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Lorna and Stuart reunited after 43 years

Lorna Johnson of Lamlash has just met up with an old flame from 43 years ago.

She and Stuart McLeod were girlfriend and boyfriend in 1969. And now they are back in touch again, thanks to the Banner.

They both lived in Bridge of Weir with Stuart working in the Bank of Scotland and Lorna training as an airhostess.

Stuart told the Banner: 'Lorna was working with British Midland, flying out of East Midlands airport, and we just drifted apart.'

'She got married and went to live in Leicester. My wife died 10 years ago, and I recently began to think about finding Lorna.'

She had moved to Arran about eight years ago as a di-

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vorcee. Her sister Kate stayed in Brodick. Eight years ago they bumped into each other in Bridge of Weir.

Stuart said: 'We just passed in the street. When I turned round to look at her, she had stopped and was looking at me.'

'We just chatted for a couple of minutes but didn't take each others addresses, although she said that she now lived in Arran.'

Then last September, Stuart set about seriously trying to trace where his first love was now living.

'I went into the library in Johnstone and asked if they could trace a former resident

of Bridge of Weir who might now be living on Arran,' said Stuart.

'A chap sitting at the table behind me reading a book interrupted and said: 'Why don't you contact Howard Driver at the Banner?' His name was Jamie Wilson and he knew Howard well.'

'So I phoned the Banner and told Howard my story.'

'Laura who works on the front desk at the Banner said that she knew Lorna Johnson who lived in the same village as her, Lamlash, so she put me in touch with her. It was a real fairytale ending. Lorna has been over to see me and I have been to Arran.'

'We are on the phone to each other every other day and I'll be coming down again shortly.'

Lamlash wood fired power plant plans submitted

Arran timber could soon be used to power parts of the island if a combined heat and power plant in the forestry between Lamlash and Whiting Bay is approved.

Fergus Tickell of Northern Energy Development has applied for planning permission to establish and operate the wood fired power plant in the Dyemill Forest.

If the development gets the go ahead it will be located on a site within existing Forestry

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Commission land, not far from the main road on The Heights. Councillor John Bruce said: 'At one of my surgeries on Monday last week, several concerns were raised about this proposed project by a constituent and I will raise and explore these concerns with the planning officials.'

The nearest residential prop-

erty is Spion Kop which is to be found just over 300m from the proposed site boundary.

Meanwhile the individual dwellings of Gortonallister – a small hamlet – are also located close to the site and all are to be found close to the A841.

Access to the site for visitors and staff would be provided from The Heights by a new road through Forestry Commission land to the east of the proposed site.

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Lorna Johnson and Stuart McLeod, united again outside the Banner office. 02_b22meet02
Inset: Young loves Lorna and Stuart at the Bank of Scotland Christmas dance in the Grosvenor Hotel in 1969. b22meet01

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Brodict youngsters entitled to Jubilee mug

All children below primary school age that are residents of Brodict are entitled to have a village Jubilee mug which is a gift from Brodict Improvements Committee. The primary school children received one at their party last Friday.

To claim a mug all you have to do is to contact Alison Bilsland at Bilslands and she will present you with one.

Falls awareness week

As part of 'Falls Awareness Week' the physiotherapy and occupational therapy departments from Arran War Memorial Hospital will have a stand in Brodict Co-op on Thursday 21 June from 11am until 4pm.

Organised nationwide by Age UK, the idea of the event is to have information and advice on preventing falls.

Walker rescued at Laggan

A 73-year-old walker had to be evacuated from Laggan in the north of Arran last Thursday.

The local Coastguard team were called and Rescue Helicopter 177 was sent to evacuate the walker who was no longer able to continue the walk.

They were then taken to Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, for treatment.

Four peaks in four days for rescue team funds

Douglas Hotel owner Sean Henry and 16 of his pals climbed four peaks in four consecutive days last week.

And in the process they raised over £20,000 for the Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

They started in North Wales, climbing Snowdon on Monday, followed by England's highest peak, Scafell Pike in the Lake District on Tuesday, Ben Nevis on Wednesday and finally Goatfell on Thursday.

One of the team, former Douglas Hotel manager Pascal van den Broek, admitted that it came about as a late night idea that blossomed and became a full-blown challenge.

Great guys

He said: 'We are all in our forties and not particularly fit, but we were helped every step of the way by three great guys from the Arran Mountain Rescue Team. Our group came from Russia, America, Holland, Greece, Spain and India, as well as the UK.'

Ally Hume, Alan McNicol and Alex Roberts went down to Llanberis and met up with the boys.

'They gave us great advice about equipment and preparations,' said Pascal.

What were the worst moments of the challenge, we asked?

'Scrambling up Scafell Pike,' he answered. 'It is up and down, then up and down again; not like a steady climb at all. And then, of course, the midgets on Goatfell.'

Not nice

Sean added: 'Ben Nevis was really not nice. We had to start early to get up and down in time for the last ferry back to Arran.'

'We were up at 4.30am and the climb took about six hours.'

'But the Mountain Rescue boys were very professional. They do a great job and we were delighted to raise so much money for them.'



The group climbed four peaks in four days – they are pictured at the top of Goatfell on Thursday.

'Goatfell was OK until it began to rain on the way back down. It was hard going, but

it feels terrific now.'

And in keeping with the Arran theme, the boys polished

off a bottle of Arran Malt at each summit, supplied by headwaiter Mark Bunyan.



The German tour coach with two broken windows at Brodict pier. 02_b24bus01

German bus collides with Heritage Museum sign

A smart Mercedes coach loaded with German tourists had an argument with a large sign outside Arran Heritage Museum on Monday afternoon.

The driver, Jens Haseukopf, told the Banner that he had been reversing the coach after a visit to the museum, when he collided with the wrought iron red and white sign.

This smashed two large windows on the offside of the coach, but fortunately none of the 25 passengers was injured.

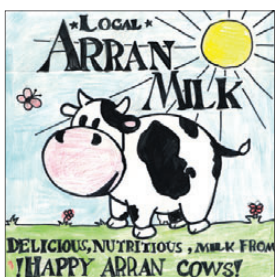
He explained that he had driven the tourists on the Bruckner coach from Dresden via Northern Ireland and was heading across to Edinburgh.

Assisted

Harry Anderson of Stagecoach Buses in Brodict said that they had assisted with covering the holes with blue polythene.

Stagecoach also provided a spare coach to take the passengers on an island trip before conveying them to a hotel in Ayr while the German coach was being repaired.

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Police files

Urinating in public

A 57-year-old Glasgow man was issued with a fixed penalty of £40 for urinating in public in Shore Road, Brodick on Friday 1 June.

Misuse of drugs

On Saturday night 9 June in Shore Road, Brodick a 19-year-old Corrie man was reported under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

Taking without consent

On Saturday night 9 June, a 19-year-old Pirnmill man was arrested between Brodick and Corrie and charged under Section 87 of the Road Traffic Act for having no MoT, no licence and taking a vehicle without the owner's consent.

The vehicle was seized by police and impounded due to it having no insurance.

Obstruction

On Sunday night 10 June in Shore Road, Lamblash a 25-year-old Lamblash man was arrested for obstruction under the Police (Scotland) Act.



The children's Jubilee flag on the beach at Sannox that was wrecked by vandals.

Children's jubilee flag wrecked by political vandals

Petty political vandals have wrecked a much-admired work of beach art which took youngsters a whole day to create.

The children - who were on holiday with their family in Corrie - collected hundreds of suitably coloured stones from the shore at Sannox and formed a Union Flag to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. But the unique exhibit, which earned fulsome praise from locals and island visitors, was ruined by persons unknown and replaced by a shabby attempt to replicate the Scottish saltire. One Sannox villager said: 'I had seen the youngsters painstakingly place all their stones and pebbles over the course of a day last week to form the Union Flag.'

'At first I had no idea what they were doing, but when I saw the finished article I was amazed.'

'It was a fantastic effort and a true work of art.'

'Lots of people visited the spot over the next few days and they were equally impressed.'

'What a pity some pathetic individual or people opted to totally spoil the show and try

to make some kind of political statement.

'For their information, when it comes to artistic skill and invention - they came a poor second to the kids!' The family who created the original flag depiction were from Yorkshire, spending the school half-term week in Corrie. The Sannox local added: 'I don't know when the thugs spoiled the youngsters' work - I just hope it was after they headed back south because they would have been very upset to see what happened.'

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Spotlight beckons for dancer Rose

An Arran girl is setting her sights on becoming a professional dancer.

Seventeen-year-old Rose McCormack is a member and assistant teacher at Arran Dancers and she has just secured a place at the prestigious Jazz Art UK College in Motherwell.

It is described as the country's newest and most innovative college of performing arts.

Rose told the Banner: 'I have been dancing on and off since I was four.'

'This is a one-year HNC professional stage course in ballet, jazz, modern and tap. I'm very excited.'

Arran Dancers group meets every Saturday at Arran High

School, under the tutelage of Fiona Rodriguez.

Fiona said: 'Rose passed her exams with High Merit.'

'She has the right measure of commitment and versatility, and if she is willing to embrace different styles she could have a great career on the stage.'

Rose hopes to follow her course with further study and would like to get a job dancing on a cruise ship.

