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New premises needed to save Lamlash Post Office

The owners of Lamlash Post Office have begun a desperate search for new premises to save it from complete closure.

Andy and Irene Grents have owned and operated the post office on Hamilton Terrace for 20 years but, after two years on the market without any real interest, they fear they may be forced to close the shop for good.

'There is nothing we would like more than to see the post office bought over and to carry on,' Andy told The Banner, 'but we are both in our 70s and it is now time for us to retire, and to do that we need to close.'

Alternative

'If we could find a buyer that would be incredible. But the alternative to that is to find new premises somewhere in the village where someone else could run a new post office.'

REPORT
by JENNIFER LYON
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The picturesque little post office is situated at the end of Hamilton Terrace and it has been operating for more than 100 years.

In days gone by the building also housed the telephone exchange and at one time there was a sorting office at the back.

Today the shop is a little smaller but there is a flat above it and a hairdressers next door which has been there for 50 years.

While The Banner was interviewing the present owners, the post office counter was continuously busy with customers.

Andy added: 'We feel it is only right to warn the villagers that this is now the situation that we face.'

'We will do everything that

we can to make sure Lamlash still has a post office but we will be closing our doors soon.'

Timothy Billings, chairman of the Lamlash Improvements Committee, said: 'The post office is a vital service in a community with a high percentage of people who have limited transport options.'

Inconvenience

'Closure will cause major inconvenience to a lot of people and businesses, but will be a serious problem to both young and old, resident and visitor who need the postage, information and banking services that are currently on our doorstep.'

'We are actively looking at what alternatives there are to keep this lifeline service.'

Interested in running a post office in Lamlash? Call 0845 266 8790 or pop into the post office in Lamlash and speak to Andy or his wife Irene.



Irene Grents, above, and her husband Andy fear that closing the Lamlash Post Office will see the loss of the service for good. 20_b24pos02

Bilslands to become Tesco

Brodick could soon have a Tesco supermarket, if plans by developers to buy Bilslands in the centre of the village get the go-ahead.

The shop and cafe operated by Alastair Bilsland and his wife Alison was put on sale late last year as the couple plans to retire.

This week they revealed that they have accepted a conditional offer for the purchase of Bilslands from a developer, who in turn hopes to lease the property out as a 'Tesco Express'.

He said: 'The conditions are that the developer requires permission from North Ayrshire Council to carry out minor changes to

the front of Bilslands and for alterations to be done inside.

'He also requires the drinks licence to be transferred to the new owners.'

The car park in front of Bilslands will be extended by removing the rockery on one side and making the mini golf smaller at the other end.

The Taste of Arran shop, Buntys and the restaurant Arran on a Plate will all be unaffected.

Alastair added that it will be the end of summer before the various conditions will be in place for the sale to proceed.

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Referendum debate heats up

With less than 100 days to go until the Scottish referendum on September 18, a debate was held in Arran High School on Friday night.

Organised by UNISON and held in the community theatre, a large audience of about 100 islanders gathered to hear arguments for both sides of the question.

The speakers were North Ayrshire councillors Tom Marshall (Conservative) and David O'Neill (Labour) for the Better Together Campaign, and Dr Malcolm Kerr (SNP) and Pam Currie (Women for Independence) for YES Scotland.

Reflected

The audience reflected committed yes and no positions as well as those who wanted to know more so they could decide how to vote on September 18.

Questions and comments ranged across the issues that have featured elsewhere from Trident missiles and defence, Europe, currency, pensions, public services and issues surrounding renewable energy sources.

There was some keen but respectful rivalry between the speakers.

Amongst the more controversial remarks was Tom Marshall's assertion that the yes side were promoting ha-

tred, and from the yes speakers that a better standard of living and reduced inequality would certainly follow independence.

All of the speakers agreed with an audience member that a yes vote would determine independence from Westminster but that the debates about which party might then govern, and with what policies, would follow in a future election.

David O'Neill differed somewhat from his colleague and agreed with his opponents about other issues such as the need for localism and opposition to Trident, but stuck to his argument that independence was not the way to deliver these things.

