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Catherine McEachern and Katharine O'Donnolly prepare for their roles as Gwendolen and Cecily in the high school's production of Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest'.

## Earnest school production prepares for opening night

Arran High School's acting talent is aiming to have you laughing behind your stiff upper lip next week with its rendition of Oscar Wilde's comedy 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. Starting on Wednesday night (June 19), this extraordinary play is set to be one school show that will never be forgotten. Initially premiering in 1895 at London's St James Thea-

tre, the play's farcical nature - as seen in the title's double entendre - met with mixed reviews, but has since become Wilde's most enduring play. In the school's production, Kirsty McAllister assumes the role of Lady Bracknell, the riotously sharp matriarchal figure who endeavours to keep the two Ernests from marrying their respective love interests.

The two actors playing the scheming male protagonists are Scott Barbour and Chris Jenks and the chemistry between the two gentleman characters is wonderful. The terrific Catherine McEachern and splendid Katharine O'Donnolly play the love interests, Gwendolen and Cecily, and Iona Flewitt takes on the role of the love-lorn Miss Prism alongside David Gillingham's Mr

Chasuble. The play hits its crescendo in the second act when the masquerading Algernon (Chris Jenks) and Jack (Scott Barbour) are found out, creating a brouhaha with their intendeds, who have a particular fondness for the name 'Ernest'. Full to the brim with Oscar Wilde's most famous quotations, this is a show you certainly do not want to miss.

## Revised biomass plans submitted

### Wood-fired plant for Dyemill Forest?

New plans to build a combined heat and power plant in the woods between Lamlash and Whiting Bay have been submitted to the council this week, after the original proposal was scrapped late last year.

Northern Energy Development Limited (NEDL) has once again applied for permission to build and operate a wood fired power plant in the Dyemill Forest.

The revised application for a biomass plant shows two main adjustments: the site has been changed to allegedly reduce visibility from the east and from Holy Isle and secondly an extra filter has been added to remove more of the particles being emitted from the flue.

Fergus Tickell of NEDL said the revised plans had taken account of previous public concerns.

'We held two very well-attended public consultation events earlier this year which gave people the opportunity to come to us with any questions,' he told The Banner. 'This was a very worth-

while exercise because we realised that, not only had we not consulted enough with residents beforehand but, we were now able to allay some of the concerns that were being expressed.'

He added: 'We have had many positive responses to the proposal but we have taken into consideration the concerns about the siting of the plant and possible flue emissions as can be seen in the new plans.'

Douglas Templeton from the Arran Energy Action Group said: 'This is the biggest decision the island will have to make in a generation and given that the plant life could be 40 years it offers minimum benefit to the island.'

'There is a significant risk in terms of the impact to tourism and the wider economy, as well as the impact it will have on health.'

'There are over 200 pages of consultation available on this application and our assessment of it can be found on our website www.arranenergy.org'

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## Countess of Arran dies

Once described by Harold Macmillan as the prettiest girl he had ever seen, the Countess of Arran has died at the age of 94.

She was born Fiona Bryde Colquhoun, first daughter of Sir Ian Colquhoun of Luss, and in 1937 she married Sir Arthur (Kattendyke Strange David Archibald) 'Boofy' Gore. In 1958 he succeeded his brother to become the 8th Earl of Arran and became an active member of the House of Lords.

The Countess was reckoned to be the 'fastest woman on water' and subsequently the 'fastest granny on water' when, in 1980, she reached 103mph on Lake Windermere in a rocket-like craft called Skean-Dhu, an achievement that earned her the highest accolade in powerboating, the Segrave Trophy.

Her husband died in 1983. The elder of their two sons, the 9th Earl of Arran, survives her.

## Mark Beaumont completes gruelling challenge

Scottish adventurer Mark Beaumont has successfully completed his arduous cross-country challenge.

As the first man to cover the length of the 230 mile Highland Fault Line on foot and in the water, he finally

reached the finish line in Aberdeen on Monday evening after 10 long, hard days.

### Six mile swim

The gruelling challenge saw Mark cross the open sea three times, including a six mile swim from Arran to

Bute, as well as swim across Loch Lomond and endure a series of exhausting ultra-marathon runs.

Mark said: 'This has proven to be one of the toughest challenges of my life.'

'Over 10 days, I pushed

myself to my limit both with the open water swimming and ultra endurance running, covering 230 miles from Arran to Aberdeen.

'The stand out memory for me is how many thousands of people got involved, rang-

ing from children, runners, fundraisers, well wishes and companies.

'I didn't run a single mile of the challenge alone and the community and online support brought this challenge to life.'

## Garden opens for Help for Heroes

### Lochranza garden open to public to raise funds for military charity

A beautiful Lochranza garden was opened up to the public last Sunday to raise much-needed funds for the military charity Help for Heroes.

Bill and Gail Scott invited friends and visitors to enjoy a cup of tea in their garden at Ornsay whilst viewing the beautiful plants and landscaping in return for a small donation.

The magnificent sum of £301.51 was raised for Help for Heroes in just two hours.

The Scotts have a proud military connection as Bill was a Captain in The King's Own Scottish Borderers for 10 years and a career soldier for 37 years in total.

Gail was brought up as the daughter of a Major in the same regiment

and their son Andrew and his wife Victoria are both currently serving with the Royal Navy.

Help for Heroes aims to deliver an enduring national network of support for our wounded soldiers and their families. The war in Afghanistan may be nearly over, but for those who have suffered life-changing injuries, their battles are just beginning.

A sponsored walk across the hills and moors of Arran will take place on June 22 to also raise funds for Help for Heroes.

Those taking part will walk around 15 miles from Brodick over the hills and moors to Kilmory via the Windmill, Tighvein and Carn Ban.



Bill and Gail Scott opened up their garden in Lochranza to raise money for Help For Heroes. 20\_b24hf01

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## New ferry committee chairman

Ken Thorburn stood down as chairman of the Arran Ferry Committee at the group's AGM on Monday night.

Mr Thorburn has been at the helm of the ferry lobbying group for 11 years and he has been replaced by Robert Waine of Blackwaterfoot. Iain Thomson, Lamlash has taken over from Russell Duncan as passenger representative.

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# Top award for Arran cheese

'Recognition that this gives not only our cheese but the island as a whole is immense.'

Taste of Arran scooped a coveted food 'Oscar' last week at the 2013 Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards, run in partnership with the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland.

The Isle of Arran Cheese Company won first place in the Dairy category, sponsored by Asda, for its Mustard Cheddar, whilst Arran Dairies' ice cream was one of the runners-up.

Scotland Food and Drink was created in 2007 to guide food and drink companies of all sizes towards increased profitability.

Gordon Kinniburgh, managing director of the Island

Cheese Company, said: 'This is one of the top awards and we are absolutely delighted to have won.'

'The recognition that this gives not only our cheese but the island as a whole is immense.'

'Arran is making a real name for itself as 'Scotland's Food Island' and this award emphasises the quality and excellence of the products being produced here.'

James Withers, chief executive of Scotland Food and Drink, said: 'Our finalists all illustrate the skill, innovation and premium quality of the country's producers, which is driving our reputation as the Land of Food and Drink.'



Gordon Kinniburgh proudly displays his Scotland Food and Drink Award for the mustard cheddar. 20\_b24awa01

# 'Stolen' award was victim of drunken prank

The Douglas Hotel staff were breathing a big sigh of relief on Wednesday after a prestigious 'stolen' award was returned anonymously.

Earlier in the week the hotel had put out a plea for the return of their Scottish Hotel Awards 'Boutique Hotel of the Year 2013' trophy after it mysteriously vanished from the reception desk on Friday night.

A spokesman for the Brodick hotel said: 'Our award has been returned!'

'Thank you so much for the safe return of it - a special delivery package arrived today (Wednesday), with a wee note explaining that it was a drunken prank gone wrong.'

'Thanks to everyone who helped spread the word.'



Amie Hume displays the returned award, with anonymous note.

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## Auchrannie mark 25 year milestone

Monday marked the 25th anniversary since the Auchrannie welcomed its first guests under the ownership of Iain and Linda Johnston.

On Friday 10 June, 1988 the 'Sneddons' checked in and became the first of the many hundreds of thousands of customers they have welcomed to the resort in the 25 years since.

Look out for more coverage of the Auchrannie's 25th anniversary celebrations in *The Banner* in the coming weeks.

## Another successful fundraiser for Save the Children

The amazing sum of £696 was raised for Save the Children at the Strabane open gardens event on Wednesday 5 June - courtesy of Lady Jean Fforde.

On a glorious day the gardens were magnificent and ablaze with colour which attracted many visitors.

