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On top of Goatfell with Jubilee beacon

'From across Kilbrannan Sound on Kintyre it was the most amazing sight, easily visible to the naked eye'

REPORT
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Arran joined with the rest of the United Kingdom and The Commonwealth this week in celebrating 60 years of duty and service to her country and subjects by Her Majesty the Queen.

But the highlight was quite definitely the spectacular lighting of a Jubilee beacon on top of Arran's highest peak, Goatfell, at precisely 10.26pm on Monday night.

The royal Diamond Jubilee was marked by the young and not-so-young, with barbecues, street parties, music and flags and bunting aplenty.

Among others, there were street parties at Brodick, Corrie and Shiskine Primary Schools, at Lagg Hotel in Kilmory and on Brodick seafront on Tuesday.

Lochransa folk braved the elements for a barbecue on Sunday and Shiskine residents held a Jubilee party at St Molios Church.

Holidaymakers at Seal Shore campsite at Kildonan enjoyed a charity seafood barbecue with more than 100 tents on site on Tuesday.

However, the stars of the day were four intrepid young gentlemen from Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

Mark Bunyan, Neil Gillies, David Boal and Robbie



From left, David Boal with the Union flag, Mark Bunyan, Robbie Mallinson and Neil Gillies on top of Goatfell on Monday night with Arran's Diamond Jubilee beacon. Photo by Arran Mountain Rescue Team

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Mallinson lugged the tall metal beacon plus two 13kg cylinders of butane gas to the 2,866 feet summit of Goatfell on Monday night in time for the synchronised lighting.

On a perfectly cloudless night, this burning tribute to

our monarch could clearly be seen from wide areas of the west of Scotland.

At 10.30pm Sheila Gilmore commented on facebook: 'Beacon lit on Goatfell - looks fab.'

Paula McGill added: 'Seen

it on the way home from Saltcoats beacon being lit.

'It looks amazing from over here.'

Christine Russell from Campbeltown said: 'Can I send a great big thank you to all the people who got the bea-

con lit on the top of Goatfell for the Queen's Jubilee.

'From across Kilbrannan Sound on Kintyre it was the most amazing sight, easily visible to the naked eye.

'Congratulations to everyone involved.'

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Yacht aground in Lamlash Bay

Arran Coastguard team were called out to a yacht aground in Lamlash Bay last Sunday morning after Clyde Coastguard received a call reporting the incident.

The vessel was checked to establish the safety of any occupants but found to have nobody on board.

Further enquiries by the coastguards established that the owners were already ashore and safe.

Shiskine to host golf camp this summer

Shiskine Golf Club and Arran Driving Range have joined together with ClubGolf Scotland to take part in a summer festival of golfing fun for boys and girls aged 9-13.

Registration closes on June 18 and at a cost of only £25, places are filling up fast.

Sign up now to make sure you don't miss out on five fun filled days of golf coaching and games.

The camp will be held from July 2 to 6 at the Arran Driving Range with a competition to close the week taking place at Shiskine Golf Club.

To register you have to contact ClubGolf on 0141 222 9639 or visit www.clubgolf-scotland.com/events and look for the Shiskine Camp.

For more information please contact Gordon Stewart on 860530.

MV Isle of Arran ferry back on Brodick service in four weeks

As reported in the Banner three weeks ago, our second summer ferry will be MV Isle of Arran this year.

And she will be fully crewed for passengers and cars on Arran Show day and Brodick Highland Games day.

MV Isle of Arran will have significantly more capacity for vehicles than the Saturn, which has been our extra summer ferry for the last seven years.

Both vessels can carry a

similar number of passengers, but the Isle of Arran can take almost double the number of vehicles.

MV Isle of Arran will come into service on the Ardrossan to Brodick run on Saturday 7 July and will operate from Monday to Friday as a freight-only vessel with two sailings a day and a limited crew and maximum of 12 passengers – basically the lorry drivers.

But if there are only a couple of lorries, she could

take some cars. She will berth overnight in Brodick.

On Saturdays she will have a full crew for foot passengers, vehicles and car drivers for three return sailings.

More space

The idea is to encourage hauliers to use the second vessel during the week, freeing up more space for cars on the Caledonian Isles.

Kenneth Gibson MSP told the Banner: 'I have been lobbying Transport Minister

Keith Brown MSP over a number of weeks about this year's additional summer ferry.

'I can confirm that the Isle of Arran ferry will be in service from Saturday 7 July to Monday 3 September inclusive. The cost of providing this will be £350,000 and shows our ongoing commitment to ferry services to Arran.

'It will be crewed for passengers on Wednesday 1

August (for the Arran Show) and Saturday 4 August for Brodick Highland Games.'

Delighted

Transport Minister Keith Brown said: 'I am absolutely delighted that the Scottish Government has confirmed the running of a second vessel on the Ardrossan to Brodick crossing this summer.

'The Isle of Arran is an iconic vessel and was last run on its own scheduled service nearly 20 years ago.'

Tea party a 'Blooming Great' success

A Blooming Great Tea Party with a twist – of lemon and tonic – was held at The Douglas Hotel, Brodick, on Sunday to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

With a nod to the nationwide tea parties organised by the cancer charity, the event run by Arran Women in Business served G&T as well as tea.

All the gin was provided free of charge by Hendricks.

The incredible sum of £2,248 was raised on the day as people took advantage of the Jubilee celebrations to enjoy a gin and tonic on the hotel terrace.

Elaine Campbell, of The Douglas Hotel, said: 'On behalf of Arran Women in Business, we would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone

who came along on Sunday to support our Blooming Great G&T Party. We are very proud of Arran and how generous everyone has been with donations and in supporting this event so wholeheartedly - lots of people who were previously unconnected with the AWIB group approached us with offers of help, baking and attendance - it was a wonderful Arran team effort!'

Murray Easton, area fundraising manager for Marie Curie, said: 'Thanks to everyone that came along to Arran's Great G&T(ea) Party.

'It really was a shining example of community fundraising at its very best, everyone came together to put on a great event with Elaine Campbell from the Douglas Hotel and Arran Women in Business being instrumental in making it happen.

'Sincere thanks to everyone that helped to make the event a reality. We are in the process of recruiting a Nurse in Arran and we are also assessing how we can improve our nursing services on islands in Scotland. This event has made a real difference and everyone involved should feel very proud of themselves.'



Murray Easton of Marie Curie, centre, with Penny Brass, left, and Elaine Campbell – organisers of the Blooming Great G&T(ea) party. 01_b23tea01

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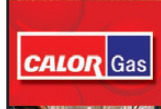
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Police files

Drink driving

A 50-year-old Lamlash man was arrested in Shore Road, Whiting Bay at 4pm on Tuesday 29 May and charged with alleged drink driving.

On Sunday 3 June a 62-year-old Brodick man was arrested in Shore Road, Brodick and charged with alleged drink driving. Police are awaiting analysis of blood samples.

Traffic offences

On Tuesday 29 May, an 18-year-old Lamlash man and a 19-year-old Shiskine man were charged under Section 3 of the Road Traffic (Scotland) Act for driving without due care and attention following a crash between two vehicles on the Ross Road.

On Thursday 31 May a 20-year-old Whiting Bay woman was stopped on the A841 in Brodick, charged with speeding, and issued with a fixed penalty.

At 9.40am on Saturday 2 June a Lochranza man was reported for having no MoT certificate for his vehicle.

Possession of drugs

A 27-year-old Lamlash man was charged in Shore Road, Lamlash for being in possession of controlled substances on 2 June.

Public offences

On Sunday 3 June a 24-year-old Whiting Bay man was issued with a fixed penalty of £40 for drinking alcohol in public in Shore Road, Whiting Bay.