Local UNISON chairman, Colin Turbett, maintained neutrality during the debate in order to chair fairly.

Warming up

Afterwards he said: 'With just under 100 days to go, the referendum debate is warming up on Arran as elsewhere and we need more such events such as that organised by UNISON tonight.'

'We just want our own members and everyone else to hear the arguments made by both sides and not base their opinions, if they have them, on misinformation and even prejudice.'



Christopher Jenks and Katharine O'Donnolly in the high school's production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. They have both been accepted to prestigious drama schools.

Drama school beckons

A pair of talented young thespians have been accepted to study acting at two of the country's most prestigious drama schools.

Christopher Jenks from Slidery and Katharine O'Donnolly of Lochranza are well-known in Arran theatre circles.

Now the youngsters, who are both 19, are moving on to pursue their acting dream - Katharine at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow and Christopher at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA).

Retired drama teacher Heather Gough, said: 'What is so remarkable about this is how difficult it is to get a place at the best schools of drama in Britain.'

'Both Katharine and Chris faced competition from thousands of other entrants and

underwent gruelling audition stages in order to be considered.

'To be offered a place after all this is a real achievement and a testament, not only to their talent but to their fortitude, determination, hard work and resilience.'

Ambitions

Both also gained important experience off island which furthered their ambitions and enabled them to compete with the best in the land.

This included the Scottish Youth Theatre, National Youth Theatre and various courses in stage craft run by the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Arran is proud of your achievements, Katharine and Chris, and wish you every success in the future.

Sex abuser jailed for eight years

A pensioner who sexually abused two little girls on Arran has been jailed for four years - two months after being convicted of similar offences in England.

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court heard that former school janitor Robert Bambury, 75, persuaded the sisters - aged five and six when the abuse began - to get into his bed or sit on his knee, took off their pyjama bottoms and performed depraved acts.

The married father-of-five admitted lewd and libidinous practices and behaviour at his home in Kildonan on various occasions between April 1998 and August 2005.

Jo Cunningham, prosecuting, said the offences came to light after the girls, now aged 20 and 21, gave statements to police. They were too scared to come forward as children, Mrs Cunningham told the court.

In April, Bambury was jailed for four years at Ipswich Crown Court after being found guilty of seven separate charges of indecent assault.

Bambury, now of Wright Close, Stowmarket, Suffolk, carried out the earlier attacks between the mid-1970s and mid-1980s while working as a caretaker at Clare Middle School in Suffolk.

Fraser Alexander, defending at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court, said Bambury expected 'a lengthy custodial sentence' having already been jailed for the earlier offences.

Bambury was ordered to serve both four-year sentences consecutively. He is already subject to a Sexual Offences Prevention Order and was placed on the Sex Offenders Register indefinitely.

Correction

In last week's Banner (No1964) in the article 'Man admits attack in caravan' we reported that the incident took place in a caravan at Park Avenue Caravan Park - it was in fact at a nearby house.

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Brodick celebrate after winning the Arran Haulage Shield last Thursday.

Brodick clinch first trophy of the season

Brodick have clinched the first silverware of the football season after winning the Arran Haulage Shield last Thursday night.

After an exciting game the boys in blue beat Southend 5-2 at Sandbraes Park in Whiting Bay.

Man of the match Archie McNicol

scored four goals for the winning side to lead his team to victory.

Dominant

Brodick are proving to be the dominant team already this season after another victory over Southend, this time on Monday night.

Archie McNicol scored the only goal

of the night for Brodick.

In other football news Shiskine were beaten 6-1 at home against Lamlash.

John Murchie scored for Shiskine and Lamlash's scorers were Grant Adamson and James Todd - with two each - Ben Tattersfield and Danny Currie, who was named man of the match.

Claire's charity jog is a run-away success



Claire and her supporters celebrate after completing the 54-mile run.

A young woman with a special love of Arran has completed a 54-mile charity run around the island in one day in aid of Target Ovarian Cancer.

Claire Banks, who has spent many holidays on the island at the family's holiday home in Brodick, completed the marathon run on Saturday to raise funds and awareness for the charity.

Claire, 31, of Greenock, said: 'I did it! I ran round Arran in a day - all 54.5 miles in 11 hours 45 minutes!