Fiona has been teaching here on Arran since 2008 using the Royal Academy Dance syllabus and currently has 35 pupils.

She added: 'Arran Dancers is a parent-run society; anyone wanting to join can contact me on 07956099706.'



Rose McCormack with teacher Fiona Rodriguez in the dance studio at Arran High School last Saturday.
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Wood fired power plant plans submitted

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Timber will be delivered to the site approximately five times a day by lorry between the hours of 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday using existing forestry roads.

A source told The Banner that on paper the plans looked ideal and that any form of renewable energy would be welcomed on the island.

'But there are still a lot of questions to be answered,' he said. 'For one thing, there are pages and pages of information with the plans but we still don't know how the heat and electricity produced is going to be used.'

'How will it connect to the

National Grid? And is there any way the electricity can be used locally?

'Hopefully all these questions will be answered before the plans get the go ahead.'

Five years ago Mr Tickell told The Banner that he hoped to build 20 affordable houses supplied with heating and power by the biomass plant envisaged by Northern Energy Development. At the time he pointed to the line of electricity cables that run nearby, explaining that working power is already established on the site, as is water, with the main supply pipe close at hand.

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Kenneth Gibson MSP with David McAllister, prime minister of Lower Saxony.

German Premier seeks closer ties with Scotland

David McAllister, Prime Minister of Lower Saxony in North West Germany talked about opportunities for co-operation between Scotland and Germany when meeting Arran's MSP and Finance Convener Kenneth Gibson in the Scottish Parliament last Thursday.

Mr McAllister said: 'Last year Germany agreed across the political spectrum to divest itself of all nuclear power stations by 2022.'

'We are therefore committed to having 90 percent of

our energy produced from renewables by 2020. With Scotland going for a target of 100% we believe there are great opportunities to co-operate in delivering renewable technologies across the North Sea.

'Cultural and educational exchanges are also vital and we are also keen for apprentices from both our countries to have an opportunity of training in both Scotland and Lower Saxony.'

Commenting, Mr Gibson said: 'Germany, Austria and Switzerland together represent a prosperous market of

95 million German speakers almost on our doorstep. The tourism potential for Arran is enormous.

'Germany is our fourth biggest export market, worth £1.3 billion to Scotland last year. A growing German economy will mean even greater opportunities for Scottish companies. As Mr McAllister made clear, enhancing the teaching of German in Scottish schools and at universities will help build relationships between our countries and increase both our exports and create jobs in Arran and across Scotland.'

Recycling increase welcomed

The amount of plastics recycled across the region has increased by 200 per cent since North Ayrshire Council made improvements to their service two months ago.

The massive increase is a result of householders now being able to recycle a wider range of plastics and materials in their blue bins.

Residents from across North Ayrshire are now being urged to continue to recycle more plastic in their blue bins ahead of Recycling Week.

Craig Hatton, North Ayrshire Council Head of Environment and Related Services, said: 'The new improved blue bin recycling service has only been in operation for two months but has been well-received and supported by householders.'

'The improvements mean that residents in North Ayrshire are able to recycle more plastic, including plastic toys and boxes, glass bottles and jars as well as papers, cardboard and cans in the one container.'

Councillor John Ferguson, spokesman for environment and infrastructure, said: 'The one-stop-shop approach to the new service, where residents can recycle more materials in one bin, makes it easier for people to recycle at home.'

'Collecting these materials in one container reduces our vehicle journeys, means less waste going to landfill and has a positive carbon benefit to the environment.'

'We thank residents for their

support and aim to continue to increase the amount of material recycled in North Ayrshire in the months and years ahead.'

North Ayrshire Council Waste awareness officers and representatives of Zero Waste Scotland will be at events across the district to mark Recycle Week.

Information and advice stands will provide details of the extended range of materials that can be recycled in blue bins; tips for on reducing household waste and Love Food Hate Waste campaign information.

Recycling week takes place from 18 to 24 June.

The Island Pony by Jennifer Williams

Jennifer Williams of Brodick has written an attractive little book all about horses.

And in particular about Arran horses.

Called 'The Island Pony' it details the history of horses and their relationship with man and is written with humour and illustrated with her own drawings.

Jennifer said: 'I came to Arran in 1983 with over 20 years experience with horses – or so I thought.'

'In my time here it has been a privilege to observe and learn from horses and ponies that live a little on the wild side. Many of them took great pleasure, and pain, teaching me that everything I thought I knew was not how it should really be.'

'This book is dedicated to the wonderful horses and ponies I have met on the Isle of Arran.'

The book is on sale at the Book and Card Centre in Brodick.

Twice up Goatfell at five years old

A five-year-old boy from West Kilbride climbed Goatfell twice last week.

Noah Graham was here on holiday with his family, staying in their holiday home at The Paddocks, Auchrannie Road.

His Mum Tracy told The Banner: 'We climbed Goatfell earlier in the week, then when Noah's seven-year-old sister Sophie came over to join us and wanted to go up Goatfell, he insisted on going up again.'

'Not only that, but the service bus from Brodick was full, so he walked all the way from Bilslands to Cladach, then up to the top of the hill again.'



Five-year-old Noah Graham and his sister Sophie, at the top of Goatfell. b24noah01

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Major expansion in pipeline for Arran Brewery

Ambitious new expansion plans for the Arran Brewery involve raising £10million by offering shares to the public.

This would enable the company to build a new brewery on Arran and increase capacity ten-fold, develop a new bottling plant in Ayrshire or Renfrewshire, set up a chain of pubs in Central Scotland and move into the export market.

Owner Gerald Michaluk, who bought the company out of administration in June 2008, said: 'Staff have already been recruited and we have now a team of four brewers all ready for the new equipment.'

The brewery equipment will come from Germany and get installed in the new building at Cladach.

He added: 'People will be offered different classes of shares and we are looking at investments starting from around £200.'

'We believe that there is a huge potential for the export of our products. We have taken the last few years getting things right in the UK.'

'We are now in a good position and this is the next step.'

He explained that the move into pub business would involve selling mainly Arran products along with other guest beers from Scotland.

The brewery now produces more than 500,000 bottles of beer a year and has deals with Asda, Tesco, Sainsburys and the Co-op.

Brewery shares should be available from September.



Graeme Kerr of Allergy and Hygiene Solutions with Auchrannie staff last Tuesday; from left, Zsuzsa Pato, Ian Hamilton, Craig Beedie, Ian McAdams and Chris Burns. 02_b24auch01

New allergy and hygiene course for Auchrannie staff

Allergies are on the increase. Or at least the awareness of them is very much in the public eye.

And one Arran man has made it his business to help hospitality businesses cope with this increasing prevalence. Graeme Kerr, formerly of Shiskine, has started a company called Allergy and Hygiene Solutions and he is

giving courses to companies throughout Scotland.

Graeme told The Banner: 'I've been a lecturer in hospitality for 32 years. Arran folk probably know me better as Gator's wee brother.'

Course

'We are offering a brand new allergy awareness course for hotels, restaurants and guest houses, including com-

munity and volunteer sectors. We aim to provide enjoyable certified courses that meet the requirements of REHIS (Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland) who are the governing body dealing with all food safety matters.

'In the event of an outbreak of food poisoning, for example, the only defence available is that of due diligence. The easiest way of proving this is for all staff to be trained in food hygiene.'

Clients

Graeme's clients already include Auchrannie Country House Hotel, Inverclyde Council, West Dunbartonshire Council and James Watt College.

Last week the staff at Auchrannie completed the course and Graeme presented them with their certificates. Graeme added: 'The

Auchrannie has embraced the idea and is the first hotel in Scotland to take this up.'

Ian Hamilton, Auchrannie operations manager, said: 'It's enlightening to see what different allergies there are.'

'Anyone here who has got anything to do with food has now passed this course.'

End of the road for Arran's Legion branch

The Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion is closing down.

A letter from the branch chairman Alan Milligan on page eight of this week's Banner details that the group is being dissolved.

Alan told the Banner: 'I think it's a tragedy - maybe we could have battled on.'

'We had a special meeting and only 12 of our 35 members turned up. There was a proposal to wind the branch up, and it was carried.'

'The committee will now run down the branch, lay up our Standard and hand over assets to Area Council.'

'We've got until 31 October, so it could still be resurrected if there was enough interest.'

Anyone who would be interested in keeping the Legion going should contact Alan on 303968.

Murder book set on Arran

A Prestwick author has recently self-published an adult murder mystery called 'Murder on the Isle of Arran'.

The book by Norman Deeley is just over 90,000 words long and is available for Kindle e-books.

The tale focuses on Andrew Fullerton, a wealthy businessman, who is found dead in a burn on the island.

Suspicion immediately falls on a group of amateur writers who stand to benefit from the prizes he was about to award.

Arran Animal Park plans scrapped

Plans for a new animal park for the southend of Arran have been scrapped.

Gordon and Kathleen Graham of Edinburgh had hoped to establish Arran Animal Park at the remote steading of Auchareoch near Kilmory.

Now Gordon has told the Banner that it will not go ahead.

He said: 'For six months we have lived and breathed Arran Animal Park but now we are reluctantly pulling the

project. We were entirely passionate about it, but the terms and conditions have been changed by the funders.'