Road traffic crashes

Following a road traffic crash on Saturday 2 June a motorcyclist went off the road. The 44-year-old man was taken by helicopter to Crosshouse Hospital for treatment.

At 10am on Monday 4 June a cyclist collided with a van when coming down the Ross Road. He was taken to Crosshouse Hospital for treatment to his injuries.

Ace recruiter Jean given Trust life membership

Jean Bowden is a very persuasive lady.

For 32 years she has been an ever-present at Brodick Castle and has signed up thousands of members for the National Trust for Scotland. And now the NTS has honoured her with a life membership for herself and husband Bill.

Jean started as a Castle guide in 1979 working with administrators John and Wilma Forgie.

She went on to work with Ken Scotland, Olive Raymond and Veronica Wood-

man until Ken Thorburn took over in 1999.

Jean worked as a guide for 12 years, then during Ken Scotland's tenure the post of membership recruiter was created, so she combined both jobs until Olive Raymond's second year. Since then she has been the Castle's chief recruiter.

Current administrator Ken Thorburn sang Jean's praises: 'Jean has been here longer than anyone else - she has always been our ace recruiter. And she has trained many

other recruiters over the years.'

Jean explained: 'Signing up new members is a very important source of revenue for the Trust. I love it here - I don't consider it to be a job.

'I'll probably get carried out in a box!'

Among the many people that Jean has signed up is Edwina Currie MP and she has met Harry Secombe, Judith Chalmers and Minnie Driver at the Castle. In 1981 she met Princess Caroline of Monaco when she came to the Castle



Jean Bowden, Brodick Castle chief recruiter. 02_b23jean01



Jean signing up Elaine Campbell of Wisconsin as an NTS member last week. 02_b23jean02

on honeymoon with her new husband Phillipe Junot.

Jean added: 'In 1984, late one afternoon, a helicopter landed unannounced at the Ranger Centre. Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, got out for an unofficial visit. Etta Walker and I took him on a tour of the Castle which was being locked up as most of the guides had left by then.

'We found him delightfully unassuming - but my Bill has never forgiven me for not asking for his autograph.'

So what is the secret of her success? 'I just chat them up,' she said. 'I ask them where they are from and where they are staying - then just sign them up!'

Ken Thorburn summed up: 'We just hope Jean goes on for many years to come.'

Island road works programme on schedule

The current round of road works on the island should be coming towards a close in three weeks.

The section between Brodick Primary School and The Heritage Museum should be completed next Friday 15 June.

The short stretch from Kingscross Bridge to Knockenkelly road end is scheduled for five days work from Monday 18 June to Friday 22 June.

Works on the main road through Whiting Bay will be completed within the following week from Monday 25 June to Friday 29 June.

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Alan McNicol receiving the cheque from Emily Armitage with, from left, Megan McNicol, Fraser Mackenzie, Alison Provan and Lucy Walsh. b23amrt01

Scouts support Arran Mountain Rescue Team

Arran scouts presented a cheque for £75 to Arran Mountain Rescue Team last Tuesday.

This represented half the proceeds of a sponsored walk as the final challenge for their Fitness Challenge badge.

The other half went to scout funds.

The walk went from North Ayrshire Coun-

cil offices in Lamlash along Shore Road to Clauchlands Point, then over Dunfion and along the forestry track and cycle path back to the council offices.

Emily Armitage presented the cheque to Arran Mountain Team leader Alan McNicol on Lamlash front green.

Community Sports Forum meeting

Arran Community Sports Forum is urgently seeking a meeting with all sports clubs on Arran in order to establish the committee that can begin the important bids for funding. The meeting for April 17 which was advertised in the Banner on 7 April unfortunately attracted no representatives.

Previous meetings have attracted up to 13 representa-

tives.

We are not sure what went wrong, maybe lack of communication, however, this meeting will be rescheduled for Tuesday 12 June 7pm at the Ormidale pavilion and, with hopefully one or more representatives from each sports club such as the Chairperson or other committee member, the Arran community sports hub can then start

to take shape. We would welcome representatives from all of Arran's sports clubs.

Please contact Tim Allan, the island's new Active School's Co-ordinator, who is based in Arran High School Community office on 600247 or email him (TimothyAllan@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) should you require any further information before the meeting.

Open garden at Strabane organised by youngsters

Arran Youth Foundations will be hosting a fundraiser with a difference at Strabane House on Saturday 16 June - it has been organised entirely by the young people of AYF.

The young folk have been making arrangements for the open day, which will allow tourists and residents alike to explore the beautiful gardens of Strabane, for the last few months.

Every detail, from liaising with Lady Jean, to making posters and tickets, has been

overseen by the children as they work towards Dynamic Youth awards for doing so. Graeme Johnston, youth work project manager, said: 'I have only had to supervise as they contacted businesses for raffle prizes, organised the hire of chairs, tables and gazebos, covered Brodick in posters and so on.

Fantastic

'I'm very proud of the fantastic effort they've put in. Now we just need to hope the weather is nice

and that people come along to support their attempt to raise funds for the group.' Strabane House - which is on the road to Duchess Court and Brodick castle - will open on June 16 from 11am-5pm.

There will be teas, coffees and baking, as well as raffles, games and live music, all organised by the young people.

Tickets can be bought on the door and cost £4 for adults and £2 for under 16s.

Under fives are free.



The Ziggy on the rocks in Lochranza. b23yac01

Jubilee mugs for Lamlash school children

The Lamlash Improvements group are presenting pupils at the primary school with commemorative Diamond Jubilee mugs today (Friday).

The group are also hosting their annual beach clean on Sunday (June 10) at 1pm.

Those wishing to take part should meet on the front green at 1pm.

On the rocks in Lochranza

The pleasure yacht Ziggy ran aground at Newton Point, Lochranza last Monday 4 June.

The yacht, registered at Largs, suffered some engine problems and was taken by wind and tide onto the rocks at Newton Point.

Local residents and visiting yachtsmen went to her assistance and re-floated her. The vessel was taken to the pontoon where work began to solve the engine problem.

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Shared headship to be piloted at two primary schools

A shared headship scheme will be piloted at two Arran primary schools until the end of the year.

The decision follows the announcement of the retirement of Kilmory Primary School's headteacher, Margaret Parker, this August.

The pilot scheme will be introduced at Kilmory and Shiskine Primary Schools following positive discussions with staff and the Parent Councils at both schools. The arrangement, which

will see Shiskine headteacher Irene Markham take on the shared headship, will run from August to December 2012.

Any move to make the shared headship a permanent arrangement would require the approval of the Council's Cabinet.

The Council approved arrangements for the creation of shared headships in 2010, following the success of the scheme at Corrie and Brodick Primary Schools.

Councillor Tony Gurney, portfolio holder for Education Attainment and Achievement, said: 'We realise the value of retaining our smaller schools, particularly in communities like Arran.'

Development

'This has been the reason for our development of alternative models which allow us to keep these schools open.'

'In the current financial climate having a headteacher for every small primary school is unsustainable and we look

to examine the potential for shared headships where the opportunity arises.

'Of course, we evaluate each scheme on its merits and will do so with regard to Kilmory and Shiskine Primary Schools.'

Margaret Parker has been head teacher at Kilmory since August 1994 when she took over from Rhona Lawson. Irene Markham took on the headship at Shiskine in August 1995 following the retirement of Joyce Scott.



Carol Harwood is carrying the Olympic torch today.

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Carol carries the Olympic torch

Arran's Carol Harwood is carrying the Olympic torch through the streets of Stranraer this morning (Friday) as part of its 70-day journey around Britain.

