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Mark Beaumont began his 230-mile journey in Blackwaterfoot on Saturday flanked by local schoolchildren that were there to wave him off. 01_b23mar06

REPORT
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With a nervous smile and a wave to the crowds gathered in Blackwaterfoot, world record breaking cyclist and international adventurer Mark Beaumont began his epic 230-mile cross-country challenge on Saturday.

Over ten days Mark is swimming and running

across Scotland, following the Highland Boundary Fault Line from Blackwaterfoot to Stonehaven before finishing his journey in Aberdeen.

At 9am on Saturday morning he set off running from the harbour at Blackwaterfoot, flanked by a large number of local children who ran as far as the fire station with him.

Janice Small of Brodick then met Mark, whom she

has cycled with through Asia, at Glenlaig and accompanied him to Cladach before he climbed Goatfell.

'I am absolutely overwhelmed by the support being shown to me so early on a Saturday morning,' Mark joked with the crowd. 'Seriously though, thank you all for coming out this morning to cheer me off.'

'The generosity of the people of Arran has been just

amazing and I am absolutely thrilled to be starting my journey from this beautiful island.'

Before setting off Mark was presented with three cheques from local groups which will go towards the STV Appeal 2013.

Shiskine Primary School and the Arran Rotary Club presented Mark with cheques for £150 and £250 respectively.

While the Kinloch Hotel

gave him an incredible £670 which was raised at a raffle in the hotel on the Friday night.

The most difficult part of Mark's challenge so far was a 6.3mile swim from Arran to Bute which he completed in four hours and 26 minutes on Sunday afternoon.

He swam from Millstone Point at Sannox to Dunagoil Bay on Bute with support from Calum McNicol

in his kayak and Elspeth and Russell Cheshire of Ocean Breeze Rib Tours.

Mark's challenge will now take him to Dunoon, Ardentiny, Coullport, Garelochhead, Luss, Balmaha, Balleich, Aberfoyle, Callander, Dunblane, Gleneagles, Crieff, Dunkeld, Blairgowrie, Kirriemuir, Edzell, Fettercairn and Stonehaven, before arriving at his final destination of Aberdeen.

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Lochranza hostel licence granted

An application for an alcohol licence at Lochranza Youth Hostel was granted by North Ayrshire Council's licensing board last week.

Subject to a number of conditions, the hostel can only sell wine and beer to residents and must abide by their stated opening hours.

Bus driver guilty of Arran sex attacks

A former Arran bus driver has been convicted at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court of sexually assaulting two female passengers.

Polish driver Pawel Ziemecki, aged 53, attacked the women on journeys between Brodick and Lamlash on occasions between June 2010 and January 2013.

Ziemecki, who now lives in London, had his sentence deferred but he was also placed on the sex offenders register.

Kilpatrick roadworks on schedule

Roadworks at Kilpatrick that have closed the road for the past four weeks are progressing on schedule, according to the council's road department.

The main coast road, the C147 between Blackwaterfoot and Corriecravie, has been closed south of Kilpatrick for major carriageway improvements since 7 May and it is not scheduled to reopen until 28 June.

Elise McDonald of NAC said: 'Due to the narrow width of the existing road, it has been essential that it remains closed for the majority of the day during the works, for the safety of the operatives and road users.'

Major diversion routes are signposted over the String, through Brodick, Lamlash, Whiting Bay, Lagg, Sliderry and Corriecravie and vice versa.

The council have allowed small vehicles through under escort for a short time at 8am and again at 5pm but island officer Gus McLeod stressed: 'Drivers must make prior contact with the Local Office on 600338 and give names, passengers, vehicle make and



Roadworks are progressing well at Kilpatrick where the road has been closed for the past four weeks.

registration numbers.

'Only vehicles on our list will be allowed through, and owners will travel at their own risk. Outside these times

the gates will be locked.'

The work at Kilpatrick follows NAC's successful bid to the Strategic Timber Transport Fund for £600,000 for

road improvements in preparation for extraction of timber from the forestry track at the northern end of the Leacach Bhreac.

Improvements include the reconstruction of the road, road widening, installation of new drainage and verge strengthening.

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Shiskine pupils complete cycling challenge

Shiskine Primary School's pupils raised £150 for Mark Beaumont's epic Highland Faultline journey by holding their very own Cycling Challenge recently.

On Saturday 25 May the youngsters took part in a continuous cycle on a static bike

for the duration of their 'May Fayre Madness'.

Guess the miles

While this was going on, people were asked to guess how many miles would be cycled in that time.

The guesses ranged from eight miles to over 170 and

in the end, the actual total of miles achieved was 17.

Congratulations went to Molly Adamson who correctly guessed the winning miles and she won a hamper of Arran goodies which was very kindly donated by the Island Cheese Company.

Shiskine Primary School would like to thank everyone who supported this challenge which allowed them to hand

over a cheque for £150 to Mark Beaumont on Saturday before he started his journey in Blackwaterfoot.

'Our thanks also go to everyone who donated to the May Fayre Madness and came along to support the event too,' said headteacher Mrs Markham.

'Everybody's support helped the school to raise £969 for School Funds.'



Archie Anderson celebrates his two-mile swim on Saturday.

Archie completes two-mile swim

A keen young swimmer from Lamlash completed a two-mile swim on Saturday to raise money for charity.

Nine-year-old Archie Anderson recently lost his grandmother Liz Paul to complications related to kidney disease, and he decided to swim in her memory.

Mum Sally said: 'We are so proud of Archie. He swam the 161 lengths (two miles) in one hour and 50 minutes, and raised over £1,000 with donations still coming in.'

'We would like to thank everyone for their donations, from those on the island and those on holiday. We have been overwhelmed by people's generosity.' Archie's money will be donated to the renal unit at Crosshouse Hospital.

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Arran artists in the frame

Artists from across the region are being urged to pick up their paint brushes for the return of an annual exhibition.

North Ayrshire Open Art Exhibition, now in its 17th year, features work from around 100 artists every year.

The exhibition showcases talented painters and artists from Arran, North Ayrshire and beyond.

Committee chairman Ron Smart, said: 'We are looking forward to seeing what will no doubt be another impressive batch of paintings, drawing and works of art.'

'We are a little later than normal in calling for entries but we are sure that the standard will be as high as ever.'

'There's an incredible amount of talent and diversity across North Ayrshire's artistic community and staging the exhibition is always well worth the effort.'

Prizes up for grabs include the Harbour Arts Centre Club Trustees Prize of £500, Art n Joy Prize, Saltcoats £200 and the Exhibition Committee Prize. The closing date for entries is 1 July. For more see www.northaopenart.co.uk.

Colin's charity auction aims to raise cancer cash

Hopes are high to raise money for the Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre and Friends of the Beatson

A fantastic charity auction will take place later next month in memory of the much-missed Colin Douglas, who tragically died from Leukaemia earlier this year.

It is being organised by his mum and dad, Jim and Merle and his sister Laura as well as close friends who want to raise money as a thank you for the charities which helped Colin when he was fighting Leukaemia.

Dad Jim said: 'Unbeknownst to us, when Colin was in hospital he had been planning to organise an auction to raise money for a number of different cancer charities.'

'We had no idea for a long time that he had been starting to arrange this so when we found out it seemed right that we carried out his wishes and organised the auction for him.'

So far there are some fabulous items up for grabs in the auction including a signed St Mirren football shirt, golf hat and scorecard that belonged to Tom Watson, a weeks self-catering cottage and Gee



Colin Douglas, pictured with dad Jim and mum Merle, who tragically died in January of this year of Leukaemia.

Atherton's mountain biking top.

The aim of the event is to raise money for the Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre and the Friends of the Beatson.

'Both of these charities are very close to our hearts

and they were a huge part of Colin's life,' said Jim. 'The Friends of the Beatson in particular helped Colin to escape from the realities of a long drawn out hospital stay and we want to say a big thank you to them for that.'

The auction will take place

at Lamlash Golf Club on Saturday 27 July.

Look out for information coming soon in The Banner.

New councillor for Shiskine

Barbara McNeice has been co-opted on to the Isle of Arran Community Council to represent Shiskine and the surrounding area.

Steph Hill recently stood down as Lochranza's community councillor so the search has begun for a replacement.

