising £374.'

A coffee morning will be held in Whiting Bay Hall

between 10am and 12pm this Saturday (May 28).

If you can't manage to their coffee morning, Ann has started a sponsor page where you can donate directly to Breast Cancer by logging on. http://www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/ann_rhead_6



Marie Park, Janette Head and Ann Rhead will be completing the Edinburgh Moon Walk next month to raise money for Breast Cancer Research.

Kilmory Hall holds annual plant sale

The annual plant sale held in Kilmory Hall last Sunday was once again well supported.

With 10 minutes to go before the official opening at 2pm, Ian Adamson had to urge the keen customers milling around the stalls to wait for his official opening speech.

Hall manager Jean Clark said: 'Thanks to everyone who donated plants and home baking for our annual plant and table-top sale.'

'We managed to raise over £370 for hall funds. Special thanks go to all the stallholders and tearoom helpers and to the

Kidz Club who helped to clear up at the end.'



Eager customers snap up the plants. 02_b21ki01

Lochranza Choir anniversary concert

This year marks the 10th anniversary, not only of Lochranza village hall, but also of the Lochranza Choir.

There will be an atmosphere of celebration at the choir's concert on Sunday evening 5 June. Over the past decade, the choir has almost doubled in size and significantly developed its repertoire. In this respect, 2006 was a notable landmark when, in addition to the regular diet of popular part-songs, more serious and challenging works by Holst, Mozart, Elgar and Handel (the Hallelujah Chorus) were performed with confidence and style.

This development has continued, and more Messiah choruses have been added, as well as some of the shorter sections of Mendelssohn's Elijah. Parts of Faure's Requiem were

included in concerts both in Lochranza and Whiting Bay.

At the same time, lighter music has not been neglected.

Party pieces comprising selections from Porgy and Bess and Strike up the Band by Gerishwin, and Oscar Peterson's wonderful Song to Freedom have provided sparkling concert finales.

The 10th anniversary concert will be constructed along familiar lines. In part one, a complete Faure's Requiem will be the main work.

Part two, apart from some calmer moments with two beautiful short pieces by Mozart and Brahms, will have a clutch of pot boilers, some requiring audience participation, plus a selection of solos and duets. So if you are planning to attend the concert, make sure you're in good voice.



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LAMLASH BURNS CLUB

are planning a visit to the new Burns Museum at Alloway on Saturday 11th June.

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Not for hire

Twenty years ago Arran had more than 30 taxis.

Now it has only a handful after this week Arran Transport, the island's principal transport company, took its last taxi off the road.

Bob Haddow said the reason is that they've been strangled by bureaucracy as licence fees and regulations are put in place by CDC, which he says have no place on Arran.

Dippen boom

A controlled explosion set off a few days ago at the south of the island got a little out of control.

Contractors for Hydro Electric had been continuing their rerouting of cables round the southend when they discovered a rock which would not allow them to dig five and a half feet necessary for the new poles at Dippen.

So they decided to blast the rock.



David Hendry is pictured with Honey, a five-day-old Shetland Pony born at his Brodick home.

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The lady veteran winner of the Goat Fell race on Saturday was Helen Thomson of Lamdash.

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Small waves

Two changes this year have caused a little disquiet to the annual primary schools swimming gala that took place at the Kinloch pool on Wednesday.

For the first time armbands have been banned and the number of heats have been reduced meaning there are considerably less races than before.

Sewage site

We understand that a site may have been found for the disposal of septic tank waste on the island.

We have heard that it could be at Clachlands after Mrs Reid of Clachlands Farm said the idea had been raised with them.

When asked, Alexander Bain of Environmental Health, said he was unable to confirm it.

Ferry ordered

The order for the new Lochranza ferry has now been placed.

The vessel will be built in the

yard of James Miller and Sons in St Monans, Fife and will cost around £1,750,000.

She will have a capacity for 18 cars and it is hoped this will avoid delays when there is an increase of traffic after the upgrading of the B8001 road from Claonaig to Tarbert.