Refreshments were available and enjoyed by many.

The local branch of Save the Children are indebted to Lady Jean Fforde for her generosity and to the helpers and supporters once again.

## Summer Bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 10 June were as follows:

N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Helen Boyd +4810, 2 John and Mary Dick +4690, 3 Jan Beattie and Jean Barclay +2990. E/W 1 Alec and Maggie Gee -2450, 2 Craig MacMillan and Janette McBride -2560, 3 Janie McLure and Anne McKelvie -2900.



Linda Johnston, owner of the Auchrannie Resort, proudly displays her prestigious Scottish Thistle Award for 'Best Hotel.'

# Auchrannie sparkles with success in tourism

Brodick's Auchrannie Resort has won a prestigious Scottish Thistle Award at a glittering ceremony held last week at New Lanark Mill.

The hotel and spa resort were winners of the 'Best Hotel' award and beat off stiff competition from Coll Hotel and The Royal and Ugadale Hotels in Argyll.

Organised by VisitScotland, the regional format of the awards recognises the exceptional efforts made by tourism business throughout Scotland.

Winners in each category will go on to represent their respective regions at the gala

national ceremony in November and, as with 2012, come together with the winners of Highlands and Islands Tourism Awards.

Annie Armstrong, Regional Director of VisitScotland, said: 'To receive a Scottish Thistle Award is a tremendous accolade that demonstrates the quality product and visitor experience that Auchrannie offers.'

'I'm delighted to see Auchrannie triumphant at this stage. Scottish tourism is extremely resilient and I believe these awards go a long way to highlight the hard work that makes this industry Scot-

land's number one economic driver.

'I look forward to seeing them again at the grand finale of this year's Scottish Thistle Awards in November.'

The Scottish Thistle Awards celebrate excellence across the industry with special emphasis on quality and enhancing the overall visitor experience.

VisitScotland's Quality Assurance Scheme seeks to capitalise on this further and aims to position Scotland as one of the world's best visitor destinations.

## Youngsters plan sponsored walk for cancer research

Whiting Bay lass Sophie Marriott is aiming to complete a sponsored walk around Arran next month to raise money for much needed cancer research.

On Saturday 6 July, Sophie and a few others will set off from the west of the island and circumnavigate it for this worthy cause.

To boost the funds raised there is a raffle being held on the day of the walk for a chance to win a two night

stay at The Douglas Hotel, £30 voucher for Heatherhill framing, a £20 voucher for Arran on a Plate, a one day decorating and painting service by Marc Head and much more!

Tickets are on sale at The Douglas Hotel and various Whiting Bay shops for just £2!

Sophie said: 'After the walk, we are hoping to gather at The Douglas Hotel to celebrate our achievements

and draw the raffle winners as well as reward ourselves with beverages, all are welcome to come and join.

'Please help us to raise as much money possible to help beat cancer.'

If you would like to donate to this cause - no matter how little - you can either text ISLE70 £(your amount) to - 70070 or you can donate through their page on the link <http://www.justgiving.com/Arran-Fundraising>

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Gordon Davidson, Dr Suresh Chalise and Mrs Sunita Podder. 20\_b24nep02

## Nepal's ambassador opens special exhibition on Arran



Local artist Gordon Davidson takes Dr Suresh Chalise, the Nepalese ambassador, around the exhibition at the distillery. 20\_b24nep01

Dr Suresh Chalise, Nepal's ambassador to the UK, opened a very special exhibition on Arran last Saturday after a local artist became a mentor to orphans in the mountain kingdom.

Gordon Davidson from Corrie helped to organise and run art classes at an orphanage in Budhanilkantha near the capital, Kathmandu, after one of his paintings was displayed at the Ghurka museum in Winchester, Hampshire.

The idea was to give the children a skill in art that might be good for them in the future to get a job when they leave the orphanage.

Paintings from the children are on display at the Isle of Arran distillery in Lochranza until July alongside some of Mr Davidson's own works to raise funds for the sustainable art project.

The opening of the exhibition is the world premier of the children's art project and money raised from the children's paintings will buy the paint and pencils for the coming year.

His Excellency the Amba-



Buddhas and tigers were a favourite theme of the children's paintings.

sador expressed his pride about the Nepalese children's paintings in the exhibition and appreciation for the efforts by Gordon Davidson for organising and preparation of this exhibition, which was considered a positive message to the influential Nepalese people, and the honourable image of Nepal and its citizens.

Mrs Sunita Poddar, Honorary Consul General of Nepal in Scotland also attended the event.

She said: 'As the first Honorary Consul General of Nepal in Scotland I feel honoured to be given the opportunity to open this exhibition with His Excellency the Ambassador.

'I am very happy that the children's paintings are being displayed in Scotland and viewed by the Scottish public and tourists from around the World, thanks to Gordon Davidson and his relentless work to share art and ideas across physical and cultural borders.'

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# Aromatics trip delights young Brodick Primary School pupils

Pupils from Brodick Primary School were given first-hand experience of working at Arran Aromatics last week as part of a very special school project.

Earlier this year the children in primary one and two were asked if their parents would come to the school and talk about their work.

Robert Matusiak (Jan's dad) who works in New Product Development at Arran Aromatics suggested that they could come to the factory for a tour.

John Fitzpatrick, H&S manager, and Robert put together a program for the children to have some hands-on experience and view the factory.

Dressed in cut down white over coats and hair nets, the children were split into two groups and the first went round the factory to be shown the preparation area, the liquid lines and soap making, before going into the candle hall where they got a chance to place wicks into the finished candle.

Some of the children said that this was better than the school trip.

The other group started in the Soapworks where they made their own special colour of dipped candles.

When everyone had dipped the candles they all went to the candle hall where an experiment had been set up for them.

On the workbench was a magic ingredient and colour for them to add together, and then stir.

Once the colour was mixed it needed a thickening agent (salt), which they added then stirred again until they noticed a difference - with all the ingredients together they had just made their first foam bath.

John said: 'It was quite



**Above: Brodick Primary School's youngest pupils enjoyed a hands-on tour of Arran Aromatics.**

**Left: There was much excitement when the children were given an experiment to do - making their own bubble bath.**

challenging answering all the children's questions - especially the 'why' ones.

'I think one of the highlights for them was making the forks on the forklift go up and down before we all sat outside and finished the tour with scones and jam provided by Janie's tearoom - coincidentally the mum of one of the other pupils.'

The children's teacher, Mrs Milesi, added: 'It was

a super afternoon - both fun and fascinating - and I really appreciate the thought and planning that went into it.

'I am kicking myself that I did not get them to design their own labels ready to attach to their first ever bottle of bubble bath. I am also very curious as to what is the science that went into making the bubble bath? Sodium chloride and what? Or is that an official secret?!



**In the candle hall the pupils were given the chance to place wicks into the finished candle.**

## Get crafty at Arran's Heritage Museum

The Arran Heritage Museum at Rosaburn, Brodick will be holding its first special event of the season on Sunday 23 June.

At their annual Craft Day visitors can see all sorts of local traditional skills and crafts demonstrated, including sheep shearing.

Experts will demonstrate baking, butter making, wool dyeing, spinning and

weaving, as well as quilting and other skills throughout the afternoon from 1.30pm onwards.

The Isle of Arran Pipe Band will be performing and there will be 'Moothie' playing and accordion music throughout the event.

A local group of Gaelic singers will sing the songs used in days gone by to 'waulk' newly made cloth to

make it thicker after washing, soaking, beating and shrinking by rhythmically moving the cloth.

Additionally the museum store room will be open to allow visitors to see the many additional items held by the museum which, due to space restrictions, cannot always be on display.

Staff will be on hand to discuss and explain the uses

of some of the more obscure weird and wonderful objects on the shelves.

And finally there will be a special display in the committee room on the first floor of pottery found on Brodick Beach over the years.

This is clearly a day not to be missed by young and old alike, so out the date in your diary now.



Owner Hazel Cranston has reopened Pirnmill Village Store after a fire closed it in February. 20\_b24pir01

### SWRI Federation members gather

Members of the Isle of Arran Federation of the SWRI gathered at the Auchrannie Spa on June 6 for a meeting of all delegates.

A welcome was extended to all delegates by Mairi Duff the President and she gave a report of her year visiting the Rurals around the island.

There is still a lot going on with members around the island, including a number attending national competitions such as golf, drama, bowling and the federation are again entering a team into the national 'Variations On a Theme' competition in November.

Delegates reported that all the arrangements for the show were progressing well.

The Treasurer gave her report and finances are healthy but it was with regret that delegates were informed that the Whiting Bay Institute was to close after the annual rural industries show.