Anyone interested in joining the community council should contact the secretary Bill Calderwood or chairman John Inglis.

Marathon effort from David

David Allsop, formerly of Sannox, completed the Edinburgh Marathon last Sunday in the superb time of 3hrs 4mins and 18secs - 155th place.

He ran the marathon in memory of his fiancée Deborah who tragically died last year at the age of 36 after being diagnosed with terminal breast cancer.

'It was a great day, but quite emotional at times,' said David. 'The Edinburgh crowds cheered us on. They really were the extra man!'

David has now raised around £1,300 for the Marie Curie and Palliative Care nurses.

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Mountain Festival crowds enjoy big walks and huge fun!

The island's incredible landscape was celebrated recently when the seventh Arran Mountain Festival took place at various different locations. More than 100 people joined expert local guides for walks over the beautiful Arran mountains - a rise in numbers that organisers attribute to successful internet marketing as well as word-of-mouth.

Jo Totty, chairman of the AMF, said: 'Over the four days our walkers were able to bag all four of the island's Corbetts, learn about Arran's unique whitebeams, climb along the exciting A'Chir mountain ridge with its challenging Bad Step, and enjoy all the wild places that Arran

offers. 'Our walkers made many very positive comments about the festival which has developed a unique character of its own, with a very strong sense of community, enthusiasm and love of the mountains coming across in every event.'

The evening events were also a hit with the social gathering and pub quiz evenings at the Ormidale both well attended.

Calum McNicol, Arran's Atlantic rower, enthralled walkers and locals with the story of his magnificent achievement, raising a further £300 for his chosen Ayrshire Hospice charity.



Andy Walker, one of Arran's expert guides, leads a group of walkers during the Arran Mountain Festival.

Jo added: 'The Festival is entirely a community event, with all the organisers being local businesses or keen individuals.

'All the walk leaders are volunteers, coming from both the island and beyond and the Festival is very generously supported by a wide range of local businesses, who recognise its contribution in bringing visitors to the island and in raising Arran's profile nationally and internationally. This year participants came from as near as Brodick, and as far as Australia!'

Next year's Festival will take place from May 16-19 and promises to be equally exciting.



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Ferry tickets to sell nationwide

As Arran approaches the peak visitor season, two of the country's leading tourism and transport organisations have joined in a unique nationwide ticketing selling initiative to make it easier for people to get here.

VisitScotland

The Scotland-wide network of 84 VisitScotland Information Centres (VICs) will for the first time sell ferry tickets and book vehicles on all of Caledonian MacBrayne's (CalMac) sailings.

Cathy Craig, from CalMac, said: 'This agreement with VisitScotland, is one of many initiatives we are working on to improve our visitor experience.

'It means anyone can buy a ticket and book a ferry at whichever VIC they happen to be in, instead of having to plan ahead and buy tickets online or wait until they had arrived at one of our ports.

'In addition to allowing visitors in any part of Scotland, with little or no notice, to plan a ferry trip, it also allows us to target visitors who have no firm plans or itinerary and who might choose to take a ferry trip on an impulse or as the result of a recommendation from another visitor.'



Calum McNicol enthralled walkers with the story of his magnificent Atlantic row.

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This was marginally down on last year but considering the economic climate it remains a very satisfactory amount.

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Congratulations!

Due to the wedding of Amy & Paul on Saturday 8th June, the hotel and leisure club will be closed. No lunches or evening meals will be served. The public bar will be open for drinks from midday until midnight.

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'We have received 5,000 claims from Arran and Kintyre'

- Sharron Miller McKenzie, Scottish and Southern Energy

Arran and Kintyre has received £350,000 in compensation following the power outages two months ago, but when all the claims have been settled, the electricity company expects to have paid out almost £1million.

This was the view of Julia Dawson, head of customer services for Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution (SSEPD) at a public meeting in Auchrannie last Wednesday.

On Friday 22 March, all the lights went out on Arran in the midst of the worst snow storms to hit the island in living memory.

Many parts of the west coast were cut off for several days and power was not restored to rural locations for up to five days.

Following a massive operation by SSEPD, power lines and posts were gradually reinstated but it was only by Friday 10 May that normal service was resumed.

Meetings

In the aftermath of this crisis, SSEPD managers said they would come back to the island for post mortem meetings with members of the public which took place last week.

On Wednesday there were meetings in Auchrannie Spa and Whiting Bay Hall, despite calls for the events to be held on the west side of the island which was worst affected by the snow.

Mark Rough, commercial manager, Julia Dawson, head of customer services and Sharron Miller-McKenzie, corporate affairs, were present to answer any questions about the way the crisis was handled.

Points to come out were

that there had been an over reliance on social media for getting information out to the public and that central points for putting up notices should be established for the future.

It was also felt that vehicles with megaphones could give out information.

Boris Tulika said: 'I feel strongly that second home owners on Arran should not be getting compensation if they were not here at the time.'

Sharron Miller-McKenzie replied: 'There is no way of knowing if the property was occupied.'

'We are relying on people's goodwill, but if they make out a claim, then we have to pay them. We have received 5,000 claims from Arran and Kintyre.'

Mark Rough said: 'This incident is unprecedented in our history. We are looking at installing a new underwater cable from Hunterston to Kintyre. A lot of investment is about to happen.'

Julia Dawson added: 'We built a power station on Arran in four days with generators in an area 40 metres by 40 metres in a field in Brodick.'

'We moved 4,000 tonnes of earth and brought in 2,000 tonnes of hardcore. Engineers were brought in from as far afield as Japan and generators from Cornwall and beyond.'

One member of the public declared: 'I don't think there is a single resident on Arran who doesn't take his hat off to your company.'

However, it was agreed that a further public meeting on the west coast, hopefully in Shiskine Hall, should be held at the end of June after the coast road at Kilpatrick is reopened.



Community Council secretary Bill Calderwood, Julia Dawson SSE, Mark Rough SSE, and Community councillor Liz Evans at the meeting in Auchrannie. 03_b23sse01

Arran pipped to post by Skye

Arran Brewery's *Red Squirrel* was beaten to the top spot at CAMRA's 27th Great Grampian Beer Festival by Skye Brewery's *Young Pretender* last week when it won the title of Champion Scottish Bitter.

The two breweries were set to have merged earlier this year but Arran Brewery failed to secure a grant from the Scottish government and the merger fell apart.

Great

Gerald Michaluk, managing director of Arran Brewery said: 'It was great that Skye brewery won.'

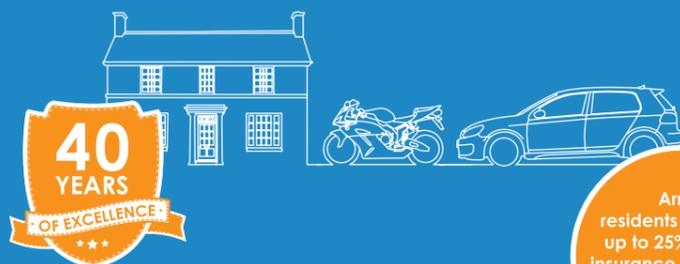
'Of course we would have liked our *Red Squirrel* to have been named best bitter but on the night they delivered the better beer in the judges' opinion.

'We were extremely happy to make it to the final.

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The money raised from Blooming Great Tea Parties will help Marie Curie Nurses to provide more free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes.

Funds

David Cameron, area manager said: 'Whether you're a dab hand at baking cakes or simply enjoying a cuppa with friends is more your cup of tea, holding a Blooming Great Tea Party is a fun way to get together and raise funds for an important cause.'

'However big or small your tea party, by taking part you will be helping to raise the crucial funds that make it possible for Marie Curie Nurses to provide care for people with terminal illnesses at the time when they need it most.'

For more information and to sign up for your free Blooming Great Tea Party fundraising pack, visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty or call 08700 340040.

Actress Mhairi promotes new film

Actress Mhairi Calvey, who spent her childhood on Arran, has been busy promoting her new film which is being billed as a romantic ghost story.

Mhairi moved to the island at the age of two with her mother Dominique and it was while living here that

she made her debut on the big screen when she played the young Murrin in Mel Gibson's film 'Braveheart'.

After the film Mhairi returned to school but she had always dreamt of a career in film and her dreams are well and truly coming true.

The 25-year-old is now in the process of promoting three films and a television show, all of which have just recently been released.