Hilda visits Arran

Enjoying her second visit to Arran this week was actress Jean Alexander known to many as Hilda Ogden of Coronation Street.

Miss Alexander was staying in Lamdash and left these shores on Thursday 23 May.

Dux excels

Gill Henderson of Shiskine who was last year's dux of Arran High School has this year been placed in the top 10 of those sitting the Glasgow University bursary exam.

Gill who is in sixth year at Arran High sat the examination on the island during the Easter break.

She has already been accepted to study accounting at the university next year.

Late call

He was bound to make it on to the telly sooner or later but who would have thought it would be a religious programme?

Yet soon Arran tourism manager Charles Currie will be giving the evening Late Call on STV each night for a week.

Filmed when the tv crew were over for the Eikon feature this month, Charles said he believes he was asked as he is the son of the late Rev James Currie.



Lamdash were presented with the Arran Haulage Cup after they beat Shiskine 2-1 in the final last Saturday.

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First year pupils at the High School volunteered to assist the Lamdash Residents and Ratepayers Association by giving up valuable school time last week to clear up litter in the Whitehouse Woods.

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Last week Archie was sitting in the car park at the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, waiting for a packet of crisps. First correct was Wilma of Alberta, Canada.

This week he is feeling playful, but where would you find that large metal tube behind him? 02_b21arc01



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SATURDAY 28th MAY

Karate
 Family Games
 Fun In The Pool
 Over 21's Disco
 Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
 Rink Game
 Rink Game
 Rink Game
 Rink Game
 Book Sale and Coffees
 RNLI Shop Open
 Plant Sale
 Exhibition of Arran Paintings by Bill Lees

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
 3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
 4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Arran High School, 10am
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm
 Brodick Hall, 11am - 2pm
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Bridge Farm Shiskine, 12pm
 Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 6pm

SUNDAY 29th MAY

Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
 Family Games
 Fun In The Pool
 Quiz
 Open Music Session
 RNLI Shop Open
 Open Gardens
 Exhibition of Arran Paintings by Bill Lees
 Cream Teas & Refreshments

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
 Library Annexe, 1.45pm
 3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
 4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
 PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
 Bar Eden, 3pm - 5pm
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Strabane, Brodick, 11am - 5.30pm
 Corrie Hall, 10.30am - 6pm
 Kildonan Hall, 2pm - 4.30pm

MONDAY 30th MAY

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

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

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 Coffee Morning

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 Whiting Bay Hall, 10.30am - 12pm

TUESDAY 31st MAY

Lochranza Swimming Club
 Army Cadets
 Pop Quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Citizens Advice
 Youth Club
 Rotary Club
 Junior Hockey Club
 Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up
 Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up
 Scottish Country Dancing
 Youth Club
 Rink Game
 Zumba Fitness
 Music Session, Chalk and Cheese
 Bad Girls

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

WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE

Hockey
 Tae Kwon Do
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Selt Making Class
 Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
 Yoga for Every Body
 Senior Badminton
 Museum, Archives & Geneology Service
 Aquafizz
 Yogalates
 Circuit Training
 Rink Game
 Coffee Morning
 Rink Game
 Rink Game
 Arran Open Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group
 Bad Girls
 Coffee / Tea Afternoon

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
 KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
 Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
 10am - 11.30am
 High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
 9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Lamlash Curch Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 6.30pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
 High School, 3.45pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm
 Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm

THURSDAY 2nd JUNE

General Knowledge Quiz
 Arran Music & Drama Rehearsals
 Lochranza Craft Club
 Coffee Morning
 Table Tennis
 Youth Club
 Senior Fitness
 Pilates
 Pub Quiz
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Arts & Crafts Exhibition
 Bad Girls

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Hall, 2pm
 St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
 Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
 Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
 9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym
 6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio
 Kinloch Hotel, 9pm
 Kinloch Bar, 9pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 11am - 4pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm

FRIDAY 3rd JUNE

Arran Pipe Band Practice
 Quiz
 Aquafizz
 Yogalates
 Over 21's Disco
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Live music with DJ
 Arts & Crafts Exhibition
 Bad Girls

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
 10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 1am
 Brodick Church Hall, 11am - 4pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm

SATURDAY 4th JUNE

Arts & Crafts Exhibition
 Bad Girls
 Hillbilly Golf

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 Brodick Hall, 8pm
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The Order, which comes into operation on the 11 July, 2011, was advertised in various local newspapers on the 9 March, 2011, and the effect of the Order is as stated in said notices.

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KA12 8EE

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

Notice of application to be published under regulation 20(1)

Application No: 11/00299/PP Address: Ivybank, Kilmory, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8PH. Proposed Development: Erection of detached dwelling house including demolition of redundant building.

Application No: 11/00320/PP Address: Lochranza Caravan and Camping Site, Lochranza, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8HL. Proposed Development: Alteration to 01/95/0635 to allow for a permanent change of use of land to form campsite/ touring caravan site, siting of static caravan and the siting of associated buildings.

Application No: 11/00326/PP Address: Woodlea House, Dippen, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8RN. Proposed Development: Erection of detached timber garage.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE



AUDIT OF BEST VALUE AND COMMUNITY PLANNING (BV)

The report on the above audit, undertaken by Audit Scotland for the Accounts Commission, was considered by North Ayrshire Council at a meeting on 16 March 2011. The report assessed the Council's overall performance as "satisfactory" and its prospects for future improvement as "fair".

The Accounts Commission's findings on the report recognise "encouraging signs since mid-2009 of a real increase in the commitment to addressing the key Best Value characteristics of performance management, improved resource management and the engagement of elected members in improvement activity."

The Commission states that the Council must achieve demonstrable and enduring change in the key processes that ensure Best Value if it is to be able to sustain good service performance, extend that level of performance to other service areas and demonstrate that it is achieving value for money.

The Council accepted the Accounts Commission's findings and agreed that the report provides a candid external assessment of the Council's performance and prospects for improvement. The Council welcomed the report's acknowledgement that the Council is already aware of the improvements that are needed and that the pace and direction of change being established across the Council should result in further improvements in key areas.

At a further meeting on 13 April 2011, the Council approved a BV Improvement Plan to address the eight main areas for improvement identified in the report and agreed a series of actions under eight key headings:

- Develop internal capacity for improvement
- Member / senior officer leadership of vision for change and culture of continuous improvement
- Embed performance management arrangements
- Embed consultation arrangements with service users
- Ensure partner resources are directed effectively to priority areas
- Improve resource management arrangements
- Strengthen governance structures
- Consult regularly with staff to assess impact of change / improvement

Copies of the Report and the Council's BV Improvement Plan are available from the undernoted address or from the Council's website at: www.northayrshire.gov.uk/CouncilAndGovernment/CouncilInformationPerformanceAndStatistics/BestValue.aspx

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With the final rehearsals taking place for next week's performances of Arran Music and Drama Club's summer show, *Bad Girls*, we bring you a run down of the last remaining characters.

Pictured from left to right, are Shell Dockley, murderess, played by Janie MacIntyre.

Jim Fenner, senior prison officer played by Campbell Seaton.

Jim's a man who likes to run things in prison his own way, rather than by the book, and he'll use whatever means necessary.

He can easily justify his 'pastoral' role with prisoners; the women have come on strong to him, he's got what they need and he's happy to give it to them.

So where's the harm? His unholy alliance with Shell Dockley keeps him in the picture about what's happening on the wing as well as providing some 'on the job' recreation.

Nikki Wade, murderess, played by Sheila Gilmore.

Helen Stewart, Wing Governor, played by Alison Howie.

As a graduate 'fast-tracker', Helen is held in contempt by old hands such as Fenner and Hollamby who both firmly believe that there is no substitute for experience.