Vivienne Haigh attended the Central Council meeting at HQ in May and gave her report which showed that membership nationally is falling.

She urged Institutes to promote the national magazine to their members and the press secretary urged Institutes to send her reports from their Institutes and photographs for the national magazine and

## Pirnmill Shop reopens after blaze

'A lifeline for the people living in the north of the island'

The village shop in Pirnmill reopened on Sunday after a fire forced it to close earlier this year.

After an extensive refurbishment, owner Hazel Cranston invited the community to the official opening on Sunday afternoon.

The devastating blaze took place at around 8.40am on Saturday 9 February, and since then Hazel has been selling only limited amounts of groceries, newspapers and bread from her home adjacent to the shop.

web site.

The Annual General Meeting followed this and a new press secretary was being sought, delegates were to seek nominations. All other

cent to the shop.

One member of the North-end community told The Banner: 'We are delighted to have the shop open again as it is a lifeline for the people living in the north of the island.'

'Hazel has done a superb job of keeping things up and running to the best of her ability since the fire and we are so pleased that she has been able to open up again.'

'It would have been a tragedy if we had lost the shop.'

office bearers remained the same.

A full set of minutes of the delegates meeting is available on their web site: www.swriarran.org

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### Advertorial

# McLaren Hotel launches new seafood restaurant

## An inviting and relaxed place to spend a summer evening

After a major refurbishment and beautiful renovation, the island's newest seafood restaurant and grill has opened its doors at the McLaren Hotel in Brodick.

The Seabreeze Restaurant offers diners not only the freshest, most delicious seafood and steaks but also one of the most impressive views on the island while they eat.

Owner Janie McLaren had invested a considerable amount of money in the new eatery, creating one of the top restaurants on the island.

With its fresh and light seaside theme and cool blue walls, the restaurant is an inviting and relaxed place to spend a summer evening.

Top new chef Brian has created a scrumptious menu which features an incredible 'Fruits de Mer' platter of shellfish, crab, langoustines, mussels, oysters, clams and prawns.

Grilled smoked haddock, baked seabass infused with thyme and juicy sirloin, rump and fillet steaks also feature on the menu as well as a specials board with desserts which changes daily.

With the new Arran Tandoori also opening its doors on the premises, The McLaren Hotel is well worth a visit this summer.



The Seabreeze restaurant at The McLaren Hotel has opened its doors. 20\_b24mac01

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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## This is what we do!

A subscriber from London told me this week that The Arran Banner is his favourite newspaper because 'It never has any bad news in it.' He said he loves reading about the island and the people that live here because it is such a world away from the life he leads down south.

I suppose we never have tales of stabbings and shootings and despite the occasional police report about drugs and alcohol, there is still very little real crime gracing the sheets of Arran's weekly newspaper.

The reason why we rarely carry bad news is of course because of the wonderful community which lives and works here.

Arran is full to the brim with caring, hard working people always happy to do a good turn to help others.

It is your achievements and accomplishments which help us to fill the pages of Arran's weekly newspaper every week.

We are lucky to live in one of the few remaining places in Britain where community is still a by-word for security, happiness and fulfilment.

Sadly we do live in a world where crime, violence and brutality dominate headlines in areas where people tend to look the other way.

But not on Arran. Here we are still able to leave our doors unlocked (despite police reminding us not to) and there is always a friendly face nearby to offer help and support when times are tough.

During the recent snow storms Arran proved itself to be the happy, caring community that has led many people to move here and we were praised for that all over the world.

The Banner may not have the hard-hitting bad news stories of other local papers but at least we can guarantee exclusive coverage from all four corners of the island.

Celebrating the island's achievements and documenting the daily lives of the people here is what we do at The Banner.

And if nothing else, at least you know you'll always see at least one face you recognise in that week's edition - with only 5,000 people living here, that tends to be the easy part!

### 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

### Dyemill biomass application

Sir,  
The revised application for a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Biomass plant in the Dyemill forest has now been submitted; you can find it on the NAC planning website by searching for application number 13/00313/PP.

Our initial assessment is that there are two changes: (i) the site has been moved further down the hill to the west to reduce visibility from the east e.g. from Holy Isle and (ii) an extra filter has been added to remove more (but not all) of the dangerous particles that emanate from the chimney stack. We do not believe these changes significantly alter the concerns expressed by the 213 people who formally objected to the previous application. Equally our worry is that this is the busiest time of the year for many people on the island, and objector 'fatigue' may stop many people from making the effort to review the application and to comment on it.

But this is the most significant application the island has faced in a decade, it affects most islanders given the risks to our major industry - tourism - and its proximity to schools and the hospital, and has a long lifespan, given the applicant has agreed a 40 year lease on the land. And at the same time the benefits to Arran are minimal.

To assist your understanding we have updated our website: [www.arranenergy.org](http://www.arranenergy.org) which highlights our assessment of the application. We urge you to make the effort to review the application and comment, for or against, on the NAC website or in writing to NAC planning.

Yours,  
**Maureen Smith, Lamlash Douglas Templeton, Whit-ing Bay**

### Barren bay

Sir,  
May I comment on your thought provoking editorial in last week's edition 'Wildlife isn't in decline here'.

Although I personally can't

go back as far as the 60 years of your grandmother, I can read through my dive log books going back over 40 years.

On July 20, 1978 I recorded 23 basking sharks within Lamlash Bay while heading through the bay towards my intended dive site.

Over the next 15 years basking sharks continued to be hunted in the Clyde, until after much public pressure they finally became a protected species within UK waters. Nowadays I feel like the editor in that living on Arran we are privileged to see basking sharks slowly recovering their numbers around our shores.

The basking shark is fortunate to be the second largest fish in the world, which during summer cruises the surface allowing us to view there fins.

This meant they were not 'out of sight, out of mind' like the rest of our marine environment.

In purely monetary terms basking sharks are now worth millions of pounds to the west coast tourism industry.

Other species have not been so fortunate.

Unless you are a very keen sea angler still trying to catch an elusive Clyde fish you may not be aware that the sea around Arran is looked upon as one of the most barren in the UK. Commercial fishing is now completely reliant on scallops and prawns with no viable white fisheries.

Next month the Scottish government will start a 16 week public consultation on Scotland's proposed network of Marine Protected Areas.

Prior to this COAST are holding a public meeting on June 20 at 7pm in the Ormisdale Pavilion where we will give the latest update on the proposed South Arran Marine Protected Area, after which we would welcome your views on this proposal.

Properly designated with appropriate management we hope that this will allow marine life in Arran's waters to recover. We hope that our children will be able to read The Banner editorial in the next couple of decades repeat

the headline 'Wildlife isn't in decline here'.

Yours,  
**Howard Wood, Chairman COAST**

### Enjoy the view!

Sir,  
Thank you for the excellent article and photos of the restoration of the Lamlash Clearances Memorial garden.

As a resident of Hamilton Terrace, I have been witness to the dedicated efforts of those who participated in creating the beautiful new garden which decorates the striking memorial.

Many visitors as well as residents stop to admire the lovely plantings as well as read of the sad story of the clearances.

As the wife of one of the active volunteer gardeners, Dr Ellie Shenhav, I was delighted to see his photo attached to your article - though most readers would not have recognized him as the photo portrayed his backside as he bent over to help one of the Lamlash primary school students with the planting.

Since we celebrate our 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month, I was able to identify him immediately from the photo and am pleased to share that view with The Banner readers. He has a nice face too!

Yours,  
**Sharon Shenhav, Lamlash**

### Shiskine Valley returns

Sir,  
A date for your diary, Saturday 6 July, the return of Shiskine Valley Sports Day at Harbourview Field, Blackwaterfoot.

The fun kicks off at 1.30pm with the Round Square four-mile race and then the usual format of kiddies races, stalls, funfair, heavy events and the world famous Shiskine Hall Duck Derby.

This year we have some good ideas for more fun and frolics, so if any organisation wanting to raise money on the day are looking for something different give us a call c/o Karen Haggarty 860246.

We will have the usual five-a-side football tournament on Thursday 4 June and the Texas Scramble on the Sunday with this year's topical theme being 'Ice Age'.

Anyone thinking of having a fundraiser this summer can come along and join us, you will be more than welcome.

Yours  
**Liz Kerr, SVSD committee**

### Heroes thanks

Sir,  
May we please thank friends and visitors for your very generous support on Sunday afternoon for our 'garden opening' in aid of the charity Help for Heroes.

The magnificent sum of £301.51 was raised.