Talking about the first film with The Banner, Mhairi explained that in Peter Goddard's 'Any Minute Now', she played the lead role of Anna Brooks.

Mhairi said: 'When her parents decide to separate, 16-year-old Anna Brooks is sent to spend the summer in a small coastal town with her old-fashioned aunt and uncle, Jennifer and David Collingwood.'

'Anna is narcoleptic and suffers traumatic hallucinations as side effects to her medication. Whilst living in small town suburbia several bizarre incidents take place which lead Anna to question her own sanity. Is it really all in her head or is something more sinister going on in the small sleepy town?'

Any Minute Now is currently in the process of agreeing world wide distribution deal with companies in the USA.

She added: 'I have a few other movies in pre-production which I am filming later on in the year and I am currently preparing for them, some will be done in the UK and the other will be done abroad.'

The other new productions that Mhairi has appeared in are 'Spiritual Phantoma' - a horror flick filmed in Romania - 'Five Pillars' which has been promoted at the Cannes Film Festival and a the pilot of a television show called Bloodline in which Mhairi plays the lead character Kate.



Young actress Mhairi Calvey grew up on Arran.

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Bluebells are covering huge areas of the island just now such as this banking at Glen Rosa. 01_b23be01

Bluebells finally burst into bloom all over island

After an unusually slow start to spring, the wait for Arran's bluebells to flower is over with vibrant carpets of this perennial favourite covering the hillsides and roadsides.

The Woodland Trust Scotland has produced a list of 20 of the nation's best bluebell woods and Arran features on it.

Brodick is named as one of the best places to see the spring flower along with others such as Glasdrum Wood near Oban, Carstramon Wood at Gatehouse of Fleet, Glen Finglas at Loch Lomond and Culzean Castle.

Sarah Wiseman from Visit-

Woods Scotland said: 'Woods are great places to visit at any time of year, but they are at their best when native bluebells create a colourful carpet beneath the fresh green leaves of the trees.'

'The bluebell is an indicator of spring's arrival and although they are about a month late this year they are now starting to put on a great show.'

Any woods with native bluebells are likely to be ancient woodland, which covers just one per cent of Scotland's landmass, and are some of the country's most precious wildlife habitats.

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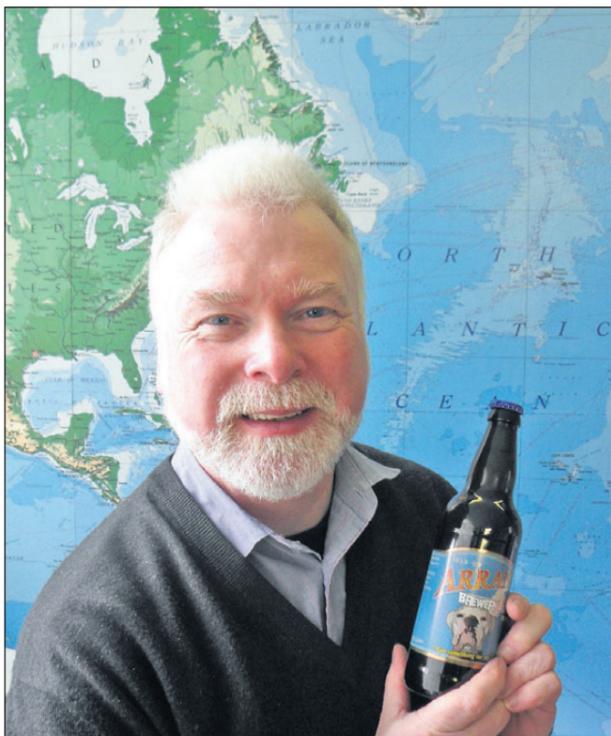
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Gerald Michaluk believes the benefits of moderate beer drinking could be huge.

Brewery wants beer benefits explained

The island's brewery believes that drinking moderate levels of beer could reduce the risk of heart attacks and diabetes, among other serious conditions.

Gerald Michaluk, the managing director of the Arran Brewery in Brodick, is calling on the Scottish government to fund an independent research programme into the health benefits of beer.

Mr Michaluk said that he wants 'to get to the truth behind the health benefit claims of moderate beer consumption'.

'I have heard both sides of the argument from those with a vested interest in the anti-drink lobby and the drinks industry who clearly I tend to believe more,' explained Mr Michaluk.

Truth

'But the truth is out there and it needs to be uncovered by independent professionals not associated with either the drink or anti-drink lobby.'

A recent article in *Beers of the World* titled 'Can Guinness be Good for You' outlined how in the past stouts and ales were promoted as giving health benefits to the moderate drinker, while books such as *The Science of Healthy Drinking* by Gene Ford document numerous scientific studies supporting the health benefits of a glass or two a day.

Mr Michaluk added: 'The potential beneficiary from

the truth should commission the research, the government.

'They stand to gain substantially if there are indeed, as I believe health benefits and if not can point the finger effectively at the cause of health issues.

'If moderate beer drinking improves your health then it is in the government's interest to stop all this anti-moderate drinking legislation it is contemplating and if on the other hand it is not beneficial it is imperative we know and take steps to modify production, ingredients etc to make it a safe beverage.'

Benefits claimed in Gene Ford's book include reduced risks of angina, blood clots, high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, heart attack, strokes and certain forms of cancer.

'There is a considerable body of evidence supporting the health benefits from moderate drinking but when you look closely it tends to be sponsored by the drinks industry while similarly when you read of the very negative effects of alcohol the research tends to be from those opposed to alcohol,' explained Mr Michaluk.

'We need to know what the facts are and separate them from all the faith and fiction surrounding the health benefits of beer consumption, hence my call for research that gets to the truth.'

on the Scottish circuit.

When The Banner asked him what the audience can expect on the night at The Douglas, he said: 'My comedy material tends to reflect the problems I encounter whilst trying to grow old disgracefully and my total confusion with modern life.

'Slowly but surely I feel as if I have morphed into everybody's daft uncle, the one who says all the wrong things at family gatherings.'

Douglas Hotel welcomes top comedians



With his popular morning radio show and a string of TV credits, Fred MacAulay is undoubtedly one of the most famous faces of Scottish comedy today.

There will be raucous laughter emanating from The Douglas Hotel Bistro next month when two of Scotland's greatest stand-up comedians come to Arran.

Fred MacAulay and Phil Differ will be appearing at the hotel's 'Evening of Comedy' on Saturday 6 July and the hosts are promising lots and lots of laughs.

For £45 per person, guests will get a delicious two course meal and coffee before the top comedians take to the stage.

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His on screen reputation and on air witticisms are the prod-

uct of years of experience on the live circuit, including a stint as the first ever-Scottish compere at the Comedy Store in London.

Fred has successfully featured in and presented many programmes for BBC TV: he hosted three series of the talk show *McCoist and MacAulay* and two seasons of *Life According to Fred*.

He has appeared as a guest on many radio comedy panel shows: *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue*, *Just A Minute* and most often - *The News Quiz*. On national television he has been a panelist on shows including *Mock the Week*, *QI* and *Have I Got News For You*. Phil Differ began writing comedy in the early eighties, contributing to such shows as *Naked Radio*, *A Kick Up The Eight-*

ies, *Spitting Image* and *Not the Nine O'Clock News*.

He then joined the comedy department at BBC Scotland, and then on to the independent Comedy Unit where his production credits include *Chewin' the Fat* and Radio Scotland's *Watson's Wind Up*.

He has also been a regular newspaper columnist and a regular after-dinner speaker

In 2005, Phil turned to stand-up and is now a regular

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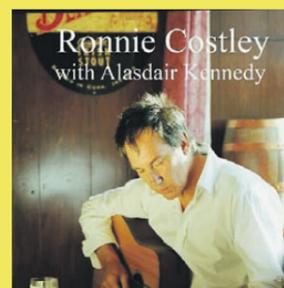
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Wildlife isn't in decline here

'Today, the British countryside is pretty vacant of wildlife.'

This was the conclusion of an extraordinary stocktake of UK wildlife published this week which revealed that most species are struggling and that one in three have halved in number in the past half century.