'North Ayrshire Council have been very helpful, but it is amazing how many brick walls we have hit.'

Hoofed animals

Kathleen was head keeper of hoofed animals at Edinburgh Zoo and worked there for 14 years.

The couple lodged a planning application in February

and had intended to stock the park with zebras, meerkats and wallabies as well as pigmy goats, donkeys, chickens, ducks and rabbits.

They had contacted all the island primary schools and hoped to make the park an educational attraction. But last Wednesday, Gordon was telephoning the schools to give them the bad news.

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Beach clean leaves Lamlash spic and span

Lamlash was spruced up for the summer season and left spic and span on Sunday after the community gathered for

the annual beach clean.

Litter
Organised by Lamlash Improvements, 15 people gath-

ered on the front green to help pick up the litter left on the beach or washed up on the shore during the winter.



District nurses Karen Stirland and Julie Graham completed the 'sponsored stagger' for Springer Rescue Scotland.

District nurses do a 'sponsored stagger'

Two of Arran's well-known district nurses carried out a 'sponsored stagger' from Sannox to Lochranza on Tuesday.

Julie Graham and Karen Stirland with their dogs Jock and Max staggered as a fundraiser for Springer Rescue for Scotland (SRS).

The charity's policy does not conceive of putting a dog to sleep except as a last resort. However, at the moment they have a dog, Fudge, with a heart murmur and a serious skin condition.

Expensive

While this is treatable it is inordinately more expensive than present funds will allow, so a fund raising effort is being made.

While the dog has been permanently located in a foster home, SRS are committed to covering vets bills as they always do for dogs that are adopted with medical conditions.

SRS, a registered charity, is run entirely by volunteers and sometimes this extra expense is more than their funding can provide.

Hence the current fundraising effort and Julie and

Karen's sponsored stagger.

Should anyone wish to contribute, donations should be made out to Springer Rescue for Scotland and sent to Julie Graham, Hillcrest, Lochranza.



Jim Arnold presenting the Best Scout award to Alison Provan. b24sct01

Alison Provan is Best Scout

Last week Jim Arnold of Whiting Bay presented the 2012 Jim Arnold Shield for Best Scout to Alison Provan.

Throughout the year, the scouts are awarded points for attendance, inspection and for badges.

At the end of the year the scout with the most badges wins the shield, and this year Alison was the proud recipient.



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In training for the 11th annual Lamlash Splash; from left, Claire Marriott, Glen Sloss, Ann Hart, Mike Mellor, Dawn Ulivi, Lisa Allan and Colin Guthrie.

Swimmers in training for Lamlash Splash

The 2012 Lamlash Splash will take place on Saturday 15 September.

The event attracts many seasoned open water swimmers from all parts of Britain but this year the organisers are trying to encourage more island residents to have a go.

To this end, they have started training sessions for the event that sees swimmers making

their way through choppy water the 1.3 miles from Holy Isle, across Lamlash Bay and to Lamlash pier.

Three weeks ago, the Banner reported that Sally Hunter and Neil Gillies who have organised the event for the past 10 years are handing over the reins to Ann Hart, Dawn Ulivi, Heather Reside, Glen Sloss and Mike Mellor.

If you are interested in joining the training sessions, please text Dawn on 07525809727.

At last year's 10th anniversary Splash, only five local swimmers were in the field. So far there are seven islanders in training this year. Last year's winner, Raymond Olson of Glasgow finished in just under 25 minutes.

Diamond Jubilee mugs for Lamlash youngsters

Special commemorative Diamond Jubilee mugs were given to all the pupils at Lamlash Primary School last Friday to mark the historic occasion.

Specifically designed by Lamlash Improvements with help from Graham Chappell at Arran Graphics, the mugs feature a beautiful jubilee emblem that prominently features Arran.

Remember

Headteacher Douglas Auld, said: 'These are a lovely gift for the children to have and hopefully they will look back in 60 years time and remember the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.'

All 91 pupils received a mug as a keepsake of the occasion.

Timothy Billings, the new joint-chairman of Lamlash Improvements said: 'We are slowly trying to get the committee back on-track and believe that smaller events and gestures are the way forward.'

'We felt that a Jubilee mug was a wonderful gift for the children of our community and something that they will treasure for many years to come.'



Jake Young, Aleena Rojan and Megan Duncan proudly display their special Diamond Jubilee mugs with headteacher Mr Auld, left, and Timothy Billings of Lamlash Improvements. 01_b24mug01

Drift Inn on 'Scotland's Best Pub' shortlist

The Drift Inn in Lamlash has been short-listed in the Sunday Mail's 2012 Pub of the Year competition.

The popular bar is one of 12 nominees ranging from The Old Forge at Knoydart, the remotest pub in mainland Britain, to the State Bar in Sauchiehall Street.

The Drift is described as having views across the bay to Holy Isle and serving good, home-cooked meals 'you couldn't ask for a more beautiful setting'.

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Gaelic it would seem is our 'national' language – the signs are everywhere.

It's a shame the same cannot be said of its speakers.

Catching the train from Ardrossan to Glasgow last Saturday I was amused to see all the station names were in Gaelic as well as English.

I'm convinced there isn't one person in Kilwinning that could tell you the Gaelic name for the town is Cill Fhinean – unless of course they'd just read it on the station signs!

Anyone who lives in a big British city got used long ago to the idea of English as one local language among many: the opening hours of the council offices posted in Punjabi, Turkish, Somali and Bengali, for example.

But the Gaelic phrases peppered across our road signs continue to surprise me.

They don't represent this present Britain. They exist in a more historical landscape, to redress old rural grievances rather than to express new metropolitan demands.

The European charter for regional or minority languages calls them 'autochthonous', which strictly means native, but now also carries the suggestion of a language that's been displaced in importance by a more popular newcomer. It is doubtful that many people in Ayrshire would ever have spoken Gaelic.

Lowland Scots – the language of Burns – would have been the native tongue in years gone by, and it can still be heard on occasions. Of this particular kingdom's minority languages, I can understand Scots and Ulster Scots – if languages, and not dialects, are what they are.

With a little practice and recollection, remembering the words and expressions my grandparents used and looking up others in a dictionary, I might even be able to speak the first. However all the Celtic languages are a mystery. How far would I need to reach back to discover an ancestor who spoke Gaelic alone?

By 1755, Gaelic speakers numbered only 23 per cent of the Scottish population, which had shrunk by 1901 to 4.5 per cent and 100 years later to 1.2 per cent.

Today about 60,000 people speak it, most of them concentrated in the Western Isles, and all of them bilingual in English. But because Gaelic has been designated a national language, bilingual road signs are springing up in places where the language would never have been spoken.

According to one Gaelic speaker, the sight of a Gaelic name board far from his home in Lewis 'refreshes a part of my soul' and reminds him of Gaelic's fullest extent. More materially, it helps the tourist trade by rewarding visitors with the sense of the difference that all tourists seek.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.'
(Ephesians 4:32)

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Letters to the Editor



Legion branch dissolved

Sir,
It is with some regret that after a special Business meeting held in the MacLaren Hotel on Thursday 7 June 2012, I wish to inform the general public who have supported us over two decades, and those members who chose not to attend the Special meeting, that a decision was taken by the members present, that the Arran Branch be dissolved on October 31 2012.

The present committee will now follow rule 19 of the Royal British Legion (Scotland) constitution and run down the branch, lay up our Standard and hand over any assets to the appropriate Area Council.

Once again, may I take this opportunity on behalf of all those who have worked hard to continue the fund raising of the Branch to thank you all for your support over the years.

Yours,
Alan Milligan
Chairman
Royal British Legion
Arran Branch

Hamilton terrace tales

Sir,
As a Hamilton Terrace homeowner, I have embarked on a project to record and publish stories about Hamilton Terrace and its residents.

Hamilton Terrace in Lamlash is a charming historic housing development built in 1894 by the Duke of Montrose.

Some of the current residents of the houses were born on the terrace and are descendants of the original occupants.

Several have already been interviewed and their stories are heart warming and delightful. They have contributed old photos of the terrace that have been supplemented by the collection at the Arran Heritage Museum.

Museum volunteers have been most helpful in this project and we are now reaching out to all descendants of Hamilton Terrace residents

who could contribute stories and photos.

According to the 1901 Census, residents of the Terrace included the following families:

James Leitch, Martha Sil-lars, Donald Mathie, Margaret Stirling, William McKenzie, Barbara Livingstone, Janet Hunter, James McInnes, John Hunter, Isabella Hamilton, Ann Nichol, Margaret Hamilton, Catherine Thomson, Elizabeth Young.

I look forward to hearing from anyone connected to these original residents.

Contact me by telephone at 601242 or email sshenhav@zahav.net.il

Yours,
Sharon Shenhav
11 Hamilton Terrace
Lamlash

Olympic Sunday Special

Sir,
Due to essential remedial groundworks to the field at Harbourview, Blackwater-foot it is with regret that we announce that we will not be having our usual sports day on Saturday 7 July or five-a-side football tournament.