**Bill and Gail Scott, Lochranza**



**This week we have another photo from Australia, this time of Rebecca Fletcher of Corriecravie Moor Farm, Sliderry enjoying reading the Banner in Sydney. Please keep sending us your photographs of The Arran Banner on holiday - it can be from Florence or Florida, it doesn't matter - we'd love to see them.**

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# Arran Social Scene



The Northend First Responders - past and present. 20\_b24res08

## First Responders celebrate 10 years

Past and present members of the Northend First Responder group gathered at the distillery in Lochranza on Saturday night to celebrate their 10 year anniversary.

Founded in 2003 by Fiona Laing from Pirmill, the idea behind the volunteer emergency group is that they are able to respond quickly to 999 call-outs while patients await the arrival of an

ambulance from Arran War Memorial Hospital. Trained to carry out CPR and use defibrillator equipment, the first responders have proved to be a significant life-line for those in the north of the island suffering from heart attacks.

As Fiona Laing herself said, the difference in response time between the ambulance and a First Responder can be a question of life or death.



Myra and Neil Frost with Fiona Laing. 20\_b24res07



John Graham presents Fiona Laing with a small thank you for all her work during the past 10 years. 20\_b24res09



Kerri and Chris Traill. 20\_b24res01



Lizzie and John Adams. 20\_b24res02



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**The buzzwords for 2013 are 'Don't move, improve' as more and more homeowners look at ways of adapting and changing the home they currently live in rather than selling-up and moving on to something different.**

The credit crunch may have put a brake on Arran's house prices – but that's not much help if you can't afford the mortgage on that bigger and better home you'd set your heart on.

So if your family's need to expand can't wait for interest rates to come down again, the best solution is to make the most of your current home.

You'll avoid the stress of selling in an uncertain market – and you won't be alone. Households are constantly looking to maximise space and functionality, taking advantage of the latest gad-

gets and appliances to put off the need to move.

Some will be adapting their homes to suit the changing needs of their family, others will be looking to increase their property's value.

Whatever the reason, it's clear that having a trusted tradesman on hand will be a priority for the majority of households.

People have been squeezing extra rooms into roof spaces since Jacob invented the ladder. But modern building techniques and new materials give you more choices, whether the conversion is to serve as a bedroom, bathroom, home office or a playroom for the kids.

Whether you've got designs on an extra bedroom or a bigger kitchen, the most common type of home improvement is a rear or side extension and it can be completed relatively easily in just a few weeks.

For those looking for something a little less radical, a fresh coat of paint on the interior walls can transform a tired room into something new and spectacular.

The warmer months are a great time to give your home a breezy new look and you don't have to spend a fortune for a quick summer makeover.

On a very small budget you can give your home an instant style update by adding new soft furnishings or updating curtains and blinds.

By dusting off the chequebook for a tradesman or a couple of accessories, you can transform your interiors and your life.

Gardens too can be transformed with charming paving ideas and new fencing to create an extra living space outdoors.

Whatever you decide to do this summer 'Don't move, improve!'

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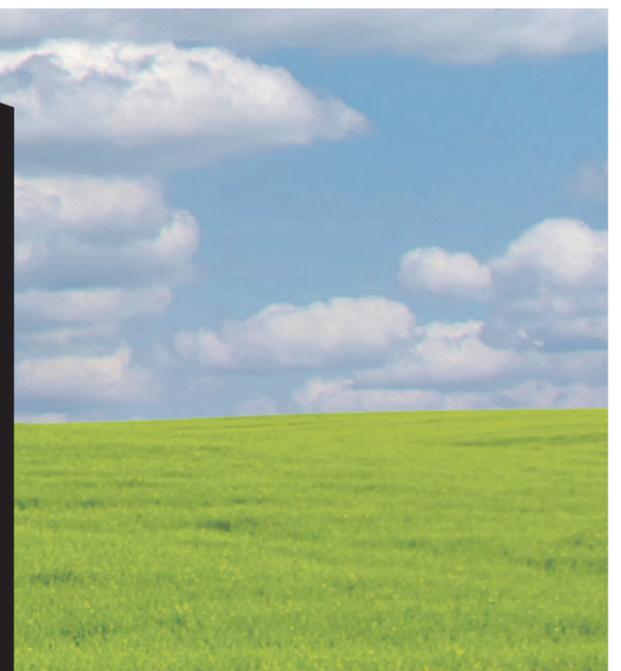


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# 19th Arran



Dubbed 'the best yet' by some audience members, the 19th Arran Folk Festival has been deemed a great success, according to organisers Arran Events. Held from Thursday until Sunday last week and featuring some of Britain's great up-and-coming folk acts, the festival was attended by people from all over the country.

Jon Hollingworth of Arran Events said: 'I'm always apprehensive leading up to the Folk Festival - what will the weather do? will all the musicians turn up? Will the audience turn up and will they like what we've booked?'

'But all of the niggles above were laid to rest on the opening night last Thursday at the opening concert in Brodick Hall when the hall filled up and the musicians took to the stage.'

He added: 'The opening acts set a standard way

above expectations that was to be repeated by the other acts on all subsequent nights.

'Much of the audience were with us for all four nights of this year's Festival, and what a great audience they were - instantly reacting to the quality of music they were being treated to and showing their appreciation with enthusiasm.'

The three daytime Open Sessions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday were very well attended by a large number of visiting musicians and a big crowd of spectators just enjoying a relaxing afternoon in the sun.

Jon added: 'We strengthened our links with Celtic Music Radio who broadcast live from the Saturday and Sunday sessions and did several live interviews - it all helps to spread the word about the Festival and Arran in general as they have a global audience via the internet (we had one person listening in from Australia!).'

'There is not enough space here for me to individually thank the incredible number of people who contributed to the success of this year - it was a great atmosphere all weekend with stunning music, so well done all and we'll see you next year!'



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# Folk Festival

*'The best yet'*



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Collective members outside Corrie Village Hall: Margo McLellan, Ailsa McNicol, Nicky Gill, Marvin Elliot, Richard Leclerc, Nici Boni and Nigel Walker. b24yes01NO

## Exhibition highlights Scotland's future

A collective of around 20 Arran artists and craftsmen staged an exhibition of their work at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall last weekend titled 'Talking about Scotland'. The event was intended both to provide a showcase for Arran's diverse and talented artists, and also stimulate interest in the 2014 independence referendum debate.

The group, led by international sculptor and

woodcarver Marvin Elliott, presented paintings and other artwork, jewellery, glass and leatherwork, providing Arran residents and visitors alike with entertainment and opportunities to buy, with commission on sales going to the Yes Campaign. In addition, there was a grand prize draw which featured a Marvin Elliott sculpture carved from an Arran tree root, that was won by Alex and Carol Holmes of Brodick.

# Pony Club youngsters enjoy horsing around

Twelve of Arran Riding Club's junior members enjoyed a fantastic Pony Club Camp at Kings Cross recently.

The youngsters aged from four to 12 were able to get expert teaching for the whole weekend with local instructor Jen McNeish.

This was the youngest group of kids ever to take part in the camp and they all had a fantastic time.

Thank you to the Arran Riding Club committee and to the children's parents that helped make the weekend such a great success.

Also thank you to Tracy and Gavin for allowing the club to use their fantastic facilities at Kings Cross and to all who assisted in making the weekend such a success.



This was the youngest group of children that have taken part in the Pony Club Camp.



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The sun shone all weekend for the Pony Club Camp at Kings Cross.

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# Accordion legend returns to Arran

Legendary accordion player Sandy Brechin is set to return to the island to the island with a very special concert at the Ormidale Hotel.

He will be playing with his band from 8.30pm on Monday 17 June in what is sure to be a treat for all traditional music fans.

Over the years, Sandy has played in many bands, but is probably best known for his work with the Scottish bands, Bùrach and Seelyhoo, with whom he has toured extensively in the Far East, Europe, Canada and the USA.

He is also renowned for his wildly popular electric ceilidh band - The Jimi Shandriox Experience.

When not performing, or recording as a session

musician, Sandy is highly sought after as a teacher.

He has taught in numerous workshops and feisan such as Celtic Connections, the RSAMD and the National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music at Plockton.

Sandy has developed his own unique approach to the art of accordion playing and his innovative style is instantly recognisable.

### Beating a path

Lovers of traditional music, in particular, the accordion, will be beating a path to the Ormidale this Monday at 8.30pm.

Sandy's funky accordion, catchy compositions and entertaining personality have made a big impact on the Traditional Music Scene.

## Snow enquiry re-opens

The Scottish Affairs Committee has re-opened an inquiry into the power loss during recent snowstorms.

Arran residents are being urged to email them with details of experiences with the

council and power companies to scotaffcom@parliament.uk The first evidence session will be on Wednesday 26 June in the House of Commons and emails will be used on the day as evidence.