The unique report, based on scientific analysis of tens of millions of observations from volunteers, shows that from woodland to farmland and from freshwater streams to the sea, many animals, birds, insects, fish and plants are in trouble. Now forgive me if you feel I am sounding slightly self-righteous here, but driving from Catacol to Brodick on one morning alone I saw numerous red deer, seals, swallows, red squirrels and golden eagles as well as huge numbers of other birds and insects.

Perhaps we can argue that Arran has not been subject to the same environmental factors that have resulted in such a large reduction in wildlife in other parts of Britain.

Causes for this decline nationwide include the intensification of farming, with the consequent loss of meadows, hedgerows and ponds and increased pesticide use, as well as building development, overfishing and climate change.

Three in every five of the 3,148 species analysed for the report have apparently declined in the last 50 years and one in 10 are now at risk of extinction.

When looking at Arran's glorious landscape and the wildlife that make their home here it is easy to assume that the island's animals have escaped the destruction seen in other parts of Britain. But then suddenly I remembered a story my grandmother told me recently that sent shivers down my spine. She told me that she vividly remembers sitting on the shore looking out in to Catacol Bay, watching as men in rowing boats speared hundreds of basking sharks through the head as they killed them for their natural oils and skin. Whenever I see one basking shark meandering along the coastline it is a truly magnificent sight so the thought that at one time there were so many of them swimming nearby that men were able to reach over the side of boats and harpoon them so easily is just utterly unbelievable.

It is a sight that would be unthinkable today as these glorious fish are a protected species. But what my nana saw that day took place just over 60 years ago.

We are very lucky to live in place where the wildlife is thriving, but perhaps it did not always flourish in quite the same way.

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

A true gentleman

Sir,
On hearing of Howard's retirement I was compelled to acknowledge and thank him for his immense contribution to island life in his time here and with *The Banner* in particular.

Never one to hog centre stage, yet always comfortable to say what needs to be said he has worked tirelessly and professionally for the betterment of all, in so many areas it is difficult to list them all.

Some of those I have witnessed and benefited first hand have been Kilmory hall and youth club, island youth club events, Arran junior football teams and competitions, Arran Pool League, his time as a community councillor and his huge contribution to the Arran Show.

All those involved in these and in the many activities I have failed to note would, I am sure, like to show their appreciation to Howard and will do in their own special way.

His legacy across the island is widespread but is most evident in the paper he has left behind. Whether home or away, visitor or local, I don't think any of us appreciate how much *The Banner* helps us engage with each other, or the void there would be without it. Howard has always appreciated its importance and unique role. It hasn't always been about breaking big news stories or putting the world to right. It is in simply capturing island life and most importantly the humanity of it.

The *Banner* for me is about seeing familiar faces, celebrating achievements and capturing the moments and humour that make Arran so special. Howard has always known that and has always delivered.

On a personal note I want to thank him for being a great friend, neighbour and support to all my family over these many years. We have had so much fun together and we all look forward to continuing that in our trips north and



'The Banner on Holiday' feature has always been a popular part of the newspaper. When space permits we feature some of the wonderful pictures we have on file. This week we have a photo of the 'Armitage' boys in Tavira, Portugal, catching up on the news from home during a long-weekend away. Left to right: Steven Black, Euan Smith, Daniel Tetlow, Graham Hutchison, Iain Keen and just out of shot Struan Armitage. Please keep sending us your photographs of *The Arran Banner* on holiday.

south for many years to come. Thank you Howard, you are a true gentleman.

Yours,
Graeme Tod
Balgowan
Shiskine

Coach calamity

Sir,
I see yet another visiting coach has fallen off the side of the road on the String Road.

This must be distressing for the driver, the passengers, the coach company owners and their insurers. The costs of retrieving the coach and repairing it added to the high cost of getting here on the ferry must make any coach company think twice before coming to Arran. So while I agree the island needs visitors to survive economically, it must be apparent that when the word gets around the coach drivers that the roads are so bad, they just won't come. North Ayrshire Council roads department, over to you.

Yours,
Elizabeth Ross
Glenloig Farmhouse
String Road

Special Arran people

Sir,
We spent our annual May holiday in Lochranza a week ago. Having brought eography

students in the 1960s,70s and 80s, and family and friends up to 2013, I have a strong affection for Arran. From the minute we reach Ardrossan from Derby and show our tickets at the ferry check-in we feel the excitement of crossing on the CalMac ferry. At once the crew of the MV Caledonian Isles show courtesy and kindness.

This conduct prevails from the tourist office to the bookshop in Brodick. The rain pours down but we are cheered by their friendliness. Lochranza awaits and our warm, comfortable accommodation near the Claonaig ferry. The Sandwich Station is wonderful as are the young owners. The Catacol Bay Hotel is welcoming with a great outlook over Kilbrannan Sound. The women who are still providing a service to their community at Pirmill after the fire and then the snowstorms in March which led to the closure of the store, work cheerfully from the front room of a house nearby. The people of Arran are special. We hope they have some respite from the vagaries of the weather and have a trouble free 2013. See you all again in 2014.

Yours,
Brenda and Barrie Armitage
Allestree
Derby

Festival thanks

Sir,
On behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank all participants and everybody who was involved in this year's Arran Mountain Festival.

The Arran Adventure Company again provided the Festival Hub, an excellent booking system and professionally covered logistics. Numerous local businesses and individuals supported the Festival by sponsoring walks, signing up as 'Supporters', helping with publicity, providing venues and donating raffle prizes. A special mention to Sherie Walker for ensuring everyone was well fed at the ceilidh and talk nights. The biggest thank you though goes to our volunteer leaders. All walks are led by qualified Mountain Leaders, supported by experienced assistants. The positive feedback from participants once again shows that it's these Leaders that make the Festival such an overwhelming success. Lastly, thank you to everyone on the volunteer organising committee. I hope we can count on everyone's support to deliver an even better Arran Mountain Festival in 2014!

Yours,
Jo Totty
Chairman
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Crowd-funding success for Arran Folk Festival

The 19th Arran Folk Festival is promising to be one of the best yet after organisers reached their target in the crowd-funding project.

Ticket sales had initially failed to take off as expected and as a result organisers sought a little funding boost from the people of Arran and beyond.

The deadline for donations was yesterday (Thursday) but Arran Events were confident the target would be met - and that they may even raise a little more than expected.

Robin Fisher, coordinator of the festival, said: 'The response was fantastic although it turned out to be not so much 'crowd-funding' as 'Arran Events Patrons Funding' as we received big donations from people who already support us!

'This has prompted us to start up a 'Friends of Arran Events' - this will be in

the form of a membership association whereby for a modest annual membership fee, various benefits will be made available at all our events (including discounts off ticket prices, early booking availability, invites to various social events etc).

'We hope it will be seen as a reward to our loyal supporters and an opportunity to give something back to them.'

Sessions

This year's Festival, which started last night (Thursday) and runs until Sunday (June 9), features three evening concerts, a family ceilidh, plus the opportunity to join in at one of the many open sessions taking place throughout the weekend, including the traditional 'Survivors' Session' on the Sunday night.

Cera Impala, described as a 'banjo-wielding mama from Arizona' promise to be a

highlight of the weekend and will be joined tonight (Friday) by the multi-talented Linzi Murphy Trio and Ireland-based singer-songwriter Ronnie Costley.

Ross Ainslie, a recent Musician of the Year nominee at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, and his Trio will headline the Saturday concert which also features Alan Frew and Mark Rafferty, two names with bright futures ahead of them.

Sunday sees the Festival welcome Tyde, a talented young act from the northeast of England and the Scottish Borders, who will be joined at our family ceilidh by Arran's very own Kilbride Ceilidh Band.



Above: The Saturday concert features Alan Frew and Mark Rafferty, two names with bright futures ahead of them.



Left: Tyde, a talented young act from the northeast of England and the Scottish Borders, will perform at the family ceilidh.

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Gardening Scotland a treat for island horticulturalists

Members of the Arran Horticultural Society enjoyed their annual coach trip to the Gardening Scotland exhibition in Edinburgh last week.

Andrew Stefanuti from Lamlash sent The Banner this report of a great day out.

'The sun shone and it was lovely and warm, it was a great day out and everyone enjoyed the show and the exhibits were fantastic.

'One of the members on the trip even said they thought the show was better than Chelsea

Flower Show, which was an excellent remark to make and most of us came away with something for the garden.