'The rain poured but the fantastic Epic Support Team powered me through. The total so far is £13,700 but it's still coming in.'

Claire added that she was overwhelmed by the support received as she made her way around the island.

Fabulous spread

She said: 'Machrie Tea Room put on a fabulous spread for all the supporters, the distillery gave me a standing ovation as I headed out to face Lochranza Hill and the Ormidale as always

provided an epic disco to round off the day.

'Local businesses were great in supporting me. From the Island Cheese Company to the Lagg Hotel, the distillery as well as social media boosts from locals and businesses alike - it was fantastic.

'Cyclists gave us donations as they passed and there was even an extra envelope waiting for me at the Lagg Hotel from a couple I had met a few weeks ago at the war memorial just down the road.'

Arran malt fan finally visits the island

Famous Seamus visited Arran last week!

Seamus Boyle from Ballymena in Northern Ireland is the Isle of Arran Distillery's biggest fan.

There's even been a song written about him in his hometown that mentions his love of the 'golden throat charmer' from Arran.

And after 15 years of drinking the island's malt, Seamus finally got a chance to come and see for himself where his favourite whisky is made.

'It's been fantastic,' he told The Banner. 'I'm staying at Lochranza Hotel and I've spent every day at the distillery and James [MacTaggart, head distiller] and Faye [Waterlow, visitor centre manager] have been so welcoming, as have all the staff.'

When asked what it is about Arran malt that he loves so much, Seamus said: 'It's so smooth, it's a lovely whisky as there's no peat in it.'

'I can't take Bushmills because of the peat in it. Arran is by far my favourite malt.'

Fifteen years ago Seamus

wrote to the distillery asking it to send him some whisky - he now writes to them every few weeks asking for 'more whisky' and it is duly despatched.

'I think it's only fair that I get given some shares in the company now after all the money I've spent,' he joked. 'I'm definitely their best customer.'



Seamus Boyle with his favourite Arran whisky - the 10-year-old malt.

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Dog school training results in Kennel Club Awards

Fourteen of Arran's best-behaved pooches graduated recently from their dog obedience classes in Whiting Bay.

Five dogs achieved their bronze award and nine attained a silver award in The Kennel Club 'Good Citizen Dog Scheme' when tested by Elizabeth McPhee.

Ms McPhee was very impressed by what is being done at the classes and the overall level of training and behaviour.

Local organiser and trainer Margaret Kay said: 'It was a fantastic achievement for all the animals and their handlers.'

'Two dogs within the group

- Bailey and Riva - achieved certificates at both levels on the day which is quite remarkable.

'I'd like to say a huge thank you to Whiting Bay Hall Committee for its support and for continuing to let us use the hall - we couldn't do it without you.'

Bronze awards went to: Carolyn and Poppy, Joyce and Eilidh, Bill and Bailey and Margaret with Tanna and Riva.

Silver was given to: Chris and Rocky, Mary and Nelia, Jim and Kiora, Geoff and Sheila, Cathie with Holly and Lizzie, Margaret and Riva, Sue and Ziggy, John and Pop-



There were nine silver awards for some of the island's best-behaved dogs.

py and finally Bill and Bailey. The dog classes have now

moved out into the sunshine for the summer months and

the Agility Summer School will take place every Wednes-

day at the Sandbraes Park in Whiting Bay.

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Land reform questions answered by MSP

Questions about farming and land reform were last week put to Rob Gibson SNP MSP for Caithness, Sutherland and Ross when he visited the island.

The MSP was speaking on Sunday after further scrutiny of Holyrood's Land Reform Review Group which was reported in last week's Banner, and the announcement of Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) outcomes for Scotland.

He said: 'Across Scotland the need for local people to get land for housing, and even just to know who owns what, is now urgent.'

'The SNP government will bring a new land reform bill before the end of this parliament.'

'Scotland has received the lowest settlement for CAP support in Europe - thanks to poor negotiating by UK ministers.'

'Had Scotland negotiated as an EU member state, our farms and crofts would have had one billion Euros more in

payments between 2015 and 2020.'