Carol from Pirmill is one of the 8,000 people selected to carry the burning torch.

'I'm really looking forward to carrying torch and representing Arran at the Olympics,' Carol told The Banner last Saturday.

'I feel that I am representing all the people from the island who do so much for their community.'

'From APAWS all the way up to the bigger charities like ArCaS there is so much done voluntarily by people on Arran and this is a way of thanking all of them for their hard work.'

The torch was lit in the Temple of Hera, Olympia on 10 May, and has been steadily heading towards London.

After 70 days on the road, it will arrive at the Olympic Stadium on 27 July.

The nearest it will get to Arran is when it will pass through Beith this afternoon.

Hillbilly fun for the southend's golfers

Fast becoming the highlight of the Southend calendar, the annual Hillbilly Golf Tournament took place at Butterhill, Kilmory on Saturday.

This year participants were excited to try out the new extended six-hole course designed by Hillbilly golf experts Eddie Picken and Jon

Smith. Jon said: 'The course is much longer than before and now encompasses two fields instead of one.'

Surprises

'There's also a few little surprises on the way round to make the whole experience more enjoyable, like the optics attached to the telephone pole on the fourth fairway.'

The best round of the day for the course was Fergus Judge who finished on 32.

The average score for other

participants was well above that as the rugged nature of the fairways threw up a few surprise shots.

Those taking part were once again invited to create their own clubs and the prize for the best design has to go to Niall McMaster.

He created a double-headed club by welding two heads on to an industrial strimmer.

Despite appearances, his club was able to hit the ball a fair distance.



Niall McMaster shows just how far his strimmer golf club had hit the ball. 01_b23hil02



Lorraine Brookes, Maureen McKenna and Isobel Mulholland soaking up the atmosphere at the Hillbilly Golf. 01_b23hil03

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Mike and Nan Meteyard with sculptor Marvin Elliot and the magnificent wooden squirrel. 01_b23gar01

Squirrel sculpture hiding in Brodick garden

Hiding amongst the shrubbery in a Brodick garden is a rather unique sculpture that was officially unveiled to the public on Sunday afternoon.

The red squirrel carved by local sculptor Marvin Elliot was created using wood from a fallen tree and now has pride of place in Mike and Nan Meteyard's garden.

The large squirrel is buried in the garden at Glenn House and can be seen peering over the wall on to the main road.

'Originally we wanted to use wood from the

tree that fell on the corner beside our garden to create the sculpture but it was the wrong kind of wood and had nails embedded in it,' explained Mike.

'So we used the wood from a tree that fell in a different garden and we are absolutely delighted with what Marvin has created. It is a work of art.'

The Meteyards opened their magnificent garden to the public on Sunday for the unveiling and raised £250 for the RNLI and Autism charities.

On your bike for Arran Bike n'Hike 2012

The sixth annual Arran Bike n'Hike Challenge takes place on the island next Saturday 16 June.

This is a unique event in aid of Diabetes UK and is said to make a real difference to the lives of those living with diabetes.

It involves cycling 55 miles round the island, then if you are really up for a challenge, you can choose to climb Goatfell as well.

Allan Murray, one of the organisers of the event said last week: 'We are making pretty good progress in terms of participation.'

'We have over 110 signed up and I expect we will hit 120 plus. It means we should be in good shape to raise well over £10,000.'

'Arran Mountain Rescue Team is supporting the event for the third year, providing mobile support for the cy-

clists and hikers on the day.

'The Bike n'Hike Challenge continues to grow each year. It has raised over £25,000, most of which is spent on Children with Diabetes in Ayrshire.

'It's still not too late to get involved. If you are interested in taking part or helping on the day, contact Laura Hemming at the Banner.'

Allan told us that by last Friday 1 June the event had already raised £16,000.



Allan Murray from GE Caledonian in Prestwick handing over a cheque for £1,000 to Alan McNicol and Neil Bulger from the Arran Mountain Rescue Team. b23dia01

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Arran Show 2012 judges announced

Livestock entries for this year's Arran Show to be held on Wednesday 1 August will close next Friday 15 June.

All members should register their entries with Show secretary Christine McBride; horse entries should be sent to Yolly Campbell.

The judges for the 2012 Show are as follows:

Cattle: Alastair Watson, Laigh Tarbeg, Ochiltree, Cumnock; Horses: Debbie Rodwell, Tandlevieview Stables, Gateside, Beith; Working Hunters: Amanda Nisbet, Netherboreland, Boreland, Lockerbie; Blackface sheep: John Carruthers jnr., Silloans, Otterburn, Northumberland; Other Breeds sheep: Robert Laird, Cambwell, Skirling, Biggar; Dogs: Helena Rothead, Malcolmwood Farm, Blantyre; Sticks: Willie Currie, The Chesters, Thankerton, Lanark; Fleeces: John Lammie, Blackwaterfoot; Tractors: Archie Hamilton, Knockenkelly, Whiting Bay.

Devilish whisky from Arran distillery

Isle of Arran Distillery is preparing to launch a limited edition whisky which will highlight the cask selection skills of their Master Distiller and Blender James MacTaggart.

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A spokesman said: 'With stunning packaging combined with superior whisky, we anticipate The Devil's Punchbowl forming the first chapter of a new and highly sought after collection.'

Arran High School Show 2012 - The Wizard of Oz

Arran High School pupils are off to see the Wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz.

The pupils and staff (and dog) of Arran High School are working hard on their annual musical production which this year is The Wizard of Oz.

This has been an exciting enterprise for all concerned, with only two months rehearsal time and more than a few artistic, technical and canine challenges to be overcome!

The performances will take place in Arran High School Theatre on Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 and Friday 22 June at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the High School (600344 or arran@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk



The High School cast of The Wizard of Oz. 02_b23wiz01



Catherine McEachern (Scarecrow) Katharine O'Donnelly (Dorothy) and Elouise McNeany (Tinman) with dog Toto in rehearsals for The Wizard of Oz.

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Arran horticulturists enjoy Gardening Scotland Show

Friday 1 June was the day for the Arran Horticultural Society annual pilgrimage to the Gardening Scotland 2012 Show, held at the Ingliston Show Ground, Edinburgh.

Andrew Stefanuti reported: 'It was an excellent day out as the weather was once again very kind to us, sun glasses and sun hats being essential items of the day.'

Biggest

'Gardening Scotland is the biggest event of its kind in the country and it takes place

at the perfect time of the year for adding new plants, reconfiguring your outdoor space or adding extra garden seating, structures or features.

'The good news is that the Show has everything you need to transform your garden including plants, greenhouses, tools and equipment, seeds, advice, inspiration and much more.'

'There were some excellent exhibits on display from both the professionals and amateur growers, ranging from vari-

ous flower blooms, fruit and vegetables and bonsai. Live Scottish music and dancing was also an added attraction.

Excellent

'If you were unable to make the trip this year may be you could make it next year, it's an excellent day out.'

'Our next trip will be to the Ayr Show on Friday 3 August 2012.'

To book your place on this popular trip, please call either Andrew on 01770 601248 or Jim on 01770 600421.

Charity car boot sale in Brodick sunshine

Graham Chappell of Arran Graphics organised the recent car boot sale in the grounds of the McLaren Hotel in Brodick.

He said afterwards: 'Can I pass on my thanks to all who attended, both sellers and buyers.'

We raised over £300 for various charities.

'Hot sunshine and exotic sports cars all helped to make it a wonderful day. We will be holding another one on a Sunday in about three weeks and will advertise it in the banner nearer the time.'

Alzheimer Scotland and the Royal British Legion shared the takings from the £10 per stall rent.