'The Gardens Floral Hall was a plant paradise. Top nurseries from all over the UK came to sell and display flowers, bulbs, shrubs and alpine species and many of the plants had been specially raised to cope with the Scottish climate.

'The growers were willing to share their expert advice and tell you where to plant them

and how to grow them too. 'The vegetable display was out of this world with nearly every vegetable you could think of with not a blemish to be seen and all laid out in a regimental stile.

'There was an attempt on The Potato World Record and the Scottish seed potato company, JBA had out on display the biggest ever layout of 600 different varieties. 'The last record was set in 2004 at the Shrewsbury Flower Show where

589 varieties were displayed. 'There were 400 exhibitors selling everything for the garden so it was impossible not to come away with something to bring home.'

The next trip for the Arran Horticultural Society will be on Friday 2 August when they go to Ayr Flower Show.

This trip is usually very popular so do not delay in making your booking.

You can book your place on the trip by ringing Andrew Stefanuti on 601248.

Arran Dancers impress at annual show



Mia Walker, Yeshe Gautier, Isla McKelvie, Freya McNicol, Andrew Sneddon, Zara Wilson, Lori Murchie, Archie Anderson, Sam Reid, Angus McLean-Boyle, Hannah Glendinning and Millie Young perform Gangman Style/Starships, choreographed by Dawn Ulivi. 01_b23dan01

The incredible dancing talent of the island's youngsters was showcased on Sunday when Arran Dancers held their annual show.

The community theatre at Arran High School was packed with proud parents and grandparents to see the main show

choreographed by Fiona Rodriguez, as well as dances featuring Dawn Ulivi's 'Streetly Dancers' and The Arran Highland Dancers.

Wonderful

For two hours the boys and girls from as young as three-years-old entertained

the audience with their wonderful routines and there were plenty of 'oos' and 'ahs' from the seats.

Dance teacher Fiona Rodriguez said it was lovely to see so many people there to watch the dancers in action after a year of hard work.



Freya Campbell, Grace Crichton, Hannah Kemp, Freya McNicol, Jessica Reid, Yeshe Gautier, Megan McCartney, Isla McKelvie, Daisy May McNamara, Kirsty Morrison and Anna Wilkison performing 'Presents for Mrs Rogers' which was choreographed by Fiona Rodriguez. 01_b23dan06



Opening the show were Lucy Crawford, Kirsty Crawford, Alison Provan and Emily Divine, dancing 'Red Shoes' which was choreographed by Fiona Rodriguez. 01_b23dan04

Right: Abbie Stewart, Beth McCarthy, Lily Currie, Lily Brobson, Isabella Reid and Annie McKelvie performing 'Never Fully Dressed without a Smile' choreographed by Fiona Rodriguez. 01_b23dan02



Above: Some of Arran's Highland Dancers performed The Lilt, choreographed by Ann-Marie McGarry. From left to right, Alison Provan, Naomi Provan, Charli McKillop and Amelia Kemp. 01_b23dan05



Right: Chloe McNeil, one of 17 adorable little 'lions' dancing in the 'Lions Sleeps Tonight' by Dawn Ulivi. 01_b22dan07



Miss Dawn's Streetly Dancers did a fantastic routine to current chart hits Gangman Style and Starships. 01_23dan03

New Deputy Lieutenants for Ayrshire and Arran



Evelyn McCann.



William Stafford.

Her Majesty The Queen has appointed four new deputy Lord Lieutenants for Ayrshire and Arran.

The Very Reverend Dr David Lacy, Mrs Evelyn McCann, Sheriff Iona McDonald and Mr William Stafford will take up their new posts in the coming weeks.

David Lacy was born in Inverness in 1952, and educated at Aberdeen Grammar School and The High School of Glasgow before eventually going on to become Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland from 2005 to 2006.

In his spare time he enjoys sailing, choral singing and snooker and is delighted to be taking on the role of Deputy Lord Lieutenant.

Evelyn McCann was born in Irvine in 1953 and educated at Ardrossan Academy.

She has an MBA from

Glasgow University and completed the World Bank Executive Development Programme at Harvard University.

In 2001 she moved to Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire as Chief Executive Officer, a post that she held until she retired in 2008. Her interests include walking, gardening, reading, interior decoration and keeping fit.

Sheriff Iona McDonald was born in Irvine in 1954 and educated at Cumnock Academy before graduating from Glasgow University in law in 1978.

In 1980 she joined the Ayr firm of Mathie-Morton, Black and Buchanan where following time as a Legal Assistant she became a Partner in 1982.

She is involved in charity fundraising, in particular, for the British Heart Foundation and is an avid traveller and

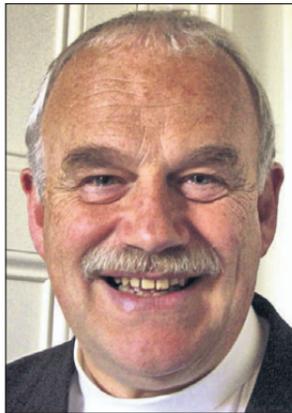
keen walker, theatregoer and reader.

William Stafford was born in Galston in 1954 and now lives just outside the town with his wife Ann.

In 1971 he joined Ayr County Council as a Trainee Environmental Health Officer before moving to Cumnock and Doon Valley District Council in 1975 as an Environmental Health Officer where in 1989 he became Head of Environmental Health.

In 1995 he was appointed as Director of Community Services with East Ayrshire Council where until his retirement in 2010 he served as Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.

Mr Stafford has a wide range of interests including, walking, community involvement, local history and looking after his dog and a horse.



Very Reverend Dr David Lacy.



Sheriff Iona McDonald.

On placement with Arran Free Church

A second year Free Church College student is currently on placement with the Arran Free Church.

Thomas Davis, aged 30, will be with the congregation until the end of June, having never set foot on the island before. During the placement his eldest son Tom will be joining Shiskine Primary School for four weeks, and younger son John will be joining the nursery.

Thomas said: 'We are

blessed to be able to go as a family and experience this placement together, and hope and pray that God will bless the work we hope to do in Arran and bless our time there. 'It is never easy for a small, rural congregation and I hope that I can provide encouragement and support to the people who are there.'

Last year Thomas, who is originally from the Isle of Lewis, undertook placements with Livingston Free Church

and his home congregation of Back. He is married to Una, and they have three children – Tom, 7, John, 5, and Annie Rose, 2.

Before training for the ministry, Thomas worked as an engineer in Stornoway for eight years.

The family now live in Kirkcaldy, and Thomas has one more year studying at the Free Church College before he will hopefully be available for a call to congregations.

'Hear to Help' project seeks volunteers

A new community-based project starting in Arran is looking for volunteers to help provide support to local NHS hearing aid users.

The 'Hear to Help' project which is run by the charity Action on Hearing Loss Scotland is looking for volunteers to run a monthly drop-in to support people with hearing loss.

Volunteers will be trained to show people how to get the best performance from their NHS hearing aids, so that they can hear more clearly.

When fully trained, the volunteers will carry out basic maintenance on hearing aids, such as replacing tubing and batteries, and provide information on equipment and support which can improve the everyday lives of people with hearing loss.

All training will take place in Arran.

Donna McSwiggan, Action on Hearing Loss Scotland's project coordinator for Arran, said: 'We're looking for volunteers in Arran to come forward to support our Hear to Help drop-in.'

'The Hear to Help project is based at the heart of communities and so it is important that local people are involved. I am happy to answer any questions about volunteering so please contact me on 07429199617 or email donna.mcswiggan@hearingloss.org.uk.'

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Send your entries to: editor@arranbanner.co.uk, or, if technology is not your thing you can still send us prints of your favourite photos by posting them to:
The Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ and enclose an SAE if photographs are to be returned.
Two Categories: People/Animals Views/Places

Please include caption for each entry
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Support offered for Arran's blind

RNIB Scotland, the charity which supports blind and partially sighted people, has been hosting monthly drop-in information and advice sessions in Brodick Library since March this year.

This is part of the Ayrshire Local Integrated Sensory Service (ALISS), which is a joint project with Action on Hearing Loss Scotland.

Anyone who is concerned about sight loss is welcome to pop into the library for a chat and receive more information about eye conditions, support services, advice on daily living and equipment.