'And we could have been deciding what new investment opportunities could be supported in our buoyant food and drinks industry, rather than making difficult decisions about distribution.'



Rob Gibson MSP joins Green, Scottish Socialist Party, SNP and non-aligned Arran Yes campaigners on Brodick seafront to engage with referendum voters.

The Clan back with high flying bike stunts at show

A cycle stunt team which wowed the crowds at last year's Arran Show is returning by popular demand this year.

The Clan, which is one of Scotland's premier cycle stunt teams, will be performing at the Arran Farmers' Society 178th annual show on Wednesday 6 August.

Later in the year the society dinner/dance will be held on Saturday 6 December, at Kinloch Hotel.

And the society has issued a reminder that closing date for entries is next Friday 20 June, and that stance space is still available.

Anyone wishing further information, or would be willing to help out on the day, contact Christine on 01770 820291, or email: christine@shannochiearran.co.uk

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Businesses see profits hit by road closure

‘We cannot absorb these costs ever again and stay in business,’ firm warns

West coast businesses hit by the recent closure of The String road could seek compensation over their loss of trade.

The firms believe the road-works from March to May should have been carried out quicker with 24 hour working seven days a week.

VisitArran asked businessmen and women how they felt the work had gone during the closure of the B880 and these have been passed to roads bosses at North Ayrshire Council for their consideration.

And while some felt there had been some improvements on previous works, others said their profits had been badly hit.

One business warned: ‘Nothing went well for us, it cost us approximately £1,000 per week and we cannot absorb these costs ever again and stay in business.’

Others said it killed lunch-time business with the loss of £300-£400 per day, reported takings were down by 50 per cent, and one business lost approximately two man hours a day for each employee.

Executive director of VisitArran Sheila Gilmore said: ‘Respondents were from all forms of business. I have specifically noted some of the costs incurred by those businesses responding as I feel this is something which does require consideration.’

The String was scheduled to be closed for 10 weeks from mid March with a three times a day convoy system operating. The road was reopened over the Easter weekend and

the works were completed two weeks ahead of schedule.

Businesses felt that the initial consultation was a great improvement on last time as they were able to let clients, that were intending booking holiday properties, know about the disruption in advance.

The lunch time convoy went well and was much appreciated and the general feeling is that the road has ended up much improved.

However, businesses say communication from North Ayrshire Council was variable and even on their website it was sometimes difficult to understand.

One businessman summed up the feelings of many when he said: ‘The key issue was the road being shut every day for weeks on end, when it is very clear that the road could easily have been open the majority of the time and obviously shut for the tar part. Where else does this happen in the country where a road is shut for weeks on end with such a lengthy diversion no matter which route was chosen?’

Ms Gilmore said: ‘From VisitArran’s perspective, as well as the loss in income to our partner businesses, and in some cases, additional costs, due to the actual closure, it was the lack of ongoing communication that was most frustrating. I hope you



Bedtime fundraiser for Beavers

Lamlash Beavers came dressed for bed recently as they wore their pyjamas to raise funds for the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA).

They raised £30 and photo shows Hamish Campbell presenting the cheque to Janis Heaney from RDA.

After five years as Beaver Leader, Charlotte Hirschfield is stepping down and

handing over the reins to Jennifer Sneddon.

Thank

Charlotte said: ‘May I take this opportunity to thank Marie Gray who was my assistant leader for the last five years and also all the children who have attended Beavers, I hope the colony will continue for many years to come.’

feel this information is constructive, and might assist in any future road works on Arran in general. I think I speak for the businesses when I say we would be happy to meet with NAC if you felt that might be helpful.’

An NAC spokesman said: ‘We recognise the importance of working with the people of Arran during such significant improvement works and carried out the most extensive consultation we have ever undertaken ahead of the String Road programme.’

‘This involved a range of

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Bridge party at golf club

The results from the Arran Bridge Club summer meeting on Monday 9 June were: 1 Margaret Macgill and Jan Beattie 59.03 per cent, 2 Jennifer Wales and Doug Chase 54.86 per cent. 3 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingstone 50.00 per cent.