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Julie Gurr has been making baskets on Arran for more than 10 years. 02\_b24bas02 Inset: Visitors will have a chance to weave their own decorations.

## Island's basket weaver to help 'encircle Scotland'

Arran is to be one of the focal points of a 'virtual encircling of Scotland' next week when the Scottish Basketmakers Circle celebrate their 25th year.

On Saturday 22 June a variety of events and activities are being held in communities throughout the country to celebrate basketry, weaving, makers, baskets and their role in communities.

Julie Gurr, who has been making baskets in Arran for over 10 years, will be at Brodick Castle Ranger Centre between 11am and 4pm with a display of baskets.

She said: 'The Scottish Basketmakers Circle was set up to foster basketmaking and

its allied crafts such as chair seating in Scotland.

'It is a non profit making organisation and there are various local groups of the SBC around Scotland, which meet to enjoy basketmaking together.'

She added; 'The circle have an annual Autumn Gathering where various different three day courses take place at one place. The next one will be in October 2013 in Arbroath. The organisation has taken part in many fairs and shows and in recent years has put on two exhibitions jointly with the Scottish Potters exploring the interweaving of the two crafts.'

Materials will be available

at the Ranger Centre on the day so that visitors can have a go at weaving small decorations and making rope/cord which is used in some types of baskets.

There is a small charge of £5 per person and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

People are also encouraged to bring any baskets they might have especially if they are old and made in Scotland to help with the Scottish Basketmakers Circle's ongoing research into Scottish vernacular basketry.

Julie is also planning a weekend basket making class for beginners and improvers on Arran on July 6 and 7.

# Bad roads dominate headlines -100 years ago

Judging by further extracts from the 'Arran Notes' in the Ardrossan and Saltcoats Herald, many of the issues which dominate the news agenda in The Arran Banner have been making headlines for over a century.

As the extracts below demonstrate, roads have been a long maligned subject for the residents of Arran.

**January 1, 1909**

Sir,

I think it is about time the County Council were looking into the condition of the Shiskine roads as they are a disgrace to the parish.

In some parts of them it is almost impossible to walk, as one has to travel through mud about a foot deep and run the risk of stepping into a pool of water large enough to sail a boat in.

A drowning accident will happen there someday, so I advise the council to put along the roads a few danger signals and a red light at night to warn the public of the manholes and fishing ponds there. The Parish Council should get a few of the unemployed down from our large towns to clean up and sort these roads.

About ten years ago they were kept in first class condition and with less expense than at present, but now they are going to ruin.

They require metal on them at the beginning of winter to save them from heavy traffic of carting the seaweed to the farms, but this year there is neither metal on them nor is there any broken metal lying ready. Wake up ratepayers and you members of the council also wake up and look about you and see that the roads are kept in a better

state for the safety and comfort of the public.

Yours,

A ratepayer

**May 14, 1909**

The record was closed last Thursday in the Sheriff Court in a case in which Robert Anderson, blacksmith, Pirmill sues the County Council for £30 in respect of the damage sustained to his cart on October 29, 1908 while driving along the road at Catacol Ford on the way to Pirmill.

He alleges that the public road at that place is defective, there being ruts and deep hollows.

Defenders deny the allegation as to deep ruts and hollows and aver that any accident that may have occurred was caused by the cart being overloaded.

They aver it was the duty of the pursuer to send his passengers over the footbridge

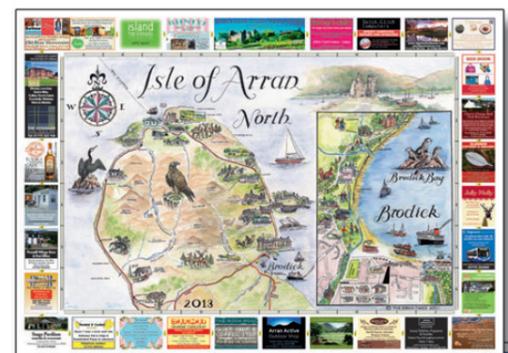
within twelve paces of the ford and they further aver that the pursuer prior to November 1907 was a member of the Arran District Committee and during his tenure of office he never made any complaint as to the state of the ford.

**July 2, 1909**

On Saturday at Rothesay, Sheriff Martin issued his judgement in the above action in which the defenders are absolved.

It came out in evidence that there were in all six persons (a total weight of nearly 10cwt) in the cart - a two wheeled machine. The defenders have satisfied him that this ford receives a full share of attention both from the surveyor and the roadmen and that from the conspicuous absence of accidents one may fairly assume that except in times of high flood it is, though somewhat rough, perfectly safe.

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## House/Garage Sale

Various items for sale including 3 piece suite & dining table & chairs

Saturday 15th June 2013

6 Ashdale Way, Whiting Bay  
10am - 2pm

## Coffee at Corrie for destitute children of Kalimpong

The Arran Friends of Dr Graham's Homes are holding their much awaited Coffee Morning in Corrie Hall on Saturday 22 June from 10.30am to 12noon.

There will be delicious home baking, a wonderful raffle and an interesting Bric a Brac stall.

Please come along and support the destitute, needy children of India so they can continue to enjoy the sanctuary of Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong.

# Doggy obedience put to the test



Rocky returns, proving his obedience.



Cathie Steed with Holly and Lizzie who passed with flying colours.



Puppy Maiya demonstrates her walk to heel.

## Dogs tested for 'Dog Club to Kennel Club' Good Citizen Scheme

The obedience of Arran's dogs was put to the test recently when an external examiner from the mainland attended the class at Whiting Bay Hall.

The owners and their four-legged friends have been practising for weeks and June 5 the dogs were tested at the 'Dog Club to Kennel Club' Good Citizen Scheme levels.

Maiya, a four-month-old puppy from Lamlash, sat all 12 components of the Puppy Foundation Test which she attained with flying colours.

### Impressed

Ten dogs then went on to sit the 10 components at Bronze level - all of them passed and the examiner was very impressed with the levels at which the dogs performed.

Margaret Kay, who runs the dog training classes in Whiting Bay Hall, said: 'On Arran, we have neither the numbers nor the resources to affiliate to The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme, but we have modelled our classes on the same framework and the

dogs were tested to that level. 'Clubs on the Mainland have access to these tests on a regular basis, but over here it is logistically more difficult so we really appreciated Elizabeth McPhee taking time to come over and test our dogs.'

She added: 'It really gave our members a real boost and they were all so chuffed to have all the hard work put in with their dogs recognised.'

### Moving on

The dogs will now be moving swiftly on to the Summer Agility classes at Sandbraes Park on a Wednesday afternoon.

Margaret said: 'We have purchased two more pieces of kit for the Summer - a long jump and a tyre hoop jump.

'The existing kit has been spruced up over the winter by Johnny McGovern and his team for which we are very grateful.

'Anyone needing more information about the agility classes should phone me 600725.'



Iain reassures his dog Sgiobair before leaving him.



Nervous owners and their four-legged friends await their test.

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Booking essential, numbers strictly limited -

**Tuesday 18th June GARDEN WALK**  
2pm-3.30pm  
Discover the seasonal highlights of Brodick Castle Garden's spectacular plant collection.  
Free with Garden entry, donation suggested. Meet at the reception centre 2pm

**Tuesday 18th June BRONZE AGE ROUNDHOUSE EXPERIENCE**  
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**Wednesday 19th June RED DEER CALF WALK**  
11am - 3pm  
The rangers will lead you to the most likely places to catch sight of this year's deer calves plus lots of chances to see more of Arran's mountain wildlife  
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## New bid to get school leavers working

Councillors considered proposals by North Ayrshire Council to support more S5 and S6 pupils into employment after they leave school, at a meeting of the Council's Cabinet on Tuesday.

The plans focus on the development of a range of additional learning and work

experience opportunities, as part of the senior phase of the Curriculum for Excellence, to ensure that young people wishing to progress directly from school into employment have the skills and qualifications they need to make them 'work ready'.

The proposals include the

development of existing Skills Centres in schools, identification of accreditation and qualifications relevant to the local job market and establishing partnerships with a range of organisations to support the initiative, including trade bodies, training organisations and further and higher education establishments.

As part of the development of the programme, local employers will be engaged to provide feedback on the pro-

posed activity and qualifications, to ensure they meet industry requirements, and help secure work experience opportunities.

The initiative forms part of the council's commitment to increasing youth employment levels in the area to above the national average by 2020, as set out in North Ayrshire's Youth Employment Strategy, which was launched by Minister for Youth Employment, Angela Constance on 6 June.

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Over 100 species of birds were reported in May with two reports of Hawfinch.