There was also a tombola for Alzheimer Scotland and people made donations for having their photo taken with some of the exotic cars such as a Ferrari, an E-Type jaguar and a Nissan GTR.

Tea Party at Claveron

Island residents and holidaymakers are invited to go along and have a cuppa with friends at The Blooming Great Tea Party in the garden of Claveron, Lamlash this Sunday 10 June from 1pm to 5pm. The event is in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care and there will be plants for sale.

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On a trip to Tiree last week I was intrigued to see first hand the effect that Road Equivalent Tariff – or RET – is having on the remoter Western Isles ferry routes.

The MV Clansman left Oban early on the Thursday morning and the boat was full of cars and cyclists taking advantage of the cheaper ferry fares.

It was clear before we'd even left the mainland that the introduction of RET had greatly increased the footfall to these remote islands. When I last travelled to the neighbouring island of Coll about ten years ago, the newly built Clansman rarely had a full complement of passengers – even in the height of summer.

It was fascinating to chat to islanders about the effect the fares system has had on their community.

When I explained that I was from Arran and that many people were impatient for it to be introduced here, the reaction was mixed. One older woman pointed out that after RET was introduced to the islands, Tiree witnessed a 154 per cent increase in the number of campervans visiting the island in June and July 2009, compared with the same period the previous year. She told me the huge increase caused lots of problems to the island environment as well as the local Co-op struggling to meet demands.

In addition to the lack of sites for campervans, there were also problems with the inappropriate disposal of human waste by some visitors.

The emptying of chemical toilets became a particular concern, as there was no suitable facility on Tiree and some chemicals used in these toilets are not compatible with the island's septic tanks.

These are all major problems that we on Arran need to take heed of before the system is introduced here in 2014.

However, it was interesting to hear that the general view amongst the young people on Tiree is that RET has been a blessing to the island.

A young youth worker said that it was now much cheaper and easier for young people to get on and off the island.

She said that as a result increasing numbers of young people were deciding to return to the island to settle.

In fact, she said that people in their late 20s and early 30s are now operating the majority of smallholdings and crofts on the island.

In many ways it is difficult to properly gauge what effect RET will have on Arran. But we have to be optimistic and hope that succeeds in boosting tourism and in turn has a lasting long-term positive effect on the community that call this island home.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moths and rust destroy. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moths and rust do not destroy.' (Matthew 6:19-20)

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Letters to the Editor



Amazing Goatfell beacon

Sir,
Can I send a big thank you to all the people who lit the beacon on the top of Goatfell for the Queen's Jubilee.

From across Kilbrannan Sound on Kintyre it was an amazing sight, easily visible to the naked eye. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Yours,
Christine Russell
Peninver
Campbeltown.

Arran ancestors' burial sites found

Sir,
I have visited Arran several times and will return again.

It is a beautiful place with very friendly people, great food, fun shops, great scotch, and some of the most gorgeous views found anywhere in the world.

My first visit to your won-

derful island was to try and find some of my family's history. And find it I did!

With a lot of help from Grace Small at the Brodick Heritage Museum, I not only connected with distant cousins, found emigration records for my great-great grandparents, but the cemetery where most of my Arran ancestors are buried. My family came from the Shiskine and Blackwaterfoot area and they are interred at Clachan Church cemetery.

I have visited there several times and think there could not be a more lovely spot to spend eternity. The ruined church is truly a special place and I have been so pleased to read in *The Arran Banner* that efforts are being made to restore/stabilize the structure.

Yours,
Sandy MacAllister
Fortville
Indiana.

Mystery traveller in the woods

Sir,
The recent coverage in the Banner pertaining to the

service at the Old Clachan Church at Bridgend interested me and piqued my nostalgia.

I was born and raised on the Isle of Arran, having been brought up in Kilpatrick.

I am curious to know if any of your reporters or readers have any information of a fellow who lived in a horse drawn caravan in the woods at Bridgend, for his identity has always been a great puzzlement.

I am a subscriber to the Arran Banner thanks to my brother Jimmy Stewart and if you can help in any way to uncover this mystery I shall be grateful.

Thank you for your time from a loyal reader.

Yours,
William Stewart
2 Danescroft Hough Green
Widnes
Cheshire.

Shiskine spring clean

Sir,
Shiskine Hall's annual Spring Clean is now underway with each user group again being asked to complete specific tasks.

However, for those wanting some company while they work, we are having a Work Party on Saturday 16 June from 2pm to 5pm.

If you or a member of your family use the hall please contact your group to offer some assistance or come along to the Work Party. All welcome and some home baking promised. Contact Gordon on 860726 or Diana on 860427 for more details if required.

Yours,
Diana Turbett
Shiskine.

Island prepares for annual Folk Festival

Musicians from all over Scotland and Ireland are coming to Arran next week for the island's annual Folk Festival, organised in association with The Douglas Hotel in Brodick.

The Festival runs from 14 to 17 June and there are some fantastic acts appearing this year.

Brodick's own Bobby Watt is coming back from Canada to perform once again on his home island.

The Borders are represented by former BBC Radio Scotland Young Trad Finalist Lori Watson and the Rule of Three, who have toured extensively throughout the UK, Scandinavia, Spain, Austria, Germany and Nova Scotia.

Northern Ireland's Maurice

Dickson, who has been writing and performing his songs for almost 30 years, is a regular guest artist on Arran. He has teamed up with Catherine Ashcroft to form the duo Mochara.

Born in northwest England, Catherine has deeper roots in the West of Ireland. Also from Ireland is singer-songwriter ODi.

Other performers include slide guitarist Jim Hunter who has guested with Runrig and The Waterboys.

Concert tickets are available from www.arranevents.com but performances at the Douglas Hotel are free, including sessions on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday when any musicians can go along and play.



Relaxing face massage for Tessa

Tessa Smith of North Newton was on the receiving end of a relaxing face massage from Jelica Stirling in Lochranza Hall last Sunday. Jelica is highly qualified in aromatherapy and makes all her own face care preparations and essential oils. One Northend wag (male) suggested that many women in Lochranza use the stuff in the hope of reclaiming their lost youth. b22jel01

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Diamond Jubilee celebrations around Arran this week



Shiskine's youngsters joined in St Molio's Church Diamond Jubilee celebrations on Tuesday. 01_b23jub06



Shiskine Primary pupils and families held a Jubilee street party last Friday. 01_b23jub03



Eliza and Martha Ford, on holiday from Hitchin, Hertfordshire, having a bash at crazy croquet on the front lawn of the Douglas Hotel on Tuesday. 02_b23croq01



Dawn Ulivi's young dancers entertained the crowds in Brodick. 01_b23brod02



This little girl with a flag headband enjoyed her party at Shiskine. 01_b23jub05



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Diamond Jubilee celebrations



Arran Brass entertained on Brodick seafont at Tuesday's Jubilee party. 02_b23band01



A jubilee barbeque was on the menu at The Lagg Hotel street party. 01_b23jub09



Fun and frolics at St Molio's Church jubilee party. 01_b23jub07



Local craft stalls at the Lagg Hotel Jubilee party. 01_b23jub10



Lady Jean Fforde unveils the commemorative plaque and raises the Union flag at Brodick slipway on Tuesday. 01_b23brod01



Tea and cake in Shiskine - the perfect way to celebrate. 01_b23jub08

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around Arran this week



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These four members of Arran Mountain Rescue Team were so excited after lighting the Queen's Diamond Jubilee beacon on top of Goatfell on Monday night that they had to break into an impromptu rendition of Village People's hit song, YMCA.

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Brodick Primary School children enjoyed a Jubilee street party last Friday.

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Villagers wrapped up for a Jubilee barbecue in Lochranza on Sunday.