Members please note that, due to an event in the High School, there will be no summer bridge on Monday 16 June. However on the same night a bridge party will be held at Lamlash Golf Club at 7pm for a 7.15pm start.

Meanwhile, John Dick will be teaching bridge in Arran High School next winter. Please call 700386 for more details.

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Arran Cancer support group to celebrate 25 years of care

Volunteers are the backbone of the charity

To say an Arran charity would go to the ends of the earth to help cancer patients is not going too far.

For in 25 years their drivers have clocked up an amazing 475,000 miles - that's almost the distance to the moon and back.

So this year Arran Cancer Support (ArCaS) celebrates its silver anniversary of care and is holding a special garden party next Saturday which will be opened by the charity founder Frances Harwood.

It was a quarter of a century ago that Mrs Harwood recognised the need for cancer support on the island and with

Sheila and Dennis Goldsborough set up the first charity shop in the backroom of Pirmill Post Office.

Today the ArCaS shop in Brodick - known affectionately as the Pierhead Boutique - remains the main source of income for the charity thanks to the dedicated team of volunteers who run it, some of whom have been with ArCaS since soon after its formation. They are the backbone of the charity.

After Pirmill the shop moved around Brodick in free empty premises, until the present shop was bought in 2001.

Open six days a week, it



Volunteers behind the counter of the ArCaS shop with manager Sue Girbow, from left: Marshall and Elizabeth Ross, Elby Lang and new recruit Isobal Thomson. 20_b24arcas01

needs 48 volunteers a week and its best selling clothing items are ladies tops.

It sells more than 15,000 books a year - a third of which

come back for resale.

Two years ago the charity employed a manager for the first time and since Sue Girbow took over takings have significantly increased.

Recycled

Long-serving charity treasurer Elizabeth Ross said: 'People give us the most beautiful things to sell.

'If, for any reason, we cannot sell it ourselves it will be recycled.

'There is very little that is thrown away.

'The prices have never changed since the day the pier shop opened but Sue has helped us be a little more professional.'

In the last quarter century ArCaS has helped hundreds of cancer patients with transport to and from the ferry to hospitals on the mainland.

They also assist with ferry tickets for non-ferry pass holders, counselling and complementary therapy.

All of these services are provided free and confidentially.

There are now seven ArCaS drivers on the mainland who provide a comfortable and friendly service from Ardrossan to whichever treatment centre is necessary all coordinated with military precision by transport manager Keith Cheshire.

In 25 years ArCaS has spent £76,290 on equipment for the community nurses to help patients in their own homes.

They have also spent £215,000 at Arran War Memorial Hospital on diagnostic equipment, renovations and alterations to the building to improve patient comfort.

They also renovated and

equipped a room for patients' relatives to stay.

Many people donate money to ArCaS, much of it in memory of loved ones and in the financial year which ended in March, 87 per cent of ArCaS income has been disbursed in charitable gifts.

The anniversary garden party being held at Strabane in Brodick on Saturday 21 June will have entertainment by Arran brass band, pipe band and Hutton's Unconformity.

There will also be loads going on for adults and kids throughout the day as well as the chance to explore Strabane's famous garden.

Quiz

Mrs Ross said: 'After 25 years there are still people on Arran who do not know what ArCaS do.

'We hope people will come to the garden party and enjoy themselves but maybe also take an interest in finding out a bit more about us with a family quiz. We just hope for a good day.'

She added: 'ArCaS is proud to be a registered charity and, as such, entitled to use the term 'charity' on its premises and correspondence.

'We are also, therefore, subject to official scrutiny by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and all our accounts and details of charitable gifts are open to the public.'

Last year ArCaS set up its own website and anyone seeking further information can visit: www.arrancancer-support.org.

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Action-packed Galloway adventure for Arran Guides

The 1st Shiskine Guide unit recently joined more than 350 girl guides and senior section members, aged between 10 and 19, for an action-packed day at Galloway Activity Centre.

Adventure 2014 saw the girls take over Galloway Activity Centre for a day of fun and exciting outdoors activities.

With the help from Cash-back for Communities funding, Girlguiding Scotland has been able to provide affordable adventure events at four different locations across Scotland to more than 1,700 girls and young women who may not otherwise have had this opportunity.