Towards the warmer end of the month, there were lots of reports of garden birds with unprecedented numbers of Lesser Redpoll.

## Roots of Arran volunteers clear path

The volunteer members of Roots of Arran met on Sunday to clear a path through the trees to open up more of the Roots of Arran Community Woodland for public access. The members meet on the second Sunday of the month, weather permitting, at the Viewpoint Car Park between Brodick and Lamlash, to plant trees, create footpaths, and generally develop and maintain the Community Woodland for all to enjoy. Some hard work was followed by an enjoyable picnic lunch by the stream. New helpers always welcome.

**Brodick Primary School**  
**SUMMER FAYRE**  
 Saturday 15th June  
 12noon - 2pm At Brodick School  
 BBQ, Cream Teas, Bric- a-brac,  
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**FUN FOR ALL**  
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## Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

JUNE

The colder weather in April lasted well into May and, although the summer visitors continued to arrive, the cold weather seemed to delay their arrival by around ten days. The following 'firsts' were reported: Grasshopper Warbler by Shiskine cemetery on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Tree Pipit by Torran Loistge on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Whinchat on Machrie Moor on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Wood Warbler in Merkland Wood on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Spotted Flycatcher by the Dyemill on the 20<sup>th</sup> and two Swift over High Kildonan on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

There have been no reports so far this year of Corncrake or Nightjar.

Species who breed further north continued to pass through including: five White Wagtail at Port na Feannaiche on the 1<sup>st</sup>, a Bar-tailed Godwit at Machriewaterfoot on the 4<sup>th</sup>, two Black-throated Diver in Whiting Bay on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 30 Turnstone at Kildonan on the 6<sup>th</sup>, three Brent Geese on the shore at Margnaeghlish on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 38 Whimbrel between Kilpatrick Point and Drumadon Point on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 18 Sandwich Tern at Machriewater on the 13<sup>th</sup>, three Great Northern Diver off the King's Cave on the 19<sup>th</sup>, four Sanderling at Blackwaterfoot on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 15 Dunlin also at Blackwaterfoot on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In May, breeding was well underway for many species including: Mute Swan with six young at Port na Lochan on the 1<sup>st</sup>, a family of six Common Crossbill at the Dyemill on the 20<sup>th</sup>, a Barn Owl nest with four healthy young at Shiskine on 23<sup>rd</sup>, a pair of Dipper carrying food in Brodick also on 23<sup>rd</sup>, a pair of Shelduck with ten young at Carlo on 29<sup>th</sup> and a Moorhen with young on Port na Lochan on 30<sup>th</sup>.



People are being urged to report any sightings of Kittiwake on Arran.

In addition, particularly towards the warmer end of the month, there were lots of reports of garden birds carrying food and feeding recently fledged young. Again from garden sightings, there were widespread reports of Goldfinch, Siskin and almost unprecedented numbers of Lesser Redpoll.

Over 100 species of birds were reported to me in May including: a Great Crested Grebe in Loch Ranza on the 1<sup>st</sup>, a Red Kite at Merkland also on the 1<sup>st</sup>, a male Goosander at Machriewaterfoot on the 13<sup>th</sup>, a Ring Ouzel on the top of Cir Mhor on the 20<sup>th</sup> and two reports of Hawfinch.

Hawfinch is a rare vagrant to Arran. The last report on Arran was one at Margnaeghlish on 26 April 2000. On Tuesday 28 June a Hawfinch visited a garden in Whiting Bay and the next day probably the same 'lost' bird visited a garden at Port na Lochan on the west of the island.

Finally, your help to solve a mystery would be appreciated. Dr Bernie Zonfrillo of Glasgow University has devoted a lifetime to studying the seabirds on Ailsa Craig.

In May he reported that instead of the regular numbers

of breeding Kittiwake of around 900 there were only 13. He reported that there were many more Kittiwakes in early April on Ailsa Craig and speculated that they are probably not in any condition to lay eggs after the gales and cold and may have just given up for this year.

But they must be somewhere and probably still around in the Clyde Sea Area. If you see any Kittiwake around please let me know and I will forward this information to Dr Zonfrillo.

With the long daylight hours it is a great time of year to be birding. Most birds are getting on with the business of breeding. Please take a moment to

report any signs of breeding birds to me but please also remember that under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is being built or used.

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net . I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2012' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk.

## Shark spotters

Following The Banner's leader column last week in which we discussed Arran's once prevalent basking shark population, a couple of people got in touch to say that, yes, in the past the fish could be seen in abundance in the seas around the island.

Anne Pringle from Cor-

rie said that many years ago she remembers counting 40 basking sharks in the stretch between Corrie and Sannox alone. And Howard Wood, chairman of COAST said that his dive log books from the 1970s show large numbers of the fish regularly being spotted in Lamlash Bay.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 19 June, 1993



Young poets of the year - seven second and third year pupils from Arran high who jointly won the Scottish Maritime Museum Trophy for writing poems on the Braer disaster off Shetland. b24twe03



Above: The first Feis Arrain, a festival of Gaelic culture, is taking place at Arran High School this week. All school work will stop and each day will be divided into three parts to allow pupils to try out different 'skills'. b24twe02



Left: Local runner Gordon Allsop recovers after the fifth Glen Rosa Horseshoe Race. b24twe04

And then there was one...

Once upon a time Shiskine and Blackwaterfoot had four pubs - the Kinloch, the Rock, the Greannan, and a little place called the Barn.

Last week the Rock was demolished, leaving only two licensed premises but sadly the Greannan has closed its doors, temporarily, and left only the Kinloch Hotel to cope with all those seeking a drink in Blackwaterfoot.

Surprise bonus

Ravi Khosla of The Douglas Hotel had rather a scoop at Tuesday's licensing court, due perhaps to the large number of applications and some confusion on the board.

Despite reporting some time ago that extensions to permitted hours were being limited to midnight on Wednesday to Sunday, Rhavi asked to keep his existing hours (which sees his bar close at 1am) due to the tourist trade - and it was granted.

Sports cancelled

Arran High School were forced to cancel their school sports on Monday due to the bad weather.

Plans to reschedule it until next week have been put on hold because of the week-long Feis Arrain so the sports will now take place on June 28. David Oakes said that if this day is not suitable they will be rescheduled until the start of the new session.

Hopes dashed

Arran's hopes of producing the WI Driver of the Year sadly came to naught last Sunday when Phyllis Picken of Kilmory failed to be placed in the Scottish Finals at Strathclyde Park.

'I might have been fourth but I might have been last,' said Phyllis, who missed the full results because she had to rush for the last ferry.

In the nick!

That could be the fate of Arran Ladies Hockey team later this year.

Not for fouls on the pitch, bullying or libellous accusations about their opponents but because they have been invited to attend the HMP Barlinnie/Reebok fun run.

Apparently the prison's marketing manager is a Banner reader and fan of the island's hockey team so after reading last week that the ladies had been unable to get to the Glasgow 10K, she wrote to suggest they take part in the prison 10k instead.

Strength to strength

The Arran Outdoor Education Resource, started a year ago after the closure of Corrie Croft, appears to be going from strength to strength.

It has just run a Royal Yachting Association Instructors course and four local men - Peter Tupman, Alec Taylor, Angus Campbell and Gavin Fulton are now accredited RYA instructors.

Kilmory fun run

The results of the Fun Run held last Friday night are as follows: Three kilometre race - 1 Peter Glew, 2 David Leek. Six kilometre race - 1 Hazel Tod, 2 Andrew Leek.

Twelve kilometre race - Joint first Steven Glew and Alan Cook.

Many thanks to everyone who participated and helped to raise £50 for the community bus.

No late ferry

Due to repair work at Ardrossan Pier there will be no 2145 sailings from Brodick on Fridays until August 20.

There will be an additional Saturday morning sailing at 5.20 until August 14.