There will be no drop-in for June but sessions will resume on July 25 from 11am-1pm and take place on the fourth Thursday of the month.

The charity are also looking for volunteers to help clients take part in a number of activities.

Jennifer Lynch from RNIB Scotland said: 'We need people who can spare just a few hours a week to act as sighted guides for clients with sight loss attending our services and social activities.'

Support

'Drivers to transport clients to and from their homes, and help in offering information on what support and products we can provide to help people retain their independence.'

She added: 'Full induction training will be given on understanding sight loss and how to guide blind and partially sighted people. We will also reimburse any agreed expenses that are incurred so no one would be out of pocket.'

'It's very rewarding and interesting work, often great fun, and a chance to make a very real difference to people's lives in your own community.'

Anyone interested in finding out more about help with sight loss can contact Joanne on 07854203040 or email joanne.reilly@rnib.org.uk

For more information about volunteering contact Jennifer on 07766581981 or email jennifer.lynch@rnib.org.uk.



Grand day out for Shiskine toddlers

The Shiskine Toddler Group enjoyed a fantastic trip to Heads of Ayr on 17 May and they would like to thank those who kindly contributed to their recent fundraiser. According to mum, Lorna Mansfield, their day was both 'educational and fun' and the 'sunshine helped make it a great day out'.

Prayer book feature images of Arran

A new prayer book produced by The Leprosy Mission Scotland features beautiful photographs of Arran taken by a former resident.

Jill Bain grew up in Lochranza and now works for the charity in Glasgow.

As a keen photographer, the charity chose to use her images of Arran which have a peaceful and uplifting nature.

Jill said: 'The cover is North Glen Sannox and the

waterfall shot is up the hill behind Catacol Farm.

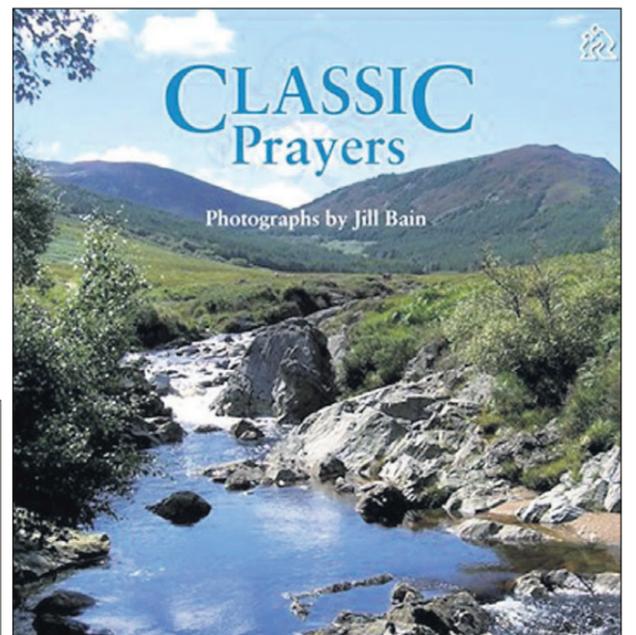
'There are plenty of other shots in the book of Catacol, Lochranza and Arran from the boat too, as well as shots of elsewhere in Scotland and one each from Russia and Bangladesh after I visited some of our projects out there in July last year.'

She added: 'I work for The Leprosy Mission Scotland, which works closely with

TLM Trading to support projects which help people affected by leprosy/disability in Africa and Asia.

'Money raised in Scotland from the sale of the prayer book will fund projects in Angola, Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria and South Sudan.'

To find out more about us the charity visit <http://www.tlmscotland.org.uk/>



The book of prayers features beautiful photographs of Arran.

Corrie Film Club

This month's Corrie Film Club offering is Jon Amiel's beautifully filmed, Oscar-winning 'Creation' which stars Paul Bettany and Jennifer Connelly as Charles Darwin and his wife facing a struggle between faith and reason as Darwin works on his 'Origin of the Species'.

The film, movingly and compellingly shows how a world renowned scientist,

Creation (UK 2009 Cert PG)

crushed by the loss of his eldest daughter and battling against his own illness, formulates a theory in conflict with religious dogma.

Torn

He is torn between the compulsion to publish his revolutionary ideas and the

potentially devastating effect they will have on society and, in particular, on his devoutly religious wife.

This is an absorbing, warm, intelligent and moving film – a must see - and can be seen this Sunday – June 9 – at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall at 8pm. All welcome.

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Saturday 12 June, 1993



Southend FC triumphantly display the Arran Haulage Cup . b23twe01



A new landmark in Lamlash, the fire tower, is now up and running and ready for use by local volunteer fire crews. b23twe03

Flattened!

In an act that has shocked and horrified the people of Blackwaterfoot, Mr Douglas Thomson this week demolished the Rock Hotel.

Work began on Monday taking out windows and items that had been sold.

On Tuesday the bulldozers moved in and by Wednesday around 20 lorry loads of rubble had been taken away.

By Thursday morning the hotel was gone.

Search for a sergeant

Who would be a police sergeant on Arran?

Well, hardly anyone it would seem for Sergeant Jim Wilson was told last year that he would be moved back to the mainland early in the year - as soon as they found a replacement.

But apparently Strathclyde Police have so far had no candidates for the post.

Strip off

This summer it is time to strip off your clothes.

In a small item handed in to us from the Daily Express about nude bathing it says there are only 10 officially designated nudist beaches - and one of those is on Arran.

Let's hope the weather will be suitable for our absence of cover.

Smashing time

A youth was apprehended by police on Saturday afternoon after throwing stones through windows in the Lamlash Community Centre and smashing windows in a bus.

WI driver of the year

Phyllis Picken of Kilmory is heading to Strathclyde Park this Sunday to take part in Vauxhall's WI Driver of the Year competition. She was chosen as the Arran WRI Federation's representative earlier this year.

The assessment is based on a 14-mile drive with an Institute of Advanced Motorists assessor.

Birth - Irving

Billy and Linzi are delighted to announce the birth of Kirsty Rebecca on Thursday 27 May, 1993, a wee sister for Grant.

The Fanatic

I can now reveal the true identity of the mysterious foreigner bidding for Hearts.

An insider at a top Edinburgh accountant told me: 'I saw the classic car draw up at the door, and out strode a bronzed figure with the flowing locks of an entrepreneur from a strange country - I recognised him immediately as Jim Marriott.'



The Rock Hotel in Blackwaterfoot was demolished this week. b23twe02

Send your old photographs to editor@arranbanner.co.uk

What's on

in association with Isle of Arran Brewery

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Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing
Loch Garbad, Boat and Bank fishing
Brodict Castle, Garden Open
Arran Heritage Museum
Arran Brewery
Arran Brewery tour

Saturday 8th June

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Brodict Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
RNLI shop
Folk Festival - Open Session
Folk festival - Evening Concert

Sunday 9th June

Alcoholics Anonymous
New AI-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Folk Music Session
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)
Pub Quiz
RNLI shop
Folk Festival - Open Session
Folk festival - Ceilidh/Concert
Folk festival - Survivors Session

Monday 10th June

Quiz
Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Senior Fitness
Breathe Walk Class
Table Tennis
Badminton
Volleyball Club
Arran Junior Football Club
Summer Bridge Tournament
Brodict Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay rink games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
Paintings tour
Lunch Club

Tuesday 11th June

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Streetly Dance pre school
Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7
Youth Club
Rowan Singers
Weight Watchers
Junior Hockey Club
Healthy Outdoors
Cricket Practise
Scottish Country Dancing
Run Arran (intermediate)
Lawn Bowls
Quiz
Food and craft market
Garden Walk
Bronze age experience

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Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Brodict, 2pm
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
Ormidale Hotel 12-5pm
Brodict Hall 7.30pm

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
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Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm - 3.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 8.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
Douglas Hotel, 12-5pm
Brodict Hall 7.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9.30pm

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm for 6.45pm
Brodict, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm
Brodict Castle 2pm-3.30pm
Brodict sheltered housing, 12 noon

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm - 6pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30 - 8pm
Lamlash church hall, 7.30-9.30pm
St Molios Church Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm
Brodict Castle, 2pm-3.30pm
Brodict Castle 10.30am-12noon & 2pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 12th June

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Coffee Morning
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Run Arran (Advanced)
Northend Football Training
Brodict Bowling Club Rink Game
Shiskine Tennis Club
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
Goatfell Reptile Ramble