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The crowds on Brodick seafront waiting for the Union flag to be raised.

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Alan Milligan, Lady Jean Fforde and Mike Meteyard prepare for the raising of the British flag.

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Hannah McCartney of Brodick P5 won the prize for a design for the Brodick Improvements Jubilee poster, pictured with Harry Davidson, Mike Meteyard and Jim Green.

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Start of a new era for Old Byre, Cafe Thyme and Pottery



The newly built Café Thyme. 01_b23old05

From small acorns, mighty oaks grow – and this could not be truer at the stunning new Old Byre Showroom and Café Thyme at Machrie.

One of Arran's oldest established family businesses; it is thriving more than 45 years after it first opened.

Last Friday, Lorna Mansfield and her husband Hamza Gunaydi officially opened the extended shop and newly built Café Thyme.

Selling the beautiful clothing, quality knitwear and accessories that the company is well known for, the new bigger, brighter shop is truly fan-

tastic. Next door is the brand new Café Thyme and it is already becoming a favourite with Arran's locals and visitors,

In fact BBC news presenter Kirsty Wark was overheard in Brodick on Sunday raving about Arran's newest restaurant.

They are also pleased to welcome Simon Thornborn's pottery at Auchencar now, situated in the building where the old coffee shop was. Here you can paint your own pot, browse the pottery, hand painted scarves and jewellery.

It has taken more than a year and a half and a lot of hard work to complete the project but Lorna said she is

delighted with the outcome. Her parents John and Iris Mansfield started the business in 1967 and in the early days, they farmed and sold a few sheepskin rugs from the house until it became so busy that they decided that instead of housing cows, the old byre next to the farmhouse would be better used as a shop.

Since taking the helm, Lorna and Hamza have continued to expand the Old Byre business, which includes the newly refurbished Byre at Brodick and the ongoing complete redevelopment of the Auchencar site.

Hamza built his own wood burning oven which was no easy task, and here he bakes homemade breads and

pides - turkish style pizzas which are unique to Arran, together with delicious lunches, homemade cakes and great coffee.

Friday nights offer take away or sit in fish and hand cut chips or wild boar and apple burger between 6-8pm.

Soon to be licensed, you will be able to enjoy a glass of wine while admiring the spectacular views of the Druid standing stone, also replicated in the stunning stained glass window. For now you are welcome to bring a bottle of your own.

There is certainly something for everyone at Auchencar now; be it retail therapy, eating, painting or relaxing, it is well worth a visit.

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3rd & 4th August 2012



The Banner is giving two lucky readers the chance to win a pair of weekend tickets with camping to this year's Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival. Each ticket is worth £95.

Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival, also known as Bella, is simply the friendliest, wackiest, most inclusive festival in Scotland that attracts 15,000 people over two days. This year, Scots indie stars Travis and Liverpool band The Wombats will headline the 9th year of Bella. As well as music, the Beaulieu based festival offers the very best in debate, comedy, literature, drama, theatre, burlesque, green crafts, mind and body treatments, children's entertainment and a ceilidh on August 2. For the full line up visit www.tartanheartfestival.co.uk.

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Fiona Crawford and Sheila Sams in the new Old Byre Shop. 01_b23old02



Lorna and her husband Hamza are delighted with the newly built Café Thyme. 01_b23old03

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Enjoy a delicious meal while admiring the spectacular views of the Druid standing stone, also replicated in the stunning stained glass window. 01_b23old01



Using the hand-built Turkish wood-burning oven, they will be baking delicious pides, breads and pizzas. 01_b23old04

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Lamlash Bay No-Take Zone success story

Marine survey points to greater biodiversity within Lamlash Bay No-Take Zone

Last March, 2011, the University of York and COAST (Community of Arran Seabed Trust) commenced a three to four year summer survey of the marine environment in and around the Lamlash Bay No-Take Zone.

This survey has been led by PhD student Leigh Howarth of Folkestone, Kent.

Results from last summer's marine surveys of Lamlash Bay No-Take Zone were finally published by the University of York last week.

Overall, a greater number of species were observed within Lamlash Bay No-Take Zone compared to control sites, and may be evidence of the No-Take Zone promoting recovery.

PhD researcher Leigh Howarth commented: 'After two years of surveying Lamlash Bay using a wide variety of techniques and statistical analyses, the majority of our evidence appears to be pointing in the same direction; that ecological communities within Lamlash Bay are more diverse and more abundant within the NTZ than outside, and that scallop populations within the NTZ are made up of older, larger and a greater number of individuals.'

'We also found the No-Take Zone to encompass a higher abundance of cod and haddock. In recent years, cod and haddock have been scarce in the Firth of Clyde as a result of severe overfishing yet



COAST Marine Project Officer Andrew Binnie.
b22lam04

our study suggests that their populations have persisted in Lamlash Bay, although most are in their juvenile form.'

Andrew Binnie, Marine Project Officer of COAST added: 'The recent Marine Scotland Act will lead to a network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) being set up in the waters around Scotland.'

'The Community of Arran Seabed Trust has proposed an MPA for the South of Arran.'

'This would prevent damaging scallop dredging and bottom trawling but encourage creeling and sea angling.'

'As the Lamlash Bay No-Take Zone will form part of this MPA and is the only fully protected marine reserve in Scotland (and one of only three in the UK) it has provided vital information on the range of effects that we can expect from MPAs in Arran and Scottish waters.'

Leigh and his research team will be back again on

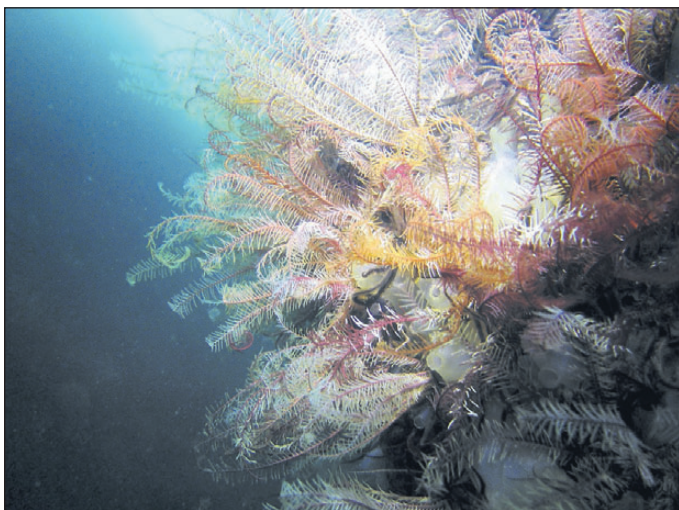


Marine researcher Leigh Howarth at work in Lamlash Bay. b22lam03

Arran this summer to finish their third year of monitoring Lamlash Bay.

If anyone would like to know how they can be involved, or

know of any accommodation the research team can rent for the summer period, then please email Leigh at leigh.howarth@york.ac.uk



A beautiful brittle star bed located off Kings Cross Point. b22lam02



A spider crab (Macropodia spp) within a plumrose anemone in Lamlash Bay.
b22lam01

Corrie Film Club

A Separation (2011 Iran Asghar Farhadi PG)

This month's film at Corrie is a powerful drama by Iranian director, Asghar Farhadi which won the Golden Bear Award and The Golden Globe in 2011 as well as being the stand-out film of the Berlin Film Festival in the same year.

This is a sophisticated, superbly acted and wholly gripping film which centres on a couple, Simin and Nader, and their intelligent, sensitive 11-year-old daughter, Termeh. Nader's elderly father also lives with them, but he has dementia and needs constant care. The film highlights, in a suspenseful and intelligent way, the fractures and tensions at the heart of Iranian society, but transcends its setting to create a stunning morality play of universal resonance.