However to make up for this disappointment to our loyal supporters we are hosting an extra special Olympic Sunday Special on July 8 starting with our Family Texas Scramble, 9-1pm (theme The Olympics) followed at 3pm by our very own Shiskine Olympic Torch Relay Race. Shiskine Playgroup have kindly agreed to do the BBQ this year and any local groups keen to have a fundraising stall should contact Karen Haggarty 860246 or Liz Kerr 860291.

As Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club are very kindly allowing us to invade them for the entire Sunday, space will be more limited and booking your spot will be essential. Weather permitting we hope to have children's races on the 12th fairway from 2pm and also some golf and Olympic themed activities to keep the whole family entertained while supporting local charities. The money raised over this

weekend goes towards a host of local good causes who rely on this annual boost to their income.

So please come along to Shiskine Golf Club on Sunday 8 July and join in our Olympic Special.

Yours,
Liz Kerr
Shiskine Valley Sports Day
Committee

Christmas party fundraiser

Sir,
Shiskine & Machrie Senior Citizens Committee is delighted to inform our 'tea tent' regulars that, thanks to George and Marjorie Bannatyne, our fundraising in aid of the Christmas Party will be held at Lochside, Kilpatrick on Wednesday 8 August from 2 - 4pm.

We will have our usual teas and homebaking, sales table and tombola.

In addition we will have a car boot sale and welcome anyone interested in this to contact us.

There will be a charge of £10 per car. We would also welcome enquiries from any local group interested in taking this opportunity to raise their own funds.

We look forward to seeing you all there, and of course again in 2013 at Shiskine Valley Sports Day in the newly re-surfaced Harbourview Sports Field.

Contact Myra on 860569 or Wilma on 860773 for more details.

Yours,
Committee Members
Shiskine and Machrie
Senior Citizens

Shimmer success

Sir,
We would like to thank all new customers that joined us for the Shimmer Ladies Clothing Event at the Ormidale Pavilion on Tuesday.

We all enjoyed the day especially Mrs Brown of Lamlash who won our free prize draw, £50 worth of Gift Vouchers.

We would also like to make a special thank you to Kenny Morrison of the Ormidale Pavilion.

A second event will be

planned in the next few months and we hope to see you again!

Yours,
Margaret and Gillian Black
Shimmer Ladies Clothing

Crafts Day at the Heritage Museum

The annual Crafts Day will be held at Arran Heritage Museum at Rosaburn this Sunday 17 June.

As well as the usual exhibits, there will be demonstrations of spinning, weaving and quilting plus sheep shearing and wool dyeing, weather permitting.

Other attractions will be butter churning, Gaelic singing, traditional dancing by children, Isle of Arran Pipe Band and tombola. The entertainment will run from 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

The museum and tearoom is open from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

Christian Aid collection

Kilmory Church raised £440 for Christian Aid week through their collections in the southend between Ben-nan and Corriecravie.

Thank you to all who donated.

Correction

In the Arran Banner of 26 May, 2012 it stated that a 55-year-old Whiting Bay woman was charged with committing an offence under the Rent Act (Scotland) in Lamlash.

This information has proved to be inaccurate. The woman was not charged with any offence.

Strathclyde Police confirm that the woman was the subject of investigations of a complaint under the Rent Act (Scotland).

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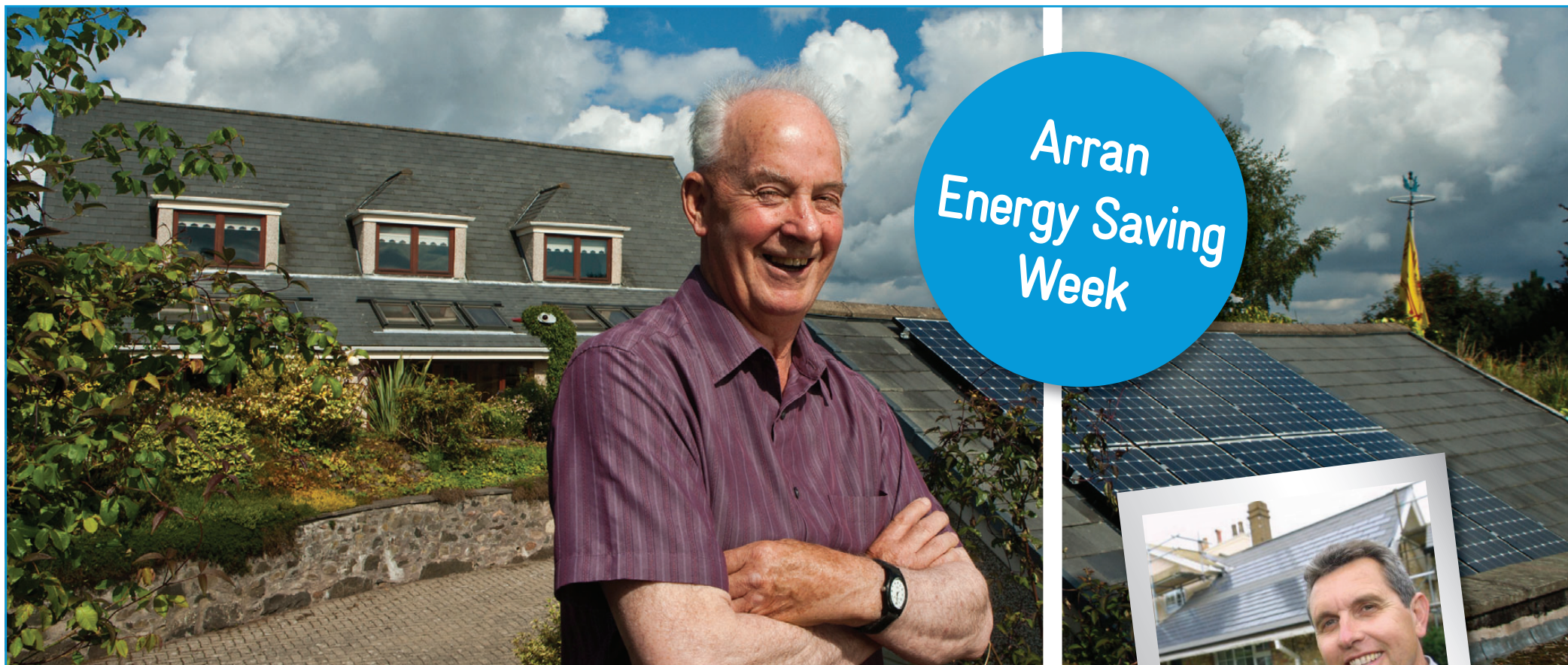
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Where we will be:

Wednesday 20 June

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Thursday 21 June

Lochranza Hall, Energy Advice Surgery
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Corrie Hall, Energy Advice Surgery
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Friday 22 June

Whiting Bay Hall, Energy Advice Surgery
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Auchrannie House Hotel, Information Talks
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Renewable Energy Talk - 5.00pm
Sustainable Transport Talk - 6.00pm
Please call to book a place at these sessions
as space may be limited.

Saturday 23 June

Ormidale Pavillion, Energy Showcase Exhibition
12.30pm to 3.00pm

The Energy Saving Scotland advice centre South West is holding an Energy Saving Week on Arran to help residents save energy and money. Energy and fuel prices have increased rapidly and islanders will be feeling the pinch even more than their mainland counterparts. The advice centre is here to help.

Funded by Scottish Government and managed by the Energy Saving Trust, the advice centre provides free, impartial and expert advice to help save energy, cut fuel bills, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and help fight climate change. This advice is available to both householders and small businesses.

The advice centre can:

- Provide you with personalised home energy reports, showing the best energy saving methods for your home;
- Give you information about offers that are available in your local area;
- Provide information about or refer you to local professional installers;
- Advise about more fuel efficient cars and ways you can cut your fuel consumption when driving;
- Give support that might boost your income and make your home warmer and cheaper to heat;
- Advise on choosing renewable technologies that suit your home;
- Help you source energy efficient appliances for your home.

The advice centre is holding a series of events during Energy Saving Week to meet householders and provide support. Come along to the free events to find out what is available for you.

Call 0800 512 012 to find out more or email: energysavingscotland@energyagency.org.uk

Islanders join the Green Homes Network

There are lots of people on Arran already benefiting from using renewables systems in their home.

The Energy Saving Scotland advice centre has asked some of these householders to join the Green Homes Network to give people the opportunity to learn from real life experiences of renewable and low carbon technologies.

This way people that are keen to install a technology can find out first-hand how different renewables systems run in real homes, hear about actual costs and savings and get tips and advice that could help.

Reg Morgan in Lochranza owns one of the Green Homes on Arran.

He installed solar photovoltaic panels at his home in North Newton following the last Arran Energy Saving Week.

'I would definitely recommend having solar panels fitted,' he told The Banner. 'I was really impressed with the Energy Trust's roadshows on Arran last year and decided to go ahead with panels.'

'They came out the house very soon after and did a site inspection and I had eight panels fitted on my workshop roof last July.'

He added: 'I was impressed with the way they worked to my budget and I have been reaping the benefits ever

since.'

If you have installed renewable technologies or energy saving measures and would like to join the Green Homes Network, or if you

would like to visit a Green Home come along and speak to one of the Energy Saving Scotland advisors at an event or call 0800 512 012.