She's idealistic and genuinely concerned about the welfare of the inmates in her care, but good intentions aren't always enough to win the battle.

Justin Mattison, junior prison

officer played by Mark Sherwood.

Justin is a new junior officer, a fresh young puppy dog who really does want to do good, and thinks that Helen is absolutely perfect, not only as wing governor, but maybe even something more...

Bursting with integrity and rather shy, Justin is easily teased by the older women prisoners in particular.

Number One, Governing Governor played by Bob McLaren.

The Number One likes a quiet life and has always felt that the 'old boys network' is the best way of sorting things out to his satisfaction.

The appointment of Helen Stewart as wing governor has been imposed upon him and grudgingly accepted.

It wouldn't take much briefing against her for him to recommend her swift removal.

Sylvia 'Bodybags' Hollamby, senior prison officer played by Heather Johnston.

As far as Sylvia is concerned 'happiness is door-shaped' and it would make her life a hell of a lot easier if prisoners were just kept locked in their cells 24/7.

She admires Jim Fenner immensely, and shares his conviction that the Wing Governor job should have gone to him instead of to Helen Stewart.

She is, however, blind to the full extent of Jim's misdemeanours with the prisoners, and would be genuinely shocked if she knew.

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Brodick 7pm
Mr Ray McCabe
All welcome

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 29 May

Holy Communion, 11am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee after service, followed by Vestry meeting.
Wednesday, 1st June:
Holy Communion
12.15 pm.
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(SCO15072)

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Sunday 29 May

Rev Gillean Maclean
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
In both churches
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)

Sunday 29 May

Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge
Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 7pm
13 Glen Avenue, Brodick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 1st June 7pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Rev.D. Macleod
All welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Ormidale Pavilion

Sunday 29 May

Tea and Coffee from 10.40am
11.00am - Morning Worship
Speaker: Rev Foster Wright
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Minister

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Parish Asst

Mrs Jean Hunter.

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Sunday 29 May

Brodick Church, 10.30am,
Praise Service by A.R.C.O.

Corrie Church, 12pm
Lochranza, 9.30am,
Pirnmill, 10.45am
Shiskine Church, 12pm
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(SCO14005)

Sunday 29 May

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.
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Thursday 2 June

Taizé worship
7.30 pm

St Margaret's Episcopal Church

DEATHS

EARLE - GLADYS

Died peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital, on Friday 20th May 2011. Funeral on Friday 30th May at Kilmory Church and afterwards at Lagg Hotel. No flowers please, donations to Hospital Supporters League.

BARBOUR - EUNICE

Peacefully, at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, on Sunday, May 22, 2011, in her 100th year, Eunice, (formerly of Coatbridge and Brodick), much loved by all the family and will be very sadly missed. Funeral service at Daldowie Crematorium (West Chapel), Broomhouse, Uddingston, Glasgow, on Friday, June 3, at 11.45am, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

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Golf

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 18 May, Stroke 2, eight played, CSS 63. 1 Sheena Murchie 74-14=60, 2 Rachel Wren 88-25=63, 3 Ellie Jones 80-14=66, scratch Sheena Murchie 74.

Gents: Thursday 19 May, Summer Cup, 28 played, CSS 64. 1 Ian Bremner 66-6=60, 2 Dougie Macfarlane 62-1=61, 3 Scott MacEachan 74-11=63, 4 Willie Currie 77-13=64. Best Scratch Dougie Macfarlane 62. There were magic twos from Jim Young, Alan Smith, D Macfarlane, Calum Rae, Craig MacEachan and Bill Young.

Seniors Medal, CSS 61. 1 Allan Martin 78-18=60, 2 Hamish McArthur 79-17=61. There was one two from Peter Mackay.



Players from Whiting Bay Golf Club travelled to the west of the island to take on Machrie Bay Golf Club in the AGA Senior Bowl final.