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100 holes in 16 hours for Golfathon

Some of Scotland's best-known faces are heading to Arran to play 100 holes of non-stop golf for charity.

The charity golfathon on Friday 22 June aims to raise more than £40,000 for Scottish Spina Bifida.

Eight sponsored teams of three players featuring sporting celebrities and members of the business community will tee off at the crack of dawn and travel round the island playing 100 holes of golf.

Legends

Taking part will be Celtic and Scotland legends Davy Provan and Murdo MacLeod, former Rangers striker Billy Dodds, ex SFA Chief Executive Gordon Smith and popular TV journalists Chick Young and Jim Delahunt.

Scottish comedy legend Andy Cameron will be on hand to give his support to the players.

Sam Forrest, Director of Scottish Spina Bifida said: 'This promises to be a fantastic event and I am delighted that so many people have volunteered to give up their time for such a wonderful cause.'

'Playing 100 holes of golf non-stop will not be an easy thing to do and I'm sure there will be some blisters on feet and hands by the end of it.'

Joining the celebrities will be teams made up of business people from Dubai JAGS (Jebel Ali Golf Society), Renfrewshire Electrical Ltd, Glasgow-based PCT Group, WB Alloys and the Scottish Spina Bifida Glasgow Hawks.

Each team is backed up by a car and driver to take them round the island and the Captains of each of Arran's seven golf courses will also be helping on the day. The event also has the support of Dougie Macfarlane, Secretary of the Arran Golf Association and has been co-ordinated by local resident Robbie Glen.

Finish

The intrepid golfers will play 18 holes at Lamlash, 18 at Whiting Bay, 18 at Lochranza, 16 at Brodick, 12 at Shiskine, nine at Corrie, and nine at Machrie meaning a grand total of 100 holes. They start at 4am and should finish around 8pm.

Members of the public can watch the teams play at any of the courses on route throughout the day.



A scene from 'Allotment' to be performed in the garden of Carlo, Corrie Shore tomorrow, Saturday. b23all01

Edinburgh Festival Fringe first play comes to Arran

Following its highly acclaimed premiere at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2011, Nutshell Theatre Company are bringing their award winning production 'Allotment' to Arran on Saturday 9 June.

Unusually, the production will be performed in a private garden – that of Heather and Stuart Gough at Carlo, Corrie Shore.

Closely bound sisters Maddy and Dora do battle over flying teddies, stubborn weeds and the eternal question – do flowers matter more than vegetables? This play is funny, touching and poignant.

Nutshell and director Kate Nelson are well known on Arran having been responsible for working with the winning writers of the McLellan Play competition and also with young people who produced highly entertaining shows last year and the year before as part of the McLellan Festival.

This play is a Scottish play with a difference – set in an

allotment, hence the name, and performed outside. The entrance ticket also entitles the audience to a cuppa and a homemade scone and is performed at afternoon tea time 3pm to 4pm.

The reviews for 'Allotment' including The Telegraph, The Guardian and The Scotsman

have been raves, particularly praising the plot, acting and directing.

Because the play is set in a garden – Carlo, next door to Pirate's Cove - it only accommodates 50 people so don't be left out! Tickets are available at the Book and Card Centre. Details in Banner advert.



George breaks off on the McKelvie Road new pool/snooker table. 02_b23pool01

Snooker loopy in McKelvie Road

The residents of McKelvie Road Sheltered Housing in Lamlash have some new entertainment.

They have just taken delivery of a pool/snooker table which should help to keep them young at heart. The table will be placed in the lounge, but needs to be mobile so that it can be moved to one side and out of the way when not in use.

Neil Wilkinson, housing and property officer for Isle of Arran Homes, explained that the slate bed table would be a great asset for the residents, but it needs a jack and trolley.

'It takes two fit people to move it in and out at the moment,' he said. 'If anyone knows of a jack system for moving the table about we would be most grateful.'

Meanwhile one of the residents, George Fullarton who is a keen pool player, wasted no time in breaking off.



Jenna Wood coming out of the tunnel at the Falkirk Wheel, cycling for charity. b23jen01

Jenna gets on her bike for charity

To celebrate finishing university, Jenna Wood of Whiting Bay decided to cycle from Edinburgh to the Clyde to raise money for Alzheimer Scotland.

She set off on Friday 25 May from Edinburgh Quay and cycled 62 miles all the way along the Union Canal and then the Forth and Clyde canal to Bowling Basin.

Jenna would like to thank everyone who has helped her raise £700 so far for this very worthwhile charity.

If you would like to make a donation please go to www.justgiving.com/Jenna-Wood

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Saturday 9th June

Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Open rinks
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Games
Garage Sale
Mc Lellan Festival

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm-6pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2pm
12 Mill hill Crescent, 1-4pm
Carlo Garden, Corrie 9pm

Sunday 10th June

Alcoholics Anonymous
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Live Music
Open Mic Session
Angus Cook Memorial
Corrie Film Club
Lamlash Beach Clean

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm
Ormidale, 8.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
Whiting Bay bowling Club 2pm
Village Hall, 8pm
Front Green, 1pm

Monday 11th June

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Citizens Advise
Breathe Walk class
Table Tennis
Hatha yoga
Come Dance with me – LeRoc modern Jive
Yoga
Arran junior Football
Quiz
Badminton
Summer Bridge
Rink Games
Rink Game
Rink Games
Outside Boot Camp
Boot Camp

Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm –5.30pm
High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Arran High School, 6pm-7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
High School, 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm-7pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30 for 6.45pm
Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Sea Front 6am
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Tuesday 12th June

Army Cadets
Pop Quiz

Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm-9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Melody Movement, Ballet Class 2 ½ yrs up
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Youth Club
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Rink Games
Junior Hockey Club 8yrs up
Indoor Boot Camp

Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodick Hall, 6.30pm-8pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 10am-5pm
Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm
St Molios, Church Hall, 7pm
Ranger Centre 10.30-1.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7pm
Arran High School 7.30-8.30pm

Wednesday 13th June

Hockey
Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones
Kids Games
AYF Film Making Club
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Services
Arran Absolute Beginners Running Club
Junior Tennis
Rink Games
Bridge Drive
Coffee Morning
Rink Game
Rink Games
Northend Football Training
Outside Boot Camp
Boot Camp
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Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School – kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5-6pm
Brodick church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Car Park, 6pm
Shiskine Tennis Club, 4.30-6pm
Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15-12noon
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lochranza, 7pm
Lamlash Sea Front 6am
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Auchrannie, Glen Cloy Suite 7pm

Thursday 14th June

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
Coffee Morning
General knowledge Quiz
Zumba Fitness Club
Live Country/Folk music
Cricket Practice
Senior Tennis
Indoor Boot Camp
Lunchbox
Folk Festival Concert Ceilidh

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
St Molios church, 10.30am-12pm
Kinloch Bar, 9pm
Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Sannox Oval, 6pm
Shiskine Tennis Club, 6pm
Arran High School 7.30-8.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion 12.30-2.30pm
Brodick Hall 7.30pm

Friday 15th June

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Weight Watchers
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Open Folk Session
Folk Festival Concert
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Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 10am-11am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Douglas Hotel 12-5pm
Brodick Hall 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.30pm



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 These surgeries will be held alongside Kenneth Gibson MSP.



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

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Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
 12/00249/PP; Dean Lodge, Hospital Road, Lamash, Brodick; Sub-division of existing dwelling house to form 2 letting units.
 12/00296/PPP; Site To South East Of Blairbeg Farm, Lamash, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Erection of detached dwelling house and upgrading of access road.