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15 - 12noon
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
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
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 5.30pm
Lochranza, 7pm
Brodict, 6.45pm
Juniors 4.30-5.15 P1-P3, 5.15-6 P4-P7
Whiting Bay bowling club 2pm
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm
Brodict Castle 1.30pm - 5pm

Thursday 13th June

Senior Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
Live Country/Folk music
Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Weight Watchers
Lawn Bowls
Shiskine Tennis Club
Quilt Arran
Lunchbox

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Lochranza Hall, 2pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Adults 6pm onwards
Fire Station, Lamlash 7pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Pavillon 12.30pm-2.30pm

Friday 14th June

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Brodict Farmers Market
Castle Secrets Tour
Active Buggies (Parents & buggies)

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Road, 8am - 6pm
Brodict Castle, 11.30am - 1pm
Ormidale Pavillion 10am

Saturday 15th June

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Brodict Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
RNLI shop

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Brodict, 2pm
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm



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AUDIT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING IN NORTH AYRSHIRE 2013

North Ayrshire Council will consider the Accounts Commission and Auditor General for Scotland's findings on Audit Scotland's report on Community Planning in North Ayrshire, at a meeting of the Council on Wednesday 19 June 2013 at 2pm at Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE.

The Audit Report assesses the impact and effectiveness of North Ayrshire's Community Planning Partnership. It recognises the progress made by the Partnership and outlines areas for future improvement.

Copies of the report can be viewed on the Council's website at: www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk If you wish to receive a copy by post please call 01294 324106.

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

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Development Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine*, between 9am-4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk *and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

Written representations may be made to the Corporate Director (Development & Environment) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 28.06.13. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
 13/00313/PP; Dyemill Forestry Plantation, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran; The establishment and operation of a wood fired combined heat and power plant.
 13/00302/PP; Hillside Terrace, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Erection of detached dwelling house and detached double garage.

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

Applications for Listed Building Consent.
 13/00239/LBC; Culanachaidh, Church Road, Kilmory, Brodick; Repairs to fabric of building, demolition of derelict toilet, installation of replacement rooflights and reinstatement of front door.

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

Applications for development affecting the setting of a Listed Building.
 Written comments to be made within 21 days.
 13/00316/PP; Heathfield, Corrie, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Erection of detached garage with boathouse store.

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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
SUNDAY, 9th June: Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher. Coffee after service.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be Taize worship at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 6th June, at St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE DUE TO ROAD CLOSURE.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Parishes of North Arran : Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine

Independent but working together.
Minister, Rev. Angus Adamson, Parish Assistant, Mrs Jean Hunter.
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited.
Sunday 9th June
Brodick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship
Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Kilmory linked with Lamlash

"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 9th June
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
In both Churches:
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 9th June
Sunday Morning Mass 11am
Vigil Mass 7.30pm

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WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 9th June 2013
Worship will be led by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served after the service. All most welcome. There will be service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm to which all friends are invited.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 9th June
11 a.m. Morning Worship in The Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
Tea & coffee after the service. Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer. Contact phone no. 600222.
Everyone warmly invited.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Services as follows
Sunday 9th June
Shiskine 11.00am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)
Mr Thomas Davis
All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(continuing)

Sunday 9th June
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge
Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 12th June, 7pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
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Cafe Church 16th June 2013
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All most welcome.

DEATH

JOHN HENDRY - Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Tuesday 4th June 2013, John, dear brother of Margaret. Funeral service at Knockanrioch, Lochranza, on Tuesday 11th June, at 12 noon, and thereafter to Lochranza Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. No flowers please.



Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 28 May, second medal and CCQ3, 19 played, CSS 69. Silver: 1 Yvonne Brothers (18)68, 2 Margaret Bryce (20)73. Bronze: 1 Gege Kroner (24)67, 2 Janette McVicar (32)70.

Nine-hole Stableford, 7 played. 1 Janette McBride 16pts, 2 Irene Rollo 14pts.

Tuesday 4 June, Medal Final and CCQ4, 18 played. Winner Medal Final Susan Butchard (12)72, runner-up Isobel MacDonald (16)77. 1 Silver Pat Adamson (18)67, 1 Bronze Kay Kitson (21)76.

Nine-hole Stableford, 7 played. 1 Pam Holmes 22pts, 2 Irene Rollo 15pts.

Fixtures: Tuesday 11 June, Centenary Quaiach.
Gents: Wednesday 29 May Summer Cup, 44 played, CSS 65. 1 G Robertson (7)61, 2 R Waive (14)62, 3 A McNicol (9)64 acb. Scratch E McKinnon 67. There were nine twos, Peter McCalla got two.

Fixtures: Sunday 9 June, Brandon, class draws 8.30am



Elizabeth Kelso is pictured with the Mary Craig Trophy at Shiskine last Thursday with Brian Sherwood who won the Dr Adam Cup at Shiskine on Wednesday and the Duncan Sillars Memorial Trophy at Machrie Bay on Saturday.

and 12.30pm. Sunday 16 June, Club Trophy. Entry Sheet on notice board. Draw Saturday 15 June, 12noon.

Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday 29 May, Dr Adam Cup, 16 played. First class: 1 and Scratch B Sherwood 45-6=39, 2 A Liddell 48-6=42. Second class: 1 J Culpan 48-9=39, 2 P Horne 54-9=45. Magic twos from B Sherwood at the 7th and W Robertson at the 12th. Congratulations to Brian Sherwood on winning the cup!

Thursday 30 May, Mary Craig Trophy, 21 played,

CSS 44. Silver 1 and Scratch E Kelso 54-10=44 BIH, 2 C Reside 56-10=44. Bronze 1 E Henderson 62-16=46, 2 S Money 67-19=48. Congratulations Elizabeth on winning the Mary Craig Trophy.

Saturday 1 June, CCQR1, 24 played. First Class: 1 T Mitchell 68-8=60, 2 H Bannatyne 67-5=62, 3 W Paton 72-6=66 BIH. Second class: 1 A Liddell 77-13=64, 2 A Bannatyne 85-20=65 BIH, 3 J Culpan 80-15=65. Scratch H Bannatyne 67 (well done). Magic twos A Bannatyne (2), H Bannatyne (2), D Markham, C Allison and W Paton.

Sunday 2 June, CCQR2, 24 played. First class: 1 T Mitchell 68-7=61, 2 D Jeffrey 75-10=65 BIH, 3 T Gowan 72-7=65. Second class: 1 A Liddell 80-13=67, 2 A Mackay 87-15=72 BIH, 3 J Culpan 87-15=72 BIH. Scratch T Mitchell 68. Magic twos J Faulkner, D Logan, D Jeffrey (2), D Markham, T Mitchell, A Bannatyne, R McCrae and G Andrew.
Fixtures: Sunday 9 June, Club Championship finals day, 1pm start, please come along to support! Ladies - Thursday 13 June, 18 hole

medal winners and flag competition, 1pm and 5.30pm tee offs. Gents - Wednesday 12 June, 12 hole medal, 1pm and 5.30pm tee offs.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 29 May, Wednesday Medal, 14 played, CSS 60. 1 S Beardsley 66-6=60 BIH, 2 B Lewis 72-12=60, 3 P Moran 82-21=61. Saturday 1 June, 10 played. 1 J McGovern 71-10=61 BIH, 2 B Rooney 74-13=61, 3 R Logan 70-6=64. Best scratch R Logan 70. No twos recorded.

Fixtures: Saturday 8 June, Medal Round, 8.30am and 1pm. Wednesday night as usual.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 29 May, First Championship and Glenkiln Qualifier, 13 played, CSS 65. 1 Sheena Murchie 78-13=65, 2 Ann MacVicar 82-16=66, 3 Jo Hastings 90-20=70, scratch Sheena Murchie 78.

Gents: Thursday 30 May, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Norrie MacIntyre 71-8=63, 2 Iain Murchie 68-5=63, 3 Neil Young 68-5=63. Twos from Ian Bremner at the 12th, Colin Richardson at the 16th, Dougie Macfarlane at the 16th, Norrie MacIntyre at the 13th, Stuart Campbell at the 16th. Seniors Medal, CSS 61. 1 Bill Paul 81-22=59. Sunday 2 June, Hamilton Bowl, CSS 64 (Bogey/Par). 1 Alan Winship 2, 2 Andy Smith 0.
Fixtures: Sunday 9 June, Jamieson Cup, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts. Monday 10 June, Junior Medal at 5pm. Thursday 13 June, Summer Cup, make up own groups. Date for your diary: Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 August, Lamlash Open - entries to secretary ASAP.