Following last year's Energy Saving Week on Arran, Reg Morgan in Lochranza installed solar panels at his home. b24reg02NO



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At our **ecosure** offices in Stevenston, Ayrshire we have developed a training centre that customers can visit to see Solar PV and Solar Thermal Technologies in action and will be installing a heat pump soon.

If you would like to arrange a visit, discuss how renewable energy technologies could help you reduce your energy bills or arrange for a free property survey please call **Robert McKelvie**, Renewable Manager, **ecosure** on **01294 468113** e robert.mckelvie@ecosure-scotland.co.uk



Save money on business transport

Arran businesses looking to save money and top up their green credentials are urged to take advantage of the Energy Saving Trust's business transport package to help make their transport and travel arrangements more environmentally sustainable.

Funded by Transport Scotland, the Energy Saving Trust has so far supported over 280 Scottish businesses in reducing their transport-related carbon impact and has identified hundreds of thousands of pounds of savings for businesses to make, which consequently increases their cash flow and frees up money during this difficult economic period.

Businesses can access a range of customised services through one-to-one support from a specialist transport advisor.

They can provide free sustainable transport reviews, access to fuel efficient driver training sessions and an

interest-free transport loan to fund measures that improve transport sustainability within the business.

Measures include video and teleconference facilities, bikes and bike storage units, fleet management software, vehicle efficiency devices and electric vehicles.

Ian Murdoch, Energy Saving Trust Scotland Transport Manager, said: 'The business transport package is ideal for any Scottish organisation looking to save money and fuel through their transport procedures. Funds are limited though, so contact us as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.'

The Energy Saving Trust has

a team of specialist advisors who carry out free sustainable transport reviews in order to assess transport needs, from which they will then produce an independent report of recommendations, identifying what can be done to help organisations save money and reduce carbon emissions. Applications are welcomed from every size and type of organisation, including private sector businesses, the government and the public sector.

Abbé Cusack, transport advisor for south west Scotland, will be delivering a talk on Friday of energy saving week on both domestic and business transport.



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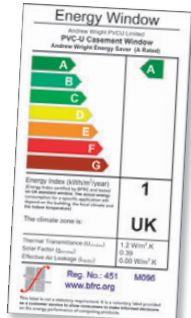
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Fuel Efficient Driving

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This is one in a series of Energy Saving Trust-organised events taking place across Ayrshire over the next two months in a bid to encourage motorists to save money and cut their carbon dioxide emissions.

Energy Saving Scotland transport advisor Abbé Cusack said: 'Fuel Efficient Driving not only leaves you with more cash in your pocket but

also a smaller carbon footprint.

'I would urge anyone living on Arran to book a training session. If you can't make it, give us a ring and we will take your details. We can then book you into a future session on Arran or the mainland. It's amazing how people can save fuel and money by adopting a slightly different driving technique.' Fuel Efficient Driver training sessions typically cost £40, but for the discounted price of just £12, drivers get a 50-minute session from a highly experienced Approved Driving Instructor. Abbé added: 'Anyone in-

terested in saving money should snap these sessions up as soon as they can, while stocks last.

Other benefits of Fuel Efficient Driving include reduced wear and tear on the car and drivers learn to anticipate road and traffic conditions further ahead reducing the chance of accidents.'

According to the Energy Saving Trust, by following Fuel Efficient Driving techniques motorists could save around 15 per cent per year on fuel. And with the average annual cost of filling up your fuel tank in the UK standing at £1800 this represents a massive £300 saving for drivers.



The Banner's own Howard Driver took part in a fuel efficient driver training course on the island last September. 01_b24car01

Just in case we have piqued your interest, here are the Ten Top Fuel Efficient Driving Tips (if you want to make a start now)

1. Shift to a higher gear as soon as possible

Driving at lower engine speeds reduces fuel consumption. Change up between 2,000 and 2,500 rpm.

2. Anticipate road conditions and drive more smoothly

Rather than last minute braking, decelerate smoothly by easing off on the accelerator as early as possible. This allows the car to decelerate using engine braking.

With the car in gear and the accelerator released, a modern car uses virtually no fuel at all. This form of braking is also gentler on the car and its occupants.

3. Maintain a steady speed in as high a gear as possible

Driving at a steady speed requires little effort for the engine. Avoiding unnecessary acceleration and heavy braking helps reduce your fuel consumption.

4. Drive a little slower

Stick to the speed limits and make your fuel go further. For most cars the most efficient speed is 45-50 mph. The faster you go above this, the more fuel you will use. Driving at 50mph rather than 70mph reduces your fuel consumption by 10 per cent at a stroke.

5. Switch off if you're stationary for more than a minute

When stuck in traffic or waiting for someone, switch off your engine. Switching off whenever it's safe to do so can soon lead to significant savings.

6. Keep your tyres properly inflated

Under-inflated tyres not only lead to poor road holding but also cause excessive drag and resistance, increasing fuel consumption. Both over and under-inflated tyres can be dangerous to road holding, so make sure your tyres are at their recommended pressure.

7. Switch off air conditioning

Use air conditioning sparingly as your engine has to work harder to power the air conditioning machinery. If driving at low speed, open the window instead.

8. Close your windows if travelling at 50mph or more

The aerodynamic drag on your car of an open window at speeds of 50mph or more adds to your fuel usage. Keep your windows closed at high speeds.

9. Remove roof boxes and racks if not being used

Car designers try hard to make their vehicles as aerodynamic as possible. Adding a roof box or rack spoils this by increasing drag on your car, making your engine work harder and increases fuel usage.

10. Remove unnecessary items

Carrying excess weight in a vehicle increases fuel consumption. Heavy or large items, such as tool kits and golf clubs should be removed when not required.



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the scheme you could claim up to £1,250 for a renewable heating system.

Since the scheme was introduced on 1 August 2011, Scottish households who have signed up to the scheme have saved hundreds of pounds.

Sixty seconds with... Brendan McCann – home renewables advisor, Energy Saving Scotland advice centre

Tell us a bit about your job...

I advise people on their options for generating their own energy and heat and about how to make their homes more energy efficient. I either give the advice over the phone or I can visit people in their home to give more in depth advice.

Some of our readers may recognise you then...

Yes they might! I visited around 50 homes after the last energy saving week in 2011. I spent a lot of time on the island in the months afterwards and people were really welcoming.

You must have seen a lot of houses then. What's the most unusual thing you've seen?

There's so many to choose from! One that sticks out was a heat pump being used to heat a swimming pool. It was tempting to dive in and test the water temperature! I've also seen some pretty innovative DIY versions of the technologies. One was a solar panel made from an old radiator and some perspex, which worked really well! My favourites though have to be the homes with old, original technologies that still work, like old water wheels constructed from wood. It shows that we've come full circle back to using renewable resources and that the modern versions work in very similar ways, just perhaps a bit more efficiently!

Are you back for Energy Saving Week then?

Yes. Myself and some of my colleagues will be touring the island with events in local halls and a couple in Brodick. I'll be giving a talk on the Friday evening on renewable technology and I'm looking forward to seeing how people have been getting on since the last time I saw them.

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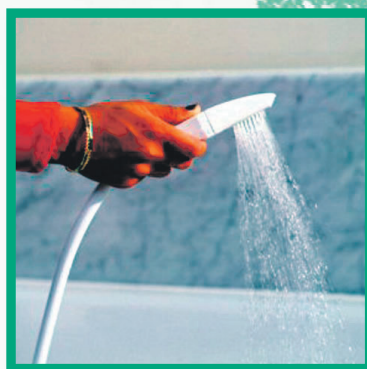
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When you live in a place like Arran with a lot of rainfall you could be mistaken in thinking that conserving water isn't an issue.

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Around 30 per cent of the average household's heating bills are spent

on heating water – that's around £200 a year. The cost could be even higher if you use an electric immersion heater.

With energy bills increasing, using water efficiently is a simple and easy way

to save money.

Considerable savings can be made on your energy bills by only using the hot water you really need.

If you follow these top tips, you could start saving today.

Water saving tips for inside the home

- **Snub the tub** - By replacing one bath a week with a five minute shower, a four person family can save on average around £18 on energy bills.
- **Fill 'em up** - Make sure that your dishwasher and washing machine are full before putting them on and always use the most water and energy efficiency settings. When it is time to replace your appliance, look out for Energy Saving Trust Recommended products.
- **Suds law** - Using a bowl to wash up rather than leaving the hot tap running could save around £34 a year on a household's gas bills if you wash up twice a day. Use cold water where possible and don't keep the tap running.
- **Go off the boil** - Only boil as much water as you need to avoid unnecessarily heating water you won't even use!
- **Turn it off** - A running tap uses around six litres of water a minute so turn off the tap whilst brushing your teeth, shaving or washing your face and use cold water where you don't need hot.
- **Don't be a drip** - A dripping tap wastes over 5,500 litres of water a year so make sure your taps are properly turned off and change washers when the tap starts dripping.
- **Make it go further** - Where possible try and reuse unused water, for example pour your left over glasses of water on houseplants, and avoid wasting water from running taps whilst waiting for hot water.