KILBRIDE CEMETERY, LAMLASH

Please note that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission are renovating the war graves plot at Kilbride Cemetery, Lamash, carrying out improvements to the servicemen's memorials. Works are scheduled to start week commencing 4 June 2012 and are expected to last approximately 6 weeks. During this period access to this area of the cemetery will be restricted although any disruption will be kept to a minimum. Horticultural improvements are planned for early autumn. North Ayrshire Council and Commonwealth War Graves Commission apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 10th June
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 13th June
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

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Sunday 10th June
Brodict Church 10.30am,
Corrie Church, 12noon,
Lochranza Church, 9.30am,
Pirmill Church, 10.45am,
Shiskine Church, 12noon
A service of worship will also
be held in Montrose House at
1.30pm

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Kilmory linked with Lamlash
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Sunday 10th June
Rev, Gillean Maclean
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
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Sunday Morning Mass 11am

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Sunday 10th June
Worship will be conducted by
the minister, Rev Elizabeth
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Sunday 10th June
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Promotion celebration for Arran's rugby club
Murray Boal, the president of Isle of Arran Rugby Club (centre) was delighted to accept a special trophy on Saturday to celebrate the club's success in the league last season.
Jim Stevenson, former president of the SRU travelled to the island to present the plate to club captain Niall McMaster at a special event at The Ormidale Hotel. 01_b23rug03

You can take the man out of the Southend but you can never take the Southend out the man!

Happy 50th Gordon

Brodict Bowling Club results
Wednesday 16 May: Colin Haggarty and Charlie Weir (+17), Saturday 19 May: Colin Haggarty and Roger Peacock (+8), Monday 21 May: Tony Wooden, Charles Hendry and Ann Hollingworth (+17), Wednesday 23 May: Colin Haggarty and Peter McCalla (+7), Saturday 26 May: John McConnachie and Lavinia Hendry (+3), Monday 28 May: Charlie Weir and Lavinia Hendry (+8), Wednesday 30 May: Charlie Weir, Kevin Dewar and Christine Robinson (+7).

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Summer Bridge
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E/W 1 Liza Robertson and Jennifer McArthur, 2 Janette McBride and Jan Beattie, 3 Helen Boyd and Liza Paul.

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Arran Golfers Association

AGA Junior Matchplay final, Whiting Bay Golf Club, between Scott Macfarlane and Stephen Judge. With home advantage to Stephen against Scott's strokes it promised to be a tight affair. When Stephen went 2 up after the first 6 holes it looked like home advantage was going to prevail. Scott however was having none of it and produced some inspired golf to take the next 6 holes on the bounce and put the pressure on Stephen to go 4 up. Despite a late effort from Stephen, Scott held his nerve and hit the pin with his third shot at the 15th for a tap-in net birdie to take the tie and trophy by 5&3.

Congratulations to Scott on the first of many titles and commiserations to Stephen who had earlier won the strokeplay! Thanks to Whiting Bay Club for hosting.

Junior Kelso Cup 2012, Friday 1 June at Machrie Bay Golf Club. The weather was kind and course playing well with slow greens, thanks to Machrie for hosting this year's competition and for refreshments after the matches, also for providing refs ably assisted by Sid.

First match saw Whiting Bay against Shiskine, with the Whiting Bay team winning last year and some of the lads now playing senior golf it was always going to be a tough ask and the Bay ran out eventual comfortable winners despite a valiant show from Shiskine.

The night's other match turned out to be the most exciting and had many twists and turns throughout, with Finley missing a five footer on the last to take the tie it was up the first for sudden death where Finley at the second made amends with a lovely chip close to enable the Brodick boys to win the match overall.

It was great to see the boys sportsmanship throughout the night and the way they play the game with a smile is a credit to their respective Clubs and



Junior Matchplay champion Scott Macfarlane, right, with runner-up Stephen Judge. b23jun01

parents, some of them must be close to pushing for Hope Cup places in the next couple of years.

Fixtures: Friday 8 June, final of Kelso Cup at Machrie Bay at 5pm. Saturday 9 June, Thomson Cup semi and final day from 1pm and 6pm. Saturday 23 June, first rounds of the Hope Cup at Machrie Bay Golf Club from 4pm. Draw: Corrie v Lam-lash (winners play Machrie), Shiskine v Whiting Bay, Lochranza v Brodick.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 30 May, First Round Championship Qualifier, 11 played, CSS 64. 1 Jean Barclay 78-10=68, 2 Tricia Martin 93-27=66, 3 Brenda Livingstone 78-10=68, scratch Jean Barclay and Brenda Livingstone.

Gents: Thursday 31 May, Seniors Medal, CSS 61. 1 David Deas 73-18=55, 2 Neil Mitchell 77-16=61. Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Jack Thomson 76-15=61, 2 John O'Sullivan 81-20=61, 3 Euan Evans 65-3=62, 4 Crawford Duncan 78-16=62. Best Scratch Andy Barclay 65 BIH over Euan Evans. Sunday 3 June, Hamilton Bowl. 1 Ian Bremner +5 to Bogey, 2 Sam Handley +1 to Bogey, 3 Euan Evans +1 to Bogey. Best Scratch Ian Bremner -2 to Bogey BIH over Euan Evans.

Fixtures: Saturday 9 June, Semi-final of Island Thomson Cup at Lamlash 1pm and 6pm. Sunday 10 June, Fleet Cup (36 Holes) 8.30am and 1.30pm. Thursday 14 June, Summer Cup - make up own groups.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 30 May, 25 played in the seventh round of the Summer Trophy. Scoring was tricky and the CSS rose 1 to 64.

1 Allan MacLeod (14) 60, 2 Jamie MacPherson (5) 61, 3 Kevin Jackson (10) 63 BIH, 4 Sandy Kerr (22) 63. Scratch won by Jamie MacPherson with 66. Sunday 3 June, 16 played in the Gents Medal, SSS 63, CSS 64. 1 Ian Peebles (12) 62, 2 Danny Head (6) 63, 3 John Pennycott (12) 65. Danny Head won scratch with 69 on the better inward half and there were Magic Twos by John Simmons and Markus Kroner.

Fixtures: Sunday 10 June,

Club Championship Final, 36 holes from 10.30am. Wednesday 13 June, Summer Trophy.

Whiting Bay Ladies Club Championship - Sunday 10 June 12.30pm: Susan Butchard and Doreen Maids tee off for the match play Ladies Club Championship. All welcome to spectate and/or come to the prizegiving around 3pm.

Lochranza Golf Course

Stags Competition, every Sunday at 1pm. Nine-holes stroke play (forward tees).

Results update: Sunday 6 May, 1 Ross Trail 32, 2 Ben Innes 35, 3 Ian Buchanan 38.

Thursday 24 May, 1 Ben Innes 28, 2 Nigel Wells 30, 3 Geoff Davis 31. Sunday 3 June, 1 Alastair Innes 32, 2 Ian Buchanan 36, 3 Ben Innes 38.



Willie Robertson was the winner of Shiskine Golf Club's Dr Adam Cup.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday 30 May, Dr Adam Cup, 20 played. First Class: 1 A Kerr 47-6=41, 2 C Rae 49-7=42 bih, 3 G Andrew 48-6=42. Scratch A Kerr 47. Second Class: 1 W Robertson 44-13=41 (W Robertson wins bih), 2 P Robertson 54-12=42 bih, 3 Q Oliver 55-13=42. Magic Twos G Stewart and A Gillespie.

Saturday 2 June, Ladies Club Championship, Sheila Gray beat Fiona Crawford on the last green to move into semi-final! Sheila plays Jenni Turnbull and Alice Anderson plays Pat Adamson. Only Pat has won the Ladies Championship before.