Adventure 2014 enabled

the Shiskine guides and senior section members to challenge themselves, learn new skills and try out new activities.

Activities included sailing, kayaking, windsurfing, wobble boarding, archery, climbing, abseiling, zip line, tree climbing, mountain biking, night line, orienteering and many more.

Pentecost celebrated at the Preaching Cave

Around 70 people gathered on Sunday afternoon at the historic Preaching Cave at Kilpatrick to celebrate Pentecost and recall the events of 200 years ago which led to regular meetings taking place there.

The event was arranged by Arran Churches Together and was part of St Molios in Shiskine's 125th anniversary.

The memorable occasion was blessed with fine weather

and participants were grateful to local farmer Neil Henderson for mowing the path and clearing bracken around the entrance to the cave.

The Reverend Angus Adamson, who led the meeting, outlined the history of the cave. The acoustics in the cave made it an ideal place for singing hymns which included the 23rd Psalm sang alternately by the congregation in English and in

Gaelic by Derek Shand. The preacher was David Pott who initially proposed the idea for the meeting.

In a spontaneous gesture near the end of the meeting, Irena Telfer who is Polish shared the Lord's Prayer in her language.

The impact of the meeting was such that it was proposed that Pentecost at the Preaching Cave might become an annual event.



The Shiskine Guides enjoyed an action-packed day at Galloway Activity Centre.



Pentecost at the Preaching Cave near Kilpatrick might become an annual event.

Grant boost for forum day out

The Isle of Arran Elderly Forum was delighted to receive a grant from Foundation Scotland, or more specifically, the Betty and Roy Ure Trust.

The grant enabled 27 members to have breakfast on the early ferry, then travel to the Riverside Museum in Glasgow by coach, where they had a trip down memory lane by seeing all the various forms of transport from years gone by.

After a three-and-a-half hour visit, including lunch, they left Glasgow and took the scenic route to Greenock and then to the Cardwell Bay Garden Centre at Gourrock. The party headed down the coast in time for the 6pm sailing home, which included sandwiches, biscuits and a hot drink.

Organiser Fiona Brown said: 'This was a wonderful day out with many memories to ponder.'

Arran chosen for prestigious tour

Mr Mcfall's Chamber, a world-famous group of musicians, has selected Arran for inclusion in a tour celebrating the islands of Scotland and of the Caribbean. On Thursday 19 June the five members will be performing in Brodick Hall, together with the renowned Susan Hamilton, soprano, whose recordings with the Dunedin Concert are world-renowned.

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Lamlash Post office must not be lost

The closure of an Arran shop is sadly not an unusual occurrence.

In the past 10 years many of the island's villages have lost their shop and post office.

First it was Lochranza, then Kilmory and Corrie - they were no longer viable in villages where many of the homes were holiday houses and those that did live there were increasingly using the Co-operative supermarkets in Brodick.

So it is with a heavy heart this week that we report that Lamlash Post Office may soon be closing its doors after more than 100 years.

Understandably, after 20 years the owners Andy and Irene Grents are ready to retire.

But with no sign of an imminent sale, despite two years on the open market, it looks as though closure is their only option if they want to put their feet up.

Many of us take the post office for granted.

In an age where few people now send letters, choosing instead to communicate by computer, do we really need a post office in every one of Arran's villages?

Well judging by the number of people flocking through the door in just one hour, it's safe to say that if Lamlash Post Office closed it would be sadly missed.

Lamlash has a Co-op.

It has a newsagents and homeware store.

There is even a bakers at the site of the old butchers.

And it has a post office.

So if you are an elderly person, or someone who doesn't own a car, you can happily get everything you need within the one village.

If the post office ceases to be there how will people take money out of their accounts?

How will older people get their pensions?

Will residents be forced to drive to Brodick simply to return a parcel?

Simple things, yes, but they could become a real hassle when having to be done every week.

The need to communicate is central. Not only has the post office always offered ways to do this, it has also been a place to meet people as a hub of the community.

So let's get our thinking caps on and try to find alternative premises for a post office.