Water saving tips for outside the home

- **Get your butt in gear** - Your roof collects enough rainwater to fill 450 water butts every year. Invest in a water butt and use this to water your garden, houseplants and wash your car. Rainwater is better for plants than tap water as it is softer.
- **Become a fan of the can** - Your hose-pipe can use as much water in an hour as a family of four in a day, so get back to basics and swap your hose for a watering can filled with water from your water butt when watering your garden.
- **Bucket the trend** - Avoid jet washes and energy wasting auto car washes. Use the water from your water butt to wash your car using a good old bucket and sponge.
- **Mulch ado about something** - Mulches such as pebbles, gravel and chipped bark require low maintenance and are perfect for keeping moisture in the ground and weeds at bay.

Darkmoor discovered on Isle of Arran

Victoria Barry of Oswaldtwistle has written a book called Darkmoor: the Darkness Discovered, that is based on the Isle of Arran.

This came about because her husband Glenn used to live in Brodick at 18 Hillview Place, and while on one of their regular holidays here she had the inspiration for the book.

Victoria said: 'As a child I always wanted to write a children's fantasy adventure story. Then five years ago I was sitting on Lamlash beach watching our children play.

'Looking across to Holy Isle, I suddenly had the setting of my story.'

Now she has had her book published and is busy visiting

primary schools telling children about her story, accompanied by storyboards with photos of Arran.

The family stay at Auchranie when they come here, and will be back again next summer. Anyone wanting to find out more should contact victoriabarry@darkmoorchildrenbooks.com.uk



Victoria Barry with her Arran book at The Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Primary School in Preston. b24dark01



Margaret Kay's six Yorkshire Terriers get ready to work on the contact trainer. b24dog02

Margaret Kay's dog agility classes back at Sandbraes

Margaret Kay's popular dog agility classes are taking to the open air again.

After running in Whiting Bay Hall since January, they will be heading back to Sandbraes Park where they were well-attended last summer.

Classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons where dogs will be involved in a mix of obedience and agility.

Young and beginner dogs' classes are from 1pm to 2pm, with intermediate dogs from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Classes will run at Sandbraes from 20 June to 26 September - if wet

they will relocate to Whiting Bay Hall.

The classes will make a donation to hall funds for the use of the field, and as before, any surplus funds will be used to buy more equipment.

All surplus funds so far have been used to buy three doggy jumps, a tunnel, a contact

trainer, four cavalotti jumps, two sets of weave poles, a seesaw, a raised walkway and an A-frame.

The next item on the wish list is rubber matting for the hall.

If anyone wants more information, they should phone Margaret on 600725.

Midsummer night's walk at Brodick Castle Country Park

Brodick Castle and Country Park will be holding a special Midsummer's Mountain Sunset Walk on Thursday 21 June.

You can join the mountain rangers to see the midsummer sunset over Jura from the lofty heights of Beinn Nuis and Beinn Tarsuinn.

Kate Sampson, Senior Ranger for Goatfell and Brodick Country Park said: 'You should experience the sun going down from the top of Arran's mountains. This stunning sight is not to be missed.'

Strenuous

This is a strenuous mountain walk, with some off path walking in poor light conditions and begins at 4pm, expected to end around 11pm.

This event is followed by the Wildflowers for Beginners day on Sunday 24 June.

Kate said: 'Here we offer the chance for beginners to learn all about identifying Arran's wildflowers. Some key work is involved but it is

aimed at people with limited knowledge of them.'

The Wildflowers for Beginners course starts at 2pm, ending at 4.30pm.

This event is only suitable

for over 16s.

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Success for The Valdete Trust

For four years Sue and Julian Davidson of Whiting Bay have worked tirelessly to create a centre for disabled youngsters in Albania.

Through the pages of The Banner they would like to share an update on their project with all their Arran supporters.

'We'd just like to tell our many friends and supporters of our recent good news. We have now taken possession of

the building we've been waiting for in the village of Gërdec, which is about 12 miles from Tirana, the capital city.

I've just returned from Albania happily clutching our contract and a rather large bunch of keys for the building.

Last May, we knew which building we wanted to rent for our day care centre. We weren't sure whether it would be available or not. In November last year, on the day I was leaving to come home, we found out that the tenants would be vacating the building at the end of the year.

This was good news as there are not many buildings in Albania that would have been suitable for our needs. Most buildings seem to have steps or a difficult access, which would be no good for wheelchair users.

Our friend and pastor Ermir and his wife Vita were our link between us and Fiqiri, the owner of the building. This was invaluable to us as Fiqiri does not speak English and my Albanian is still somewhat elementary. Things move slowly in Albania, but this time it was to our advantage as we did not have to start paying rent until April. When we met with the owner, Vita was great at bargaining and to my amazement, he agreed to carry out many of the alterations we asked for at his own expense. He was so pleased at the work we want to do there, that he was very eager to help in any way he could.

In 2008 there was a big explosion in this village, leaving many people dead or severely injured. A group of Arran people sent money that helped to provide bottled water until the water mains could be repaired. This was greatly needed as the hot summer weather had begun. It somehow just seems right that this is the village where we'll be working. Of course, now the people in this village have more experience of disability than most Albanians. While I was in Gërdec this time I met many of the locals who were very curious but extremely friendly. They are not so used to foreigners and they treated me like some kind of VIP. The minibus is ready, we have all the equipment we need and have found good tenants for our house. Ermir is organising a letter from the church explaining that the goods are needed in Albania



The building that the couple have secured for their day-care centre in Gërdec.

and are for charitable purposes. This will avoid any problems at the border. We'd hate to have to unload the minibus as it could take us hours. So now, we're just awaiting

Julian's second hip replacement, and then we're good to go! He needs to be fit enough for the 1,500 mile journey across Europe. Keep an eye on The Banner

and our website for future updates. Thank you once again for all the support and interest shown by so many people. You have all helped to make this happen.



Sue has returned from Albania happily clutching a contract and a large bunch of keys for the building.

Jubilee Beanie Boo prize for Oliver

The girls at Red Door in Brodick were delighted with the brilliant response they had for their 'Design your own Beanie Boo Jubilee Competition'.

With over 74 excellent entries handed in over the holiday weekend, judging them was no easy feat!

After a lot of deliberation, the entire Red Door team agreed that the lucky winner had to be Oliver Ulivi, aged 6 with his drawing of a Pirate Beanie Boo named Captain Redeye.

Oliver's fantastic drawing won him Safari the Giant Giraffe Beanie Boo.

As there were just too many good designs to pick only one winner, the girls at Red Door also chose seven runners up who won a small Beanie Boo of their choice.

The runners up were: Annie McKelvie, Lizzie Simpson, Jack Poplewell, Molly, Ross Dobson, Malley Robertson and Beth McNeilly!

Well done to you all and a huge thank you to everyone who entered.



Oliver Ulivi's fantastic drawing won him Safari the Giant Giraffe Beanie Boo.

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Rory and Neil Hunter won the Arran Yacht Club Middleton Cup after completing the course in just 55 minutes.



The assembled company of bowlers at the Angus Cook Memorial Bowls Tournament in Whiting Bay on Sunday. 02_b24cook01

Angus Cook Memorial Bowls

The annual Angus Cook Memorial Bowls tournament attracted an entry of 42 bowlers at Whiting Bay last Sunday.

Angus was a keen bowler, and the tournament was held in his memory, following his

sudden and tragic death in January 2011.

Fourteen teams of three played for the trophy, and represented a mix of experienced bowlers and those who had just taken part because of

their friendship for Angus.

Eventual winners were the team of Kate Turner, Jamie Ainsworth and skip Robert Frame. They received the trophy from Angus's brother Stewart.

Coming last and picking up the booby prize of a toffee lollipop were John MacDonald, Robert Stewart and George Stewart.

Summer Bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 11 June were: N/S 1 Margaret McGill and Evelyn Sillars, 2 Jean Murchie and Doreen Cant, 3 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton.

E/W 1 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 2 Roddie Thompson and Eendy McNiven, 3 Mel and Ellie Jones.

Brothers win yacht club Middleton Cup

Arran Yacht Club's (AYC) second sailing cup of the year took place on Saturday featuring the traditional circuit of Holy Isle, and a fleet of five boats.

Rory and Neil Hunter in their fast RS800 got the best start, and were well ahead of the 'traditional' dinghies throughout, completing the course in just 55 minutes. Uncharacteristically, Angus Campbell, winner of the contest more than a dozen times over the years, started poorly

and took most of the broad reach leg from Lamash to King's Cross to catch up.

Round the south channel mark, Malcolm Kerr made best use of unpredictable fluky wind at the south end of Holy Isle to make a break, and left the remaining three boats 'becalmed' for a short period.

As the fleet approached the north end of the island, it encountered an increasingly stiff westerly and faced the prospect of a gruelling two-

mile beat back to the finish.

On this leg Angus' experience and his crew's vigour paid off, recording a good second place on this occasion.

Credit must go to the increasingly professional Hunters, who sailed what may have been a flawless race - if anyone had just been close enough to observe!

Corrected times: 1 R & N Hunter (RS800) 1.07.58, 2 A Campbell & G Lewis (GP14) 1.18.15, 3 G MacLeod & E Borland (GP14) 1.23.02, 4 J Leckey (Laser) 1.24.47, 5 M Kerr & S Knox (Albacore) 1.25.52.