PERSONALS

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Thank you to everyone who came to my party and for the lovely gifts.

Sarah Cook



Many thanks to friends, family and especially colleagues for gifts, cards and good wishes on my retirement. Thanks also to readers, contributors and all those good folk who continue to support The Banner.

Howard Driver

Happy 40th Birthday Adrian on 13th June

Love from Julie, Brad & Zoe, Luke and all your family & friends

Happy Birthday Sarah Willis

Lots of Love
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Keira, Chloe & the rest of the clan xx

Brodick celebrate football win



The victorious Brodick 'A Team' celebrate after their victory over Lamlash B. 01_b23ba102



Brodick Primary School's 'A Team' won the inter-schools football tournament on Monday night after beating Lamlash B in the final.

Teams from all of the island's primary schools apart from Shiskine took part in the competition which is held each year on the astroturf at the Ormidale Park.

As well as reaching the final, Lamlash were able to show off the new strips that were gifted to them earlier this year by sponsor John Copperwheat.

Left: Brodick Primary School's 'B Team'. 01_b23ba101



The team from Kilmory Primary School. 01_b23ba104



Pupils from the island's two smallest schools - Pirnmill and Corrie - joined forces for the event. 01_b23ba106



Whiting Bay's team with their coach/manager. 01_b23ba105



Left: Lamlash Primary School pupils were wearing their new strips for the first time. 01_b23ba103

Sannox lose Carran Cup at Carradale

Sannox Cricket Club travelled to Carradale on Sunday to play for the Carran Cup - an annual match played between the two clubs.

Unusually of late, Sannox travelled with 11 players and won the toss to field with short boundaries to the sight-screen ends.

Carradale looked steady all the way and posted a more than respectable 150 for 9 after their forty overs.

McMullen opened for Sannox with Pomeroy and made a slow start. A disciplined approach was needed and these two senior figures provided that.

They saw off the Carradale openers of McMillan and the more dangerous Keogh.

Martin Kemp struck a few good shots and pressed the score on for the visitors a little but he did not strike gold and gifted a dolly to the keeper off his glove.

Sannox newcomer Sam MacDowall had shown great potential at practise but perhaps due to the occasion or simply match nerves he was out third ball.

Shoring up was needed and Scott Weir briefly buttressed the collapsing structure, pressing McMullen to run singles and putting the hosting fielders under more pressure.

Chris Marriott never looked easy at the crease and could not rekindle the magic of last week's undefeated century.

Eric Dunn, (firing on three cylinders on account of the Steamie's after-performance party), did not scrub up well.

By this point, with 50 needed from five overs, the ask was too much almost for front-line batsmen, never mind the tailenders.

McGill went for a duck, Robinson at number ten too, and also Gourlay at number 11 making it a full house. The second hat-trick Sannox have conceded this season. Arguably the charge for runs could have started earlier meaning the Sannox middle order would have been under less pressure to shine so immediately.

The superbowl pitch had a few questions to answer but none that could have seriously affected the final outcome.

Sannox's bowling and fielding is a tidy outfit but batting remains one of the principle challenges in the weeks to come.

Any magicians with the necessary fairy dust will always be welcome at practise night every Tuesday Ormidale Park at 7pm.

Promising young motocross star celebrates three mainland wins



Thomas Gilmore from Brodick won all three of his races on Sunday at Duns motocross track.

A promising young motocross rider from Brodick was celebrating after winning all three of his races on the mainland last Sunday.

Thomas Gilmore, who is just eight, is a member of the Border Scottish Youth Motocross Club.

In the third round of the club championship which was held at Duns motocross track in the Borders, Thomas won all three of his races on his KTM50.

Dad Tom Gilmore said: 'He also came

third in the second round of the national championship on May 4 and 5.

'This is a fantastic achievement for a rider as young as Thomas.'

Also on the podium on Sunday was number 807, Murray Boal, who came second over all in the veterans class riding his Kawasaki KX250.

Spectators are welcome to see both Murray and Thomas practicing at the local motocross track on Tuesday evenings from 6pm at Southbank Farm in the Southend.

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Ewan is Arran Open golf champion for fourth time

Ewan McKinnon of Sannox was named Arran Open champion for the fourth time on Sunday after beating more than 100 golfers to the top spot at Brodick Golf Club.

As well as many of Brodick's own members the popular event attracted over 100 entries from other clubs - mostly on the mainland.

The overall winner was Ewan McKinnon, who won the competition for the fourth time in six years.

Ewan, who entered as always from his home club Corrie, was a bit unhappy

with his first round of 68 - which most of us would give our eye teeth for - but showed his class with a second round two under par 63 which gave him a one stroke winning total of 131 gross.

Rare double

Ewan is also a member of the host club and completed a rare double by winning the Bo Wallace cup for the best net score by a Brodick member.

The full list of prizewinners was: Taste of Arran Trophy for best gross score over 36 holes - 1 Ewan McKinnon (Corrie)

131, 2 Thomas Morrison (Kilsyth), 3 Paul McKellar (Royal Troon), 4 Graeme Campbell (Old Ranfurly), 5 Alan Brown (Kilsyth). Isle of Arran Distillers Trophy for best net score over 36 holes: 1 Gary Motherwell (Kilsyth) 128, 2 Bill Paton (West Kilbride), 3 Danny Rooney (Kilsyth)

4 Jim Christie (Avisford Park), 5 Kenneth O'Neill (Ballochmyle).

Bo Wallace Trophy for best net score over 36 holes by a Brodick Golf Club member - Ewan McKinnon 133.



Brodick Golf Club's captain, Nicol Hume (right) presents Ewan McKinnon with the Arran Open trophy for the fourth time in six years.

Brodick go top of football league

Brodick took on Lamlash FC on Monday night and went straight to the top of the table after a comfortable 5-0 victory.

Archie McNicol scored twice taking his goal tally to six for the season so far to go equal with Grant Adamson of Lamlash for the golden boot.

Brodick's new signing Jason Drury bagged one and the other two came from Euan 'Smithy' Smith and David Jenkins.

Brodick's centre back Kyle Barbour was given man of the match for preventing a goal going in for the second match in a row. Shiskine travelled to Whiting Bay to take on Southend in the other game of the night.

The game finished 5-1 to the home team with Donnie Park getting two of the goals.

Donnie was subsequently thrown to the ground by Shiskinekeeper (and Southend sponsor) Chris Marriot which earned Southend a penalty which was slotted through the posts by Nick Emsley.

Jamie Stewart also scored against his old team and Ryan Armstrong got the other.

Shiskine's only goal came from top scorer John Murchie.

Donnie Park was given man of the match.

Next week's fixtures see Northend take on Southend in Lochranza at 7pm and Brodick playing Shiskine at the Ormidale Park at 6.30pm. Lamlash have a bye.

Brodick's Archie named Glasgow team's player of the year

Archie McNicol from Brodick was named player of the year recently by his team Glasgow Amateurs.

The 20-year-old keen footballer received the golden boot trophy as player of the year as well as a glass award for also being top goalscorer of the season.

Archie, who is studying Sports Development at the University of West Scotland, said: 'I've been playing with Glasgow Amateurs for two seasons now and it has been

a lot of fun. When I was still living on Arran I used to travel away every weekend to play football on the mainland so it has been great to continue this while I'm at uni.'

Mid-table

Archie's team currently play in 10-team league and, despite him scoring around 20-30 goals this season, they finished mid-table this year.

He recently injured his hand playing football but he will still be taking to the field this summer with Brodick FC.



Archie McNicol of Brodick with his 'top goalscorer' and 'player of the year' trophies. 01_b23mcn01

Summer bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 3 June were as follows: N/S 1 John and Mary Dick -1450, 2 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland -1650, 3 Jan Beattie and Jean Barclay -1860. E/W 1 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingstone +2670, 2 John Baraclough and Janette McBride +2650, 3 Craig and Irene MacMillan +2150.

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