It may not be possible to open it six days a week, as it is at present, but surely someone must want to take on this valued community service.

Sadly it may only be once it is gone that people will realise how central it is to village life.

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



Shiskine sports cancelled

Sir,
Contrary to popular belief and recent advertising, sadly I write to confirm that there will be no Shiskine Valley Sports Day on Saturday 12 July.

However, the Texas Scramble will go ahead in the usual fancy dress format on Sunday 13 July. This year the theme is 'Commonwealth Games' and all teams can book a tee-off time by phoning the starters on 860226.

Although the sports events are cancelled, our senior citizens committee is still planning to hold an afternoon tea event on Wednesday 13 August.

Further details of time and venue will appear shortly and it is likely our hard-working hall committee will also announce a date for their duck derby.

It was heartening to see so many people at the recent Shiskine Valley Improvements meeting and we hope that the new committee and the new format will serve the Shiskine community and continue to be well supported in any new ventures or fund raising ideas.

Yours,
Liz Kerr

In despair of democracy

Sir,
According to Mr Kerr in last week's *Banner*, people are 'not distressed by democracy' and found the 'yes' signs at the side of the road 'inspirational'.

If the average voter finds a piece of cardboard with a 'yes' scrawled on it 'inspirational' I am not so much distressed by democracy as more in total despair of it.

Neither am I sure how a plastic box in a field contravenes planning laws but I'm sure someone will produce a reason.

Anyway, do we really need 'yes' and 'no' posters all over the place for the next three months - surely they don't sway or persuade anyone to direct their vote, and apart from a few isolated cases in

Pirnmill, everyone in the land knows there is a referendum.

The signs can also lead to confusion; some people believe that the large 'no' on the rear of local worthy's van is a political statement.

Insiders realise that as this well known individual sits in his favourite haunt (a pothole outside Wooleys) eating his pies, he is often approached by potential customers.

Now when someone asks if he can do a job at a reasonable price in a reasonable time he can point to the back of the van and avoid speaking with his mouth full or interrupting his breakfast.

Yours,
Marc Head
Whiting Bay

Positive politics

Sir,
If the question for the independence referendum had been phrased 'Should Scotland remain part of the UK' then the pro-UK answer would have been 'yes' and the answer for independence would have been 'no', therefore making the SNP the 'negative' party.

As it is we have a clever question from clever lawyers. According to Malcolm Kerr, social media tweeters regarded the 'yes' signs which littered the roadsides over the bank holiday as a positive thing.

I am sure most people, residents or tourists, just sighed and tried to continue with their everyday lives.

Were the tweeters part of the 'cybernat' group who routinely disparage the opinions of everyone not in the SNP camp? Last week's *Banner* said that the CalMac vessel MV Lord of the Isles was sent to Liverpool, England, for a speedy repair. Surely a good example of 'Better Together'.

Yours,
Mary Wilkinson,
North Lodge
Lamlash

Seniors' thanks

Sir,
On behalf of the Kilmory and Kildonan Senior Citizens Association, I would like to thank all who helped to make our trip to Helensburgh on

Tuesday 3 June such a success. Even the weather was on our side!

Thank you.

Yours,
Wilma Currie
Kilmory and Kildonan
Senior Citizens
Association Committee

One to remember

Sir,
On behalf of ArranEvents may I use your columns to publicly thank everyone who made this year's Folk Festival such a wonderful and successful event.

To our phenomenal line-up of musicians, a special thanks goes to Gillian Frame for doubling as MC, running the singing workshop, and setting a new speed record in raffle-

drawing! To Cams, Heather, Sam, Amie and Tim for showing off our local talent at the Open Mic on Sunday, and to our fantastic audiences who have literally 'been there, bought the T-shirt' - as well as raffle tickets and CDs - clapped, cheered, sung along and, hopefully, enjoyed this year's concerts and sessions as much as we did.

It would be impossible to pick just one highlight from such an amazing weekend - from the packed-out hall both nights, to the spontaneous, on-stage, end-of-night collaborations - it has all conspired to make our 20th festival one to remember.