Mary Craig Trophy, 16 played. 1 Esther Henderson 58-19=39, 2 Lesley Murray 58-14=44, 3 Isabel MacDonald 57-10=47 bih. Scratch Jenni Turnbull 55.

Saturday 2 June, Club Championship qualifying round one, 29 played. First Class: 1 W Paton 68-7=61, 2 D Jeffrey 75-11=64, 3 B Sherwood 74-9=65. Scratch W Paton 68. Second Class: 1 Q Oliver 87-21=66, 2 A Liddell 80-13=67, 3 C Rutterford 87-16=71.

Sunday 3 June, Club Championship qualifying round two, 26 played. First Class: 1 T Gowan 69-8=61 (Tom Gowan wins medal with bih), 2 C Watson 76-11=65 bih, 3 C Allison 71-6=65 bih. Scratch T Gowan 69. Second Class: 1 Q Oliver 82-21=61, 2 A Liddell 78-13=65, 3 C Rutterford 82-16=66.

Fixtures: Gents - Friday 8 June, Club Championship and Duiskey Semi Finals. Sunday 10 June, Club Championship Finals and Duiskey Final. Wednesday 13 June, 12 Hole Medal.

Ladies - Friday 8 June, semi-finals club championship. Sunday 10 June, Finals Day. Thursday 14 June, 18 Hole Medal.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday 30 May, Summer Cup 42 played, CSS 63. 1 I McDermid (13) 59 bih, 2 D Rudge (17) 59, 3 I Macdonald (7) 61. Scratch G McCrae 66. There were 12 twos. Angus Raeburn got three and Greg McCrae two.

The Arran Open was held over the weekend of June 2 and 3. As well as many of our own members this popular event attracted 92 entries from more than 20 mainland clubs.

The weather was fairly kind - cold and breezy, but no rain. Our main sponsors as they have been for some years were Taste of Arran and Isle of Arran Distillers.

The club is very grateful to them and also to new Club Professional Stewart Smith and club members for generous prizes for longest drive and nearest the pin holes. Alistair Dobson of Taste of Arran celebrated in some style by holing his tee shot at the 7th earning him a golf break worth £500.

The main winners were: Taste of Arran Trophy for best gross score over 36 holes. 1 Graeme Campbell 135, 2 Paul MacKellar 136, 3 Jimmy Armit 142 bih, 4 Matthew Keir 142 BIH, 5 I Stewart 142. Isle of Arran Distillers Trophy for best net score over 36 holes: 1 Matthew



From left to right, Graeme Campbell with the Taste of Arran trophy, Brodick club captain Nicol Hume and Matthew Dobson with the Isle of Arran Distillers and Bo Wallace trophies.

Dobson 129 BIH, 2 N Stevenson 129 BIHh, 3 B Boyd 129 BIH, 4 F Calistri 129, 5 Lindsay Keir 130. Bo Wallace Trophy for best net score over 36 holes by a Brodick Golf Club member was won by Matthew Dobson.

Fixtures: Sunday 10 June, Brandon. Sunday 17 June, British Legion Cup.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 29 May, Club Championship Qualifiers. 1 Ron Woods 59, 2 Sandy Murray 63, 3 Hugh McClelland 64. Scratch Sandy Murray 69. Saturday 2 June, Duncan Sil-lars and second round of the Men's Championship Qualifier. 1 Ron Woods 66, 2 David Price 67, 3 John Pennycott 68

BIH. Scratch Donald Logan 78. Fixtures: Monday 11 June, Ladies and Gents and President's Cup semi-final tee-off from 5.30pm. Tuesday 12 June, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, SGLU medal tee off 12.30/5.30pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 30 May, 17 played CSS 61. Sweep 1 G McKinnon 57-3=54, 2 M Elliott 72-14=57, 3 J McGovern 69-8=61 BIH, best scratch G McKinnon 57. Saturday 2 June, 8 played CSS 60. Sweep 1 R Logan 67-6=61(bih), S Cline 79-18=61, 3 B Rooney 74-12=62, best scratch R Logan 67. Magic twos R Logan, S Beardsley.

Fixtures: Saturday 9 June Summer Cup, 8.30am & 1pm.

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Promotion prize for rugby club

Arran Rugby Club celebrated its surprise promotion to the third division on Saturday with a special event at The Ormidale Hotel, Brodick.

Jim Stevenson, the former president of the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) came to the island to present the club with a commemorative plate.

The trophy recognises their achievements in coming second in the league last season that subsequently led to promotion.

Mr Stevenson said that he was a great believer in supporting grassroots rugby and that Isle of Arran RFC was a great example of how a small rugby club should be.

Commitment

'It's teams like Arran that make me proud to be part of the SRU,' he told the assembled guests. 'The time and commitment shown by all of you is a credit to the island. You have no qualms about travelling to the mainland

every two weeks in winter and your commitment goes much further than other teams that I am involved with.

'It's a real pleasure to have been able to come here today and mark your transition from division four into the third division.

'It'll be tough next season but it will also be a fantastic experience for each and every one of you.'

Bill McLaughlin, vice-president of Arran RFC said: 'This



Arran RFC was presented with a trophy to commemorate their promotion of division three by Jim Stevenson of the SRU, third from left. 01_b23rug01

is a proud day for all of you and I wish you all the best of luck for next season.'

Arran will once again be in the same league as Lanark RFC in their new division as well as Oban RFC, Isle of Mull RFC and other teams from the west of Scotland.

Dougie is 20 times Lamlash champion

Dougie Macfarlane won the Lamlash Golf Club championship for the 20th time last week.

In the first round of the championship, Euan Evans beat Stuart Campbell, Ian Murchie beat Todd Jamieson, Andy Barclay beat Ian Bremner and Dougie Macfarlane beat Lee Girbow.

Tuesday's semi-final matches saw Euan defeat last year's champion Ian Murchie at the 20th hole to reach his second successive final, while Dougie beat Andy Barclay.

Saturday's final was played in glorious weather, and in the first 18 holes Dougie was two up after two holes, but after Euan won the third it was nip and tuck for the rest of the front nine, Dougie remaining one up.

The start of the back nine proved to be the deciding

period of the match, Dougie winning the first four holes to go five up. Despite a spirited birdie by Euan at 15 to reduce the deficit, Dougie birdied the 16th and 18th to end the first round six up.

The evening round was a much closer game, but with Euan unable to make inroads into Dougie's commanding lead. The match ending at the 14th with victory to Dougie by 6 and 4, his 20th championship win.

Dougie first won the championship in 1984, aged 18, and has won several times in each of the last four decades, including five from 1990 to 1994.

This is a record to be proud of, and the Club wish him every success as he goes forward to represent Lamlash in the Island Champion of Champions tournament.



Runner-up Euan Evans, left, and Lamlash champion Dougie Macfarlane. b23doug01

19 goals in two games for Southend

Reigning football league champions Southend marched on last Monday with another comprehensive victory.

They beat Lamlash by 10 goals to 3 at Sandbraes Park to take their tally to 19 goals in two games.

Scorers were Elliott Smith with four, Nick Emsley with a hat trick, Euan Ingram 2 and Donnie Park 1. In reply, Euan Evans got a brace and Grant Adamson got 1.

At Lamlash, Bay FC toppled a valiant Northend 4 - 1 with goals from Jamie Sillars, Griauzde Simonas, Matt Milne and Miles Mallinson with a solitary reply from Iain Logan.

Brodick beat Shiskine 5 - 1 at Ormidale Park.

Fixtures for next Monday night are: Lamlash v Bay FC, Southend v Brodick, Northend v Shiskine.

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