Pirnmill Primary School marked the end of term with a school play held on Monday afternoon. Entitled 'The Legend of Golden Arrow' it told the tale of an atypical Indian brave who doesn't want to hurt buffalo. b24twe01

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# What's on

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## Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing  
Brodick Castle, Garden Open  
Arran Heritage Museum  
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Arran Brewery tour

Loch Garbad, Boat and Bank fishing  
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10.30am – 4.30pm  
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2pm

## Saturday 15th June

Army Cadets  
Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Whiting Bay Rink Games  
Lamlash Bowling rink games  
Lawn Bowls  
RNLI shop  
Common Ailments Workshop  
Summer Fayre

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
High School, 10am  
Brodick, 2pm  
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm  
Drimlabarra Herb Farm, Kildonan 10am-5pm  
Brodick Primary School, 12noon - 2pm

## Sunday 16th June

Alcoholics Anonymous  
New AI-Anon Meeting  
Family Game  
Fun in the pool  
Folk Music Session  
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)  
Pub Quiz  
RNLI shop  
Common Ailments Workshop

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm  
Call 601206 for details  
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  
Drimlabarra Herb Farm, Kildonan 10am-5pm

## Monday 17th 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  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Whiting Bay rink games  
Lamlash Bowling rink games  
Paintings tour  
Lunch Club  
Yoga  
Sandy Breachin & friends

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  
Brodick, 6.45pm  
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm  
Brodick Castle 2pm-3.30pm  
Lamlash Sheltered Housing, 12 noon  
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12noon  
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 8.30pm

## Tuesday 18th 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  
Run Arran (intermediate)  
Lawn Bowls  
Quiz  
Food and craft market  
Garden Walk  
Bronze age experience

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm  
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm – 6pm  
Brodick 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  
Ormidale Park, 7pm-9pm  
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm  
Brodick Castle, 2pm-3.30pm  
Brodick Castle 10.30am-12noon & 2pm-3.30pm

## Wednesday 19th June

Hockey  
Tae Kwondo

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm  
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm

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  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Shiskine Tennis Club  
Whiting Bay Rink Games  
Lamlash Bowling rink games  
The Importance of Being Earnest  
Red Deer Calf Walk

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  
Brodick, 6.45pm  
Juniors 4.30-5.15 P1-P3, 5.15-6 P4-P7  
Whiting Bay bowling club 2pm  
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm  
High School Theatre, 7.30pm (Doors open 7pm)  
Brodick Castle 11am - 3pm

## Thursday 20th June

Senior Fitness  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Live Country/Folk music  
Weight Watchers  
Lawn Bowls  
Shiskine Tennis Club  
Quilt Arran  
Lunchbox  
Yoga  
The Importance of Being Earnest

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 2pm  
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
Adults 6pm onwards  
Fire Station, Lamlash 7pm - 9.30pm  
Ormidale Pavillon 12.30pm-2.30pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
High School Theatre, 7.30pm (Doors open 7pm)

## Friday 21st June

Aqua Fizz  
Yogalates  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza Kids Badminton  
Lochranza Adults Badminton  
Disco  
Brodick Farmers Market  
Active Buggies (Parents & buggies)  
Castle Secrets Tour  
Summer Solstice Wildlife & Bonfire  
The Importance of Being Earnest

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am  
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am  
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Road, 8am - 6pm  
Ormidale Pavillion 10am  
Brodick Castle, 11.30am - 1pm  
Brodick Castle Roundhouse, 11.30pm  
High School Theatre, 7.30pm (Doors open 7pm)

## Saturday 22nd June

Army Cadets  
Over 21s Disco  
Karate  
Family Games  
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)  
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game  
Whiting Bay Rink Games  
Lamlash Bowling rink games  
Lawn Bowls  
RNLI shop  
Koffee for DGH, Kalimpong

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm  
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Brodick, 2pm  
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm  
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm  
Corrie Village Hall, 10.30am - 12noon



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**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Ladies: Saturday 1 June, the ladies re-scheduled Eric Wood stableford took place on Saturday. There were some great scores with two people having reductions in handicap. Second place went to Gege Kroner with 37 points and first was Susan Butchard with 39 pts. Susan had a magic two at the 7th. Thank you to all who came along and took part.

Gents: Wednesday 29 May, 31 played in round six of the Summer Trophy. Scoring was excellent in super conditions, although the CSS stayed at 63.1 Donnie Park (16)54, 2 Nicol Auld (3)58, 3 Adam Kelso (15)61 acb, 4 John Pennycott (13)61. Nicol Auld won scratch with 61 and there were magic twos from Keith Kelsall (2), John Pennycott, Malcolm Pennycott, Adam Kelso and Nicol Auld.

Sunday 2 June, 18 played in the Gents medal in lovely conditions. Scoring was very good with the CSS dropping to 62.1 Jamie MacPherson (6)57, 2 Ryan Armstrong (9)59, 3 John Dick (14)63. Jamie MacPherson won scratch with 63 and there were Magic twos by Malcolm Pennycott, Danny Head, Ryan Armstrong, Jamie MacPherson and John Simmons.

Wednesday 5 June, 21 played in the seventh round of the Summer Trophy, CSS stayed at 63.1 Andy Martin (12)63, 2 Gus MacLeod (10)64acb, 3 Nicol Auld (2)64 acb. Nicol also won scratch and had the only Magic 2 of the day.

Congratulations to young Ryan Armstrong of Whiting Bay for winning the AGA Thomson Cup by defeating Ian Murchie of Lamlash in the final, and to the Whiting Bay Junior team of Stephen Judge, Jack Simmons, Ryan Armstrong and Donnie Park for winning the Kelso Cup at Lamlash for the fourth year in a row!

Sunday 9 June, the finals of the JC Reid Trophy and the Club Championship were played in glorious conditions, with the course looking stunning. The JC Reid trophy was lifted by Corey Allan, winning his first adult trophy. His match with

Graeme Crichton was very close and it took an extra hole before they could be split, with Corey squeezing out his win. Fixtures: Sunday 16th, Gents Medal. Wednesday 19th, Summer Trophy.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday 28 May, Ladies and Gents Club Championship, first round qualifiers. Sweep 1 Sally Brookes 65 BIH, 2 Finlay Sillars 65 BIH, 3 Donald Logan 65. Scratch Hamish Bannatyne and Donald Logan 74. Saturday 1 June, Duncan Sillars and Gents Club Championship second round qualifier. Sweep 1 Brian Sherwood 64, 2 Hamish Bannatyne 65, 3 Willie Kelso 67. Twos and Scratch Hamish Bannatyne 70. Winner of Duncan Sillars was Brian Sherwood.

Tuesday 4 June, second round Ladies Championships and Peter Sutton. 1 Campbell Laing 56, 2 Sally Brooks 67 BIH, 3 Hugh McClellan 67 BIH. Scratch Campbell Laing 76. Monday 3 June, Men's Quarter Finals of the Club Championship. Sandy Murray beat Hamish Bannatyne, David Jeffrey beat Donald Logan, Willie Kelso beat Alastair MacDonald, Brian Sherwood beat Finlay Sillars. Monday 10 June, Ladies, Gents and President's Cup Semi-Finals. Jenni Turnbull beat Sally Brooks and last year's winner Viv Parks beat Alice Anderson. Sandy Murray got a bye against David Jeffrey who has slipped a disc and Brian Sherwood beat Willie Kelso. Fixtures: Monday 17 June, the Ladies, Gents and President's Cup finals tee off at 5.30pm. Tuesday 18 June, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary tee off 12.30 and 5.30pm.

**Arran Golfers Association**

This year's Kelso Cup competition started at Lamlash Golf Club on Friday 31 May. Only one tie took place due to Shiskine deciding the course was a bit tough and the juniors there were a bit inexperienced, which was a shame as Lamlash had young Dylan Smith still in primary and he played with a smile on his face and like the rest thoroughly enjoyed his night, maybe next year Shiskine will be back!

Whiting Bay had a strong team out with three of the four in the prizes at the senior Spring Handicap this year. Lamlash to their credit started like a train and some lovely golf saw them three up in the back game and five up in the first. The Bay boys plugged on however and maybe experience showed in the end as they went on to take the tie by three holes, credit to the lads as they all played the match in great spirit, to go on to play Brodick in the final. The final of this year's competition was played at Lamlash on Friday 7th June, conditions were perfect and the boys seemed to thoroughly enjoy the big stage, one or two seniors

showed up to witness golf of a really good standard, Brodick entered the competition for the first time due to their bye, Whiting Bay led from the off and despite receiving strokes in both matches the Brodick lads couldnt get to grips with the course or their games and the match ended with Whiting Bay winning for the 4th year in a row!! Thanks to Lamlash for hosting and special thanks to Drew and Jim for refereeing both weeks.

Fixtures: Saturday 22 June, Hope Cup at Lamlash Golf Club, First round from 4pm, draw: Corrie v Whiting Bay (winners play Lamlash), Shiskine v Lochranza, Machrie v Brodick.

**SWRI ladies form a winning team**

Elizabeth Kelso and Ellie Jones won the SWRI Greensome competition at Shiskine Golf Club on Monday 27 May. Sixteen ladies played in the tournament despite it raining heavily all day, but at 4pm the skies cleared and the competition went ahead.