Yours,
Andy McCallum
ArranEvents



Tickets will go like greased lightning

CONNOR Reid and Eilidh Blair are just two of the cast members preparing for their final rehearsals as Arran High school's pupils prepare for their production of *Grease* next week. Starting on Tuesday 17 June and running until Friday 20 June, this is one school show not to be missed.

Tickets are on sale at the school office or at the Book and Card Centre in Brodick.

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BRODICK primary school's P1 and P2 pupils visited the village bakery recently to learn all about the baking trade.

The pupils were welcomed to Wooleys by owner Matt Keir as part of their science

project 'in the kitchen'. The children enjoyed seeing how bread, biscuits and of course the famous Arran oatcakes are made.

As part of their studies they have been learning about how heating and cooling can cause

changes to foods which Matt was able to demonstrate to them. Icing and eating a biscuit rounded off an excellent visit.

The school would like to thank Mr Keir and his staff for making them so welcome.



Icing and eating their own biscuit rounded off an excellent visit.



The children enjoyed seeing how bread, biscuits and, of course, the famous Arran oatcakes are made.



Some excited youngsters prepare for their visit to Wooleys.



The pupils have been learning about how heating and cooling can cause changes to foods.

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Bob Baillie joins top Renewable Energy Company

Solar and Wind Applications are delighted to announce that from mid-June, Bob Baillie, formerly of the Energy Agency, will join the company as Business Development Manager. For the past six years Bob has managed the Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre which covers South West Scotland, advising householders and organisations about energy efficiency, sustainable transport and renewable energy technologies.

Having retired, Bob is keen to carry on sharing his enthusiasm, experience and vast knowledge on renewable technologies with those interested in making their home or business more energy efficient.

As well as being knowledgeable about the available technologies, Bob can also speak from personal experience. At his home near Coylton, Ayrshire, he has a Solar Thermal system, an Air Source Heat Pump, a 6kW Wind Turbine and Solar Photovoltaic panels!



Managing Director Rod Macneal (left) with Bob Baillie

Over the past 7 years over 200 people have visited Bob at his home to see and experience first hand how these technologies operate, and discover just how much electricity can be generated, and the large savings on energy bills.

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If you are concerned about your fuel bills and wonder if renewable technologies are for you, then now is the time to come and talk to Bob and the rest of the Solar and Wind team to ensure you get the best technical and financial advice. The financial climate is strong, providing support for many of the installations available including - Feed in Tariff for Solar PV and Wind Turbine system, and the Renewable Heat Incentive for heating technologies. These benefits are in addition to savings on your fuel bills!

Want to find out more?

Come and speak to Bob and the team at our Open Day events noted opposite. If you can not attend any of these - don't worry! Phone us to arrange an appointment at Bob's house to see the systems in action or at your home to get advice on what will work for you.



Back row, l to r: Mike Bailey, Murray Stout, Connor Reid and Josh MacDonald. Front row, l to r: Julie Cannon, Ceile Swinton-Boyle, Sarah Jenkins and Sophie Corbett.

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The school leavers pose for one last group picture. 20_b24ahs09

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Back row, l to r: Pauline Robertson, Brian Donlin, Jimmy Stewart, Kim Toogood. Front row, l to r: Lesley Walker, Heather Johnston, Marianne Costello and Amanda Hogge.

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SIXTH-YEAR pupils from Arran High school celebrated the end of their school years on Saturday night with a leavers' dinner in Brodick.

The 27 youngsters and many of their teachers and school staff gathered at Arran on a Plate for the event.

With the girls wearing beautiful colourful dresses and the boys cutting dashing figures in their slick suits and kilts, it is one of the most



Back row, l to r: Richard Barr, Shay Kieran Aherne. Front row, l to r: M Urquart-Dixon and Kristina Colwe



Back row, l to r: Robert Ingham, Luke Cannon, James Mowatt and Wallace Currie. Front row, l to r: Iain Parker, Cherie Ferguson, Debbie Armstrong and Heather Gough. 20_b24ahs02

Enjoy final fling

glittering occasions of the year. After months of organisation, the pupils enjoyed an evening they will never forget.

The senior pupils celebrated the end of their six years at secondary school as they now prepare to enter the world of work, while others will continue