Sunday 22 May, Summer Stabelford, CSS 66. 1 Raymond Burke 36pts, 2 Todd Jameson 33pts. Todd also had the only two.

Fixtures: Saturday 28 May, finals of Club Championship at 1pm and 5pm. Sunday 29 May, Hastings Cup first round, 9.30am and 1pm starts.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 18 May, 24 played in the Summer Trophy, CSS 63. 1 John Simmons (10)62, 2 Nicol Auld (2)63, 3 Robin Young (23)64 BIH, 4 Bob Hastings (17)64. Nicol won scratch with 65 and there were magic twos from Graeme Crichton and Bob Hastings.

Sunday 22 May, 23 took part in the first round of the McKelvie Cup, the Club Championship qualifier on a day when the strong winds made scoring very tricky. The CSS was 66 RO, with only one player in the buffer zone. 1 Malcolm Pennycott (1)63, 2 Dave Hackett (15)67 BIH, 3 Graeme Crichton (13)67 BIH, 4 John Simmons (10)67. There were no magic twos (and not many 3s!) and Malcolm won scratch with 64.

Fixtures: Sunday 29 May, McKelvie Cup Round 2. Wednesday 1 June, Summer Trophy and JC Reid Trophy quarter Finals. Thursday 2 June, Club Championship quarter Finals. Sunday 5 June, Gents Medal.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 17 May, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Ron Woods 65, 2 Mark Sherwood 67, 3 Denise Sherwood 68. Scratch Mark Sherwood 72. **Fixtures:** Tuesday 31 May, first round Club Championship Qualifier, Ladies and Gents 12.30/5.30pm tee-off. Saturday 4 June, Duncan Sillars Cup and second round of Gents Club Championship Qualifier 1pm tee-off. Monday 6 June, quarter final of Gents Club Championship 5.30pm tee-off. Tuesday 7 June, second round of Ladies

Club Championship Qualifier 12.30/5.30pm tee-off.

Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 24 May, St Elmo Cup, CSS 70 (reduction only). 1 Carole Stewart (17)72, 2 Susan Butchard (15)74, 3 Elizabeth Sinclair (16)75. Scratch Fiona Crawford 89 BIH. Elizabeth Sinclair had the only two.

Gents: Wednesday 18 May, Summer Cup, 46 played, CSS 66. 1 G Hendry (8) 64, 2 G McCrae (6) 64, 3 N Hume (13) 66. Scratch G McCrae 70. There were only six twos, from I Sillars, D Hendry, M Keir, G McCrae, I MacDonald and D McKinnie.

Sunday 22 May, Graham Putter (Greensomes). Winners Len Hartley and Iain MacDonald, 69 less 10.6, net 58.4, runners up Iain Sillars and John McKean, 73 less 11.8, net 61.2. Great scoring on a blustery day.

Fixtures: Saturday 28 May, Bridge Trophy (mixed foursomes medal). Sunday 29 May, Navy Shield, draw 12noon on Saturday.

Saturday and Sunday, 4 and 5 June, Arran Open. Entries by Wednesday 1 June, entry fee £40, reduced to £20 for AGA members.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 18 May, Wednesday Medal, CSS 62, 11 players. 1 A McDonald 70-11=59, 2 R Logan 67-5=62, 3 A Napier 69-5=64. Best scratch R Logan 67.

There was one magic two from A Cumming.

Saturday 21 May, second round of the club championship, 19 played. 1 E McKinnon 59+1=60, 2 J Smith 81-20=61, 3 B Sherwood 75-10=65 BIH over A McDonald. Magic twos from J Adam, E McKinnon. Best scratch E McKinnon 59.

Fixtures: Saturday 28 May, Summer Cup, 8.30am, 1pm and 1.45pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 19 May, Ladies Club

BIRTHS



KEIR - BRYAN

Vivien and Paul are thrilled to announce the birth of their son Harris on 13th May 2011.

A grandson for Lindsay and Alison and Billy and Margarete (Ayr).