Hockey training day for Arran girls

Four girls from Arran Junior Hockey Club attended a training day for U14s arranged by Clydesdale Hockey Club on Saturday 2 June.

Lucy Walsh, Victoria Mowatt, Bethany Walsh and Katie Mowatt went to the training event at the newly opened Titwood Hockey Pitch in Glasgow on Saturday 2 June.

Thirty-two children took part in four mixed team match practices that lasted two hours. In the afternoon the Arran girls joined others to watch an exciting match between South Africa and Scotland's women that was being televised.

Arran Junior Hockey Club practices are held at the Ormidale Pitch at 6pm on Tuesdays in term-time. Beginners aged 8-14 always welcome.



Lucy Walsh, Victoria Mowatt, Bethany Walsh and Katie Mowatt attended the hockey training day in Glasgow.

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Science prizes

Winners of the 4th year science prizes awarded to four pupils at Arran High School this year are: Physics, Jamie Crawford; Chemistry, Andrew Driver; Biology, Paul Birch; Science, Lawrie Spears.

Castle kilt day

Brodick Castle administrator Mrs Olive Raymond is making next Saturday a kilt day at the Castle. You don't have to wear a kilt, but if you do you can get another person in free.

New Ranger Centre

The new Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle was opened this week by Lord Dalkeith. Constructed from prefabricated units, it includes a classroom, an office a laboratory and utility rooms.

Three IT ladies

Last Thursday three Arran ladies were presented with certificates in Information Tech-

nology after a Kilmarnock College course at Auchrannie Hotel. The ladies are Irene Paton, Carolyn Jameson and Sheila Johnston.

Colin to hang up his boots

Shiskine football fans were stunned this week by the shock retirement of dependable midfielder Colin Muir. But there is no truth in the rumour that he has lost his long battle to fit into the number 10 red shirt that he had made his own throughout an illustrious career.

Arran cricket success

Arran cricket team beat an experienced Dunlop side in an exciting match at Sandbraes Stadium last Sunday.

Peter McMullen was top scorer with 49, Chris Marriott and Stevie Crawford both got ducks, Phil Judge hit the winning two runs and best bowling performance came from David Bridge with 3 for 15.

Car Club at Douglas

The East Ayrshire Car Club held their annual visit to Arran last weekend. The Concours d'Elegance, which used to be held at Brodick Castle, was held at the Douglas Hotel on Sunday afternoon. Hotel proprietor Ravi Khosla's partner Val presented the prizes.

Fourth Folk Festival

The fourth Arran Folk festival will take place around the island next week. Among the acts are Chris Moreton and the Jalapeno Pickers, Black Eyed Bidy, Evelyn Glennie, Danny Kyle and Arran's own Rab Watt.

Curries cash and carry

Alastair Bilsland of Curries has started a cash and carry business above the Brodick shop. Curries upstairs room has in the past been a tearoom, but now it carries a wide selection of groceries aimed at hotels and restaurants.



The Concours d'Elegance of old cars outside the Douglas Hotel. b24twe01



Arran's first cricket team, from left, Alastair MacDonald, Stevie Crawford, Colin Muir, Peter McMullen, Jim Marriott, Phil Judge, Sid Sillars, Chris Marriott, Steve Garroway and Bob Scott. b24twe03



Alastair Bilsland and Catriona Galbraith at the new cash and carry above Curries. b24twe04



Ravi and Val presented the prizes for the East Ayrshire Car Club. b24twe02

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Last week Archie was bounding over the bridge on the North Glen Sannox path. Some thought he was at Fisherman's Walk or the Heritage Museum bridge. First correct answers came from Mark Swandells and Shoogle Shep from Crewe. This week he is sitting near a large yellow pod, but where would you find this strange object?

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Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Open rinks
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Games
Open Folk Session
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Open Music session
Fall Awareness Stand
Folk Session

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm-6pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2pm
Douglas Hotel, 12-5pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Pirnmill Hall, 8pm
Brodict, Coop 11am - 4pm
Ormidale, 2pm - 6pm

Sunday 17th June

Alcoholics Anonymous
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Live Music
Open Mic Session
Open Folk Session
Open Folk Session
Crafts Day
Folk session
Survivor session

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm
Ormidale, 8.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
Douglas Hotel, 12-5pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Heritage Museum 1.30pm
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Monday 18th June

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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
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm-7pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30 for 6.45pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Sea Front 6am
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Brodict Castle Tearoom, 7pm
Brodict Hall 2pm

Tuesday 19th June

Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Melody Movement, Ballet Class 2 ½ yrs up
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class 2 ½ yrs up
Youth Club
Zumba Fitness Class
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Rink Games
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Garden Walk
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Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm-9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm

Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm-8pm
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
Brodict Library, 7.30pm
Brodict Castle, 2pm
Auchrannie Hotel 11am - 4pm

Wednesday 20th 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
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Junior Tennis
Rink Games
Bridge Drive
Coffee Morning
Rink Game
Rink Games
Northend Football Training
Outside Boot Camp
Boot Camp
Sally's Café
The Wizard Of Oz
Dog Agility Class
Elderly Persons Forum
Sunset Mountain Walk

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School - kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5-6pm
Brodict church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Car Park, 6pm
Shiskine Tennis Club, 4.30-6pm
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Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15-12noon
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
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Lamlash Sea Front 6am
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Arran High School, 7.30pm
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Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
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Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
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Auchrannie Studio, 10am-11am
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Elma Murray
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Ladies: June Medal and Medal Finals, 1 Pat Reid (16) 62, 2 Lesley Murray (24) 65, 3 Heather Rae-side (24) 66. Scratch Pat Reid 78. Twos from Pat Reid, Ellie Jones and Brenda Livingstone.

Gents: Wednesday 6 June, Summer Cup, 43 played, CSS 64. 1 A Dobson (8)55, 2 D Robertson (14)57, 3 B Smith (12)59 BIH. Scratch A Dobson 63. There were 16 twos with D Roxburgh, A Dobson, I Sillars and N Hume all getting two.

Sunday 10 June, Brandon 27 played CSS 64. 1 R McGunnigle (11) 61, 2 G Robertson (7) 61, 3 J Armit (6) 63. Scratch G Robertson 68.

Fixtures: Sunday 17 June, British Legion Cup (Stableford), draw Saturday 16 June 12 noon. Sunday 24 June Sweep.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Gents: Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 June, a total of 70 cards were returned over the two days of this year's Whiting Bay Seniors Open, kindly sponsored by the Trafalgar Hotel and Colin and Jackie Nisbet. Sweep - Monday 1 John Taylor 40 points, 2 Ian Kellock 39 points, 3 Ian Bremner 36 points, 4 Sandy Kerr 35 points. Ian Kellock won the scratch prize with 68. Nearest the pin prizes were won by Peter Smith and Ian Samuel. Tuesday sweep results - 1 Colin Nisbet 36 points, 2 Douglas Graham, 3 Eddie Hope

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34 points BIH, 4 Ian Bremner 34 points BIH. Scratch was won by Ian Bremner. Nearest the pin prizes were won by Malcolm Jopson and Peter Smith (again!) The overall winner with the best single round score over the two days was John Taylor who also picked up the Super-Senior prize. Second overall was Ian Kellock, third Colin Nisbet and fourth Ian Bremner. Many thanks to all who helped out and made the two days work so well.

Wednesday 6 June, 19 played on a night rather spoiled by the odd few million midgies, CSS 63. 1 Kevin Jackson (10)59, 2 Peter Smith (20)61, 3 Graeme Crichton (11)64. Nicol Auld won scratch with 68 and there were magic twos by Kevin Jackson, Danny Head, Nicol Auld and Graeme Crichton.

Sunday 10 June, the final of this year's Club Championship was played between Nicol Auld, who beat Jamie MacPherson in the semi final, and Jamie Stewart who beat Gordon Provan in the other semi-final. Jamie got off to a flier shooting 31 for the front nine and storming into a four hole lead before Nicol trimmed the lead to only one hole after the first 18.

Nicol won the first hole of the afternoon to level the match and the game was in the balance before Nicol managed to go two up at the 14th and consolidated his lead further by winning the 15th to go three up. Jamie was unable to win the 16th to leave Nicol as Club Champion for an amazing 15th time. Congratulations are due to both players for the high standard of golf and sportsmanship throughout the match. Congratulations are also due to Stuart and Donnie or having the course in such excellent condition, and to John at the bar for looking after everybody in between rounds and at the end.

In the JC Reid Sandy Pringle defeated Danny Head to lift the trophy. The beaten semi-finalists were John Simmons and Dave Hackett.

Ladies: Doreen Mains and Susan Butchard met for the Ladies Crystal Club Championship on Sunday 10 June. It was an eagerly anticipated match and they both played exceptionally well. Susan managed to take the lead by 1 hole on a couple of occasions during the first half, however Doreen didn't let her get too far a lead and they went in to the second half all square. Doreen's chipping was an envy to us all, but Susan's putting allowed her to take a 3 up lead af-

ter 12 holes. Doreen fought back and won the 14th dropping Susan to 2 up. Sadly, Doreen couldn't quite pull it off this year, allowing Susan to win back a hole resulting in a 3 and 2 win at the 16th.