Elizabeth Kelso and Ellie Jones were the winners (65.4) and Pat Adamson and Rion Culpan came 2nd (66.6). Elizabeth and Ellie will go on to represent Arran at the National Final at Golspie Golf Club on September 16 and we hope their good golf continues. Many thanks to Shiskine Golf Club for the courtesy of the course, Stuart and the greenkeepers for their hard work, the Shiskine Institute for a lovely supper and Felicity's for the teas and coffees.

The 12 Hole Competition will be held on Monday 19 August at Corrie Golf Club. Please contact Marilyn Woods, Federation Secretary, if you would like to play.

**Lochranza Golf Course**

Cabrach Competition Results: Sunday 2 June - 1 Ross Trail 33, 2 Tony Baboolal 41 3 Ian Buchanan 41. Sunday 9 June - 1 Bryan Lewis 32, 2 Ben Innes 37, 3 = Tony Baboolal/Nigel Wells 38. Fixtures: Monday 24 June, Lochranza Studio Gallery Cup, 6.30pm, nine hole Greensome. Pairs to consist of one male/one female or junior. Please note, this competition is open to members of Machrie Bay and Corrie as well as Lochranza locals.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

Thursday 6 June, Ladies 12 Hole Medal, 8 played. 1 and Scratch Rion Culpan 53-10=43 BL3, 2 Elizabeth Ross 55-12=43. Very well done Rion on a super round! Sunday 9 June, Club Championship finals day. The course was in superb condition and we must thank Stewart and his hard working team. First match out was the Duiskey Cup, and Robbie Crawford won against Bobby McCrae.

The Ladies final went out next and Jenni Turnbull was playing her sister in law Liz Kerr. A very close match with Jenni winning at the last. Gents final was between Billy Paton and Hamish Bannatyne, with Hamish edging it.

Fixtures: Thursday 20 June, Nancy McCutcheon Trophy.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Ladies: Wednesday 5 June, Fleet 3 and Second Championship Qualifier, 13 played, CSS 65. 1 Sheena Murchie 76-14=62, 2 Jenny Pattenden 94-31=63, 3 Jackie Winship 97-29=68, scratch Sheena Murchie 76.

Thursday 6 June, Summer Cup, CSS 64. 1 Willie Currie 72-12=60, 2 Alan Winship 72-12=60, 3 Ian Bremner 68-6=62. Best Scratch Ian Bremner 68. Twos Ian Bremner at the 2nd and 16th, Neil Young, Mark Wren and Craw Duncan at the 4th, Paul Bremner and Todd Jameson at the 16th and Stuart Campbell at the 14th. Seniors Medal, CSS 61. 1 Jim Stewart 76-13=63. Sunday 9 June, Jamieson Cup, CSS 65. 1 Alan Smith 74-9=65, 2 Drew Wales 72-6=66, 3 Graeme Andrew 75-9=66. Best Scratch Drew Wales 72 (BIH over Todd Jameson). Two from Ian Bremner at the 14th. Fixtures: Sunday 16 June, Fleet Cup (36 holes) 8.30am and 3pm start times. Monday 17 June, Juniors Medal at 5pm. Thursday 20 June, Summer Cup - make up own groups.

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**Corrie Golf Club**

Wednesday 5 June, Wednesday Medal, 17 played. 1 B Lewis 68-12=56, 2 A Burke 71-14=57, 3 B Barr 79-19=60. Best scratch Bryan Lewis 68. Magic twos from A McDonald and J Innes.

Saturday 8 June, Medal, 14 played. 1 Alastair McDonald 69-8=61, 2 Jim McConnachie 68-6=62, 3 P Moran 84-21=63 BIH over High B McKinnon. Best scratch Jim McConnachie 68. magic twos from A McDonald and B Sherwood. Fixtures: Saturday 15 June, Medal Sweep at 8.30am and 1pm. Names on sheet for the Crawford Cup 'match play' by the end of June.

**Brodick Golf Club**

Wednesday 5 June, Summer Cup, 43 played, CSS 64. 1 I McDermid (13)60 acb, 2 A Raeburn (14)60, 3 I Pittman (13)61. Scratch G Hendry 67. There were 13 twos. Sunday 9 June, Brandon., 23 played, CSS 66. 1 F Sillars (10)61, 2 D Hendry (13)64, 3 B Smith (11)66. Scratch F Sillars 71. There were six twos, Alistair Hume got two.

Fixtures: Sunday 16 June, Club Trophy. Entry Sheet on board. Draw Saturday 15 June, 12noon. Sunday 23 June, Marchioness of Graham Trophy (Bogey). Saturday 22 June, 12noon.

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**Dave would like to say a big thank you to everyone who joined him at the Catacol Bay to help celebrate his 70th birthday, and for all the cards, gifts and messages received from friends far and near.**

# Southend go top after 10 against Northend

## Brodick and Shiskine share one all draw

Southend shot to the top of the football league table on Monday night with an emphatic win over Northend in Lochranza.

The score finished 10-1 to the visitors with Northend netting three own goals through John Ferguson, Andy Mac and Stuart Lawson.

Nicky Emsley got two for Southend with one coming from the penalty spot.

Danny Head scored another penalty with further goals being added by Donnie Park, Ryan Armstrong, Alan Dillon and Jamie Stewart.

Northend's consolation goal came when Southend's Sandy Kelso put the ball in his own net, maybe understandable after a heavy weekend at Rockness.

Southend's playmaker Ryan Armstrong was awarded man of the match by referee Jamie Sil-lars.

Rockness was also to play a

big role in the other match of the night as Brodick took on Shiskine.

Half the Brodick team were recovering from the Loch Ness-based music festival but this didn't stop them battling it out to earn a point with the young Shiskine team.

John Murchie scored the only goal for Shiskine to take his goal tally to six for the season and go joint top goalscorer.

Young Adam McNicol bagged his second of the season for Brodick to earn a 1-1 draw.

Referee Iain MacDonald gave the man of the match award to Brodick centre back Kyle Barbour for the second week in a row.

This Monday (June 17) is a top of the table clash at Whiting Bay between Southend and Brodick while Northend travel to Lam-lash.

Shiskine have a bye.



Southend's Sandy Kelso managed to score Northend's only goal of the game. 20\_b24ba101

# Arran plays host to inter-schools rugby sevens tournament



Arran High School's team - with end of term approaching, it will be the last time they will play for the school.

## Ardrossan and Largs team-up for sevens victory

Players from a number of the region's secondary schools gathered on the island last Wednesday for an inter-schools rugby sevens tournament.

Sponsored by Caledonian Mac-Brayne, the Ayrshire Schools Under 18 Rugby Sevens took place at the Ormidale Park in Brodick for the first time.

The event was the last opportunity for many of these players to pull on their school rugby colours in competition and was designed as a reward for their commitment and dedication to schools rugby in their time at secondary school.

A combined team of Ardrossan and Largs beat Cumnock Academy in the final.

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## Arran's new golfing champs celebrate success

Four new golfing champions were crowned on Saturday after taking part in their club's championship finals.

Malcolm Pennycott, Hamish Bannatyne, Jenni Turnbull and Susan Butchard were all named as champions for 2013 at their respective clubs.

The final of the Ladies Crystal Club Championship at Whiting Bay was played between Lesley Wood and Susan Butchard on Sunday.

The first half of the game was fantastic with Lesley taking an early one up lead but it went too and fro between them until the turn.

Both Lesley and Susan played three at the 15th.

The final of Whiting Bay's gents final was also played at the weekend between Malcolm Pennycott, who beat Jamie Stewart in the semi-final, and Jamie MacPherson, who saw off young Ryan Armstrong in the other semi.

In the final Jamie got off to a strong start, rushing to a three hole lead after five, although steady golf brought Malcolm level at the 8th.

Holes were exchanged for the next few holes before a stunning second shot of Jamie's at the 18th to three feet gave him the halfway lead by one.

In the afternoon Malcolm played some excellent golf and was four under par after 12 holes, and four up.

Some inspired putting from Jamie kept the match alive before Malcolm closed out the match at the 16th.

In the Ladies Championship final at Shiskine Golf Club, Jenni Turnbull played her sister-in-law Liz Kerr in a very close match with Jenni winning at the last hole.

The Shiskine gents final was between Billy Paton and Hamish Bannatyne, with Hamish edging it in the final holes.



Above: Susan Butchard was named Whiting Bay Golf Club's ladies champion on Sunday after beating Lesley Wood in the final.



Far left: Shiskine Golf Club's gents champion for 2013 Hamish Bannatyne, left, with ladies champion Jenni Turnbull and winner of the Duisky Cup, Robbie Crawford.

Left: Malcolm Pennycott, right, is presented with the Club Championship Trophy by Whiting Bay Golf Club's captain, Gus MacLeod.

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