FERGUSON - BLYTHE

Both families are delighted to congratulate John and Gemma on the arrival of Rosie Alexandra born on 18th May 2011.



POPPLEWELL

Lee and Kirsty (Duncan) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of triplet boys - Finn Russell, Harry Robert and Reece Christopher - on Monday 23rd May at Ayrshire Maternity Unit, Crosshouse. Three more grandchildren for Chris, Margo, Russell and Jan.



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Windy start to football season

All six of the island's football teams played in the first league matches of the season on Monday night despite gale force winds, torrential rain and hail storms.

With power cuts, ferry can-

cellations and severe winds, The Banner had been expecting a phone call to say the games had been cancelled but all three went ahead that night.

At the Ormidale Park Bro-

ick and Lamlash drew 2-2 in the first game to kick-off.

The strong gusts of wind played into the hands of both teams as despite being 2-0 down at half-time, Brodick went on to score twice with the wind behind them in the second half.

Newest

In Lamlash the league's newest members, Bay FC took on Shiskine.

As the wind roared down from Benlister Glen both sides had trouble controlling the ball.

The gusts kept stealing hold of the ball in the air and kicks to goal that would normally be well on target flew miles past the net.

In spite of this both teams managed to score three goals each.

They may have had high hopes for this year but Northend had a pretty abysmal start to the season, losing 13-0 to Southend at Sandbraes.

Strangely, although the pitch is sited right next to the beach in Whiting Bay this was the more sheltered game of the night.

But the wind was still very strong and appeared to play into Southend's hands.

They managed to score five goals into the wind and another seven with the wind behind them.

Northend added insult to injury when Spanky scored an own goal towards the end of the second half.

This Monday (May 30) Shiskine play Brodick, Lamlash take on Southend and Northend play Bay FC.



Lamlash and Brodick found themselves evenly matched on Monday night as the wind helped both teams to a 2-2 draw. 01_b21ba102



Bay FC's Ben Tattersfield and Shiskine's Fergus Judge tussle for the ball. 01_b21ba101

Youngsters head to Murryfield

The youngsters from the Isle of Arran Rugby Club are taking part in the Murrayfield Sevens tomorrow (Saturday).

A boys' team and a girls' team will both be competing at the national rugby stadium. They will also get a chance to see some of the professionals in action too at the Emirates Sevens tournament on the main pitch.

All those going to Edinburgh should be on the 4.40pm ferry tonight (Friday). The youngsters will return on the 6pm sailing on Saturday night.

Sannox catch Carradale cold

Sannox Cricket Club's first league match took place against neighbours and rivals Carradale last weekend.

The fishermen hampered their chances by turning up with only nine men on a showery day more suited to fishing.

And the visitors did much fishing, though all of it was

outside the off stump and in the main, crabs were caught.

The crucial toss was won by the hosts who inevitably put Carradale in to bat first.

Slippery

The surface was very wet and slippery, despite which, the local bowlers achieved a surprising amount of lift and pace.

The Carradale innings was left entirely in the hands of skipper Aiden Keogh and number five batsman Robert Fox.

Keogh looked threatening at times but rode his luck for an impressive 34 before being bowled by an in-swinging from Sannox new boy, Lachlan Jones.

Jones finished on 3 for 3; Carradale finished on 59 all out.

After lunch, Martin Kemp and Michael Jenks opened for Sannox. Carradale's Charlie Macmillan had a disastrous opening over with three no balls and two wides.

This added to the bat made 11 for nought after one over. From this point the outcome was never in question.

Creditable

Jenks scored a very creditable 16 before being bowled by Keogh in the fifth over. Pomeroy at number three partnered Kemp to the inevitable victory after 11 overs. Kemp 16 not out Pomeroy 11 not out. Sannox won by eight wickets.

Practise is on Thursday from 6pm at Sannox. Newcomers are always welcome.



The Sannox and Carradale cricket teams at the Sannox Oval.

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