Susan has now won the championship five times, and just completed three in a row!

Well done to both ladies for a great match well played and some inspirational golf to watch.

Fixtures: Sunday 17 June, Gents medal. Wednesday 20 June, Summer Trophy.

Arran Golfers Association

This year's Thomson Cup semi and finals day was held at Lamlash Golf Club on Saturday 9 June. The course was looking great so thanks to Jim and his boys; weather was great also with dry sunny conditions and a light breeze. Thanks to Lamlash Golf Club for hosting and providing the referees.

First semi saw Alan Smith triumph over Graham Andrews by 5 and 4, second match saw father and son Ian Bremner and Paul Bremner do battle with Dan taking the honours by the same 5 and 4.

The final saw best buddies Alan and Dan up against each other with Alan coming out on top this time by the score of 2 and 1. Dan's last final was back in 1989 when he defeated John Adams, Dan has won the trophy once and runner up 5 times now, this was Alan's first final, congratulations to Alan.

Fixtures: Hope Cup 2012 at Machrie Bay Golf Club, first rounds Saturday 23 June from 4pm, Draw: Corrie v Lamlash (winners play Machrie) Shiskine v Whiting Bay, Lochranza v Broddick.

Whiting Bay boys win 2012 Kelso Cup

On Friday 8 June the final of the Kelso Cup was played between Whiting Bay and Broddick at Machrie Bay. Although there was no wind there were plenty of midgies for the golfers to contend with. The final was played between last years winners Whiting Bay and Broddick and it turned out to be a very close game with Broddick winning the first match 1 up. The second match was also close with Whiting Bay winning the last hole to win the match 1 up. Credit goes to all the boys for playing such good golf.

Shiskine Golf Club

Ladies 12 Hole Medal, 13 played.



Nicol Auld (left), Whiting Bay Golf Club's Gents Champion 2012, with Susan Butchard, Ladies Champion and Sandy Pringle, winner of the JC Reid Trophy.

First Class: 1 C Stewart 53-9=44 BIH, 2 S Gray 54-10=44. Second Class: 1 S Money 62-19=43, 2 E Henderson 62-15=47. Best Scratch C Stewart 53.

Fixtures: Monday 18 June, family competition followed by barbecue. Sunday 24 June, 18 Hole Medal. Ladies: Thursday 21 June, Nancy McCutcheon Trophy.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Please note that there are still spaces available for the Lamlash Ladies Open on Wednesday 18 July. Please contact Jackie Winship on 600330 for a time. Wednesday 6 June, Fleet Cup and Second Round Qualifier, nine played. CSS 64. 1 Jo Hastings 86-20=66, 2 Patricia Martin 93-27=66, 3 Elizabeth Sinclair 83-17=66, scratch Elizabeth Sinclair 83.

Gents: Thursday 7 June, Seniors Medal, CSS 61. 1 Hamish McArthur 78-18=60, 2 Eddie Cannon 80-18=62. Summer Cup, CSS 65. 1 Crawford Duncan 72-15=57, 2 Ian Bremner 72-6=66, 3 Jim Stewart 81-14=67. Best Scratch Euan Evans 71. Sunday 10 June, Jameson Cup CSS 63. 1 Lee Girbow 64-4=60, 2 Stuart Cree 75-14=61, 3 Alan Smith 72-10=62, Best Scratch Lee Girbow 64.

Fixtures: Sunday 17 June, Fleet Cup (36 Holes) 8.30am and 1.30pm. Thursday 21 June, Summer Cup, make up own groups.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results: Tuesday 5 Jun Ladies

2nd Round Club Championship Qualifier and Peter Sutton, Ron Woods 60, 2 Fiona Scott 68 bih, 3 Elizabeth Kelso 68. Scratch Ron Woods. Fixtures: Monday 18 June Ladies and Gents Club Championships and President's Cup finals tee off from 5pm. Tuesday 19 June Peter Sutton/Lady Mary tee off 12.30pm/5.30pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Tuesday 5 June, Jubilee Trophy donated by Marvin Elliot, 13 played. Winner was Paul Bremner. 1 P Bremner 64-8=56, 2 B Rooney 70-12=58, 3 J Kerr 80-21=59. Best scratch P Bremner 64. Nearest the pins: 1, 5, 6, 8, 9 Hole P Bremner, 2 Hole Robert Logan, 3 Hole J Adams, 4 Hole J McGovern, 5 Hole P Bremner, 7 Hole A McDonald.

Wednesday 6 June, 10 played, CSS 61. 1 John McGovern 66-8=58, 2 Peter McKinnon 83-23=60, best scratch J McGovern 66.

Saturday 9 June, 19 played. 1 B Sherwood 66-9=57, 2 D price 70-12=58, 3 R Logan 67-6=61 bih over J Adams. Best scratch B Sherwood 66.

Fixtures: Saturday 16 June, Summer Cup, 8.30am and 1pm. Please note on Saturday 23 June and Saturday 30 June, no medal on either day due to the Hope Cup at Machrie.

Saturday 7 July, Commemoration Shield and Rose Bowl open to island members only, 18 holes.



Willie Kelso handing over the 2012 Kelso Cup to Whiting Bay boys' team - Robert Thomson, Ryan Armstrong, Steven Judge and Donnie Park. b24kel01



Thomson Cup semi-finalists: Alan Smith, Ian Bremner, Graham Andrews and Paul Bremner. b24golf01

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Glen Rosa Horseshoe Hill Race

The 24th annual Glen Rosa Horseshoe Hill Race attracted 41 runners last Saturday 9 June with conditions near perfect for running – warm, slightly overcast and not too midgy.

This year's race started as usual at the Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle Country Park, and the field headed off down the Castle drive before turn-

ing off at the Rosa Bridge and heading down Glen Rosa towards the Garbh Alt.

The runners then had to make checkpoints Beinn A'Chliabeinn, Cir Mhor and Goatfell before descending back down to the Ranger Centre.

The course involved a climb of 1,540 metres and a distance of 19.6 km.



The field of 41 runners head off on the Glen Rosa Horseshoe Hill Race last Saturday. 02_b24race01

This year's winner was Finlay Wild of Lochaber in a time of two hours, 18 minutes and 20 seconds, 16 minutes ahead

of second-placed Mark Harris of Fife.

Arran Runners would like to thank Kate Sampson and the

NTS for the use of the Ranger Centre and the course, Arran Mountain Rescue team for marshalling, Neil Gillies for

first aid cover, Isle of Arran Distillers for their continued sponsorship and Faye Black for providing prizes.

News from Shiskine Golf Club



From left, 2012 Shiskine gents champion David Tod, ladies champion Jenni Turnbull and Duisky Cup winner Alastair Liddell. 02_b24shk01

Shiskine Golf Club has a new ladies champion.

Jenni Turnbull, who admits to coming to golf later in life, won the 2012 championship last Sunday afternoon.

After a very close game, she beat Alice (I lost the plot on the 15th) Anderson by two and one. Alice confessed to feeling like the perpetual bridesmaid by being runner-up for the third year in a row.

The gents championship was won by David Tod who had made several trips from his Bridge of Weir home to compete in the qualifying rounds.

He beat Donald Logan by two and one in another tense match that had David visiting all parts of the course, and some parts not on the course. David previously won the championship in 2005.

The Duisky Handicap Cup was won by Alastair Liddell who beat runner-up Jimmy Morrison by five and three.

Shiskine Golf Club's head green-keeper Stewart Fotheringham was rewarded for 30 years service to the club in a ceremony at the clubhouse last Sunday afternoon.

Forty-five-year-old Stewart started with the club at just 15 years old and has given stalwart service in that time.

Greens Convenor David Henderson made the presentation and said: 'When Lordie stated as head green-keeper just over 30 years ago, he took on a young apprentice – Stewart. Now as head green-keeper himself, he is here morning, noon and night.'

Stewart's wife Carol-Anne piped up: 'Yes, he was here at 4 o'clock this morning!'

David paid tribute to the condition of the course and added: 'Stewart and his team have turned the course out today (for the club championship) in magnificent condition once again.'

'We are jolly privileged to have him as our head green-keeper.'



Stewart Fotheringham received his long service award from Greens Convenor David Henderson last Sunday. 02_b24shk02

Northend improving with valuable Shiskine win

Northend Thistle, once dubbed Britain's worst football team, beat Shiskine 5-3 on Monday in a game steeped in controversy.

The Lochranza team were 3-1 behind at half time but scored an incredible four goals in the second half to win the game.

After the game the Shiskine side questioned the decisions of referee Brian Miller.

However, Northend's Chris Traill said: 'Name the team with the only SFA qualified referee (did you think he bought the gear on Ebay?) He turns up with a whistle and a watch, not using his fingers and a mobile phone.'

'A number of us with many years of Arran football behind us have refereed games. If you like being pushed and verbally abused for £20 then

sign up for the job.

'If not, I suggest you take the rough with the smooth.'

The same night Lamlash Bay FC defeated Lamlash 3-0 to jump to the top of the league table.

Bay FC are now in the lead

with nine points after three games.

However Southend – who were just three points behind – played Brodick last night (Thursday) so the table could be looking very different this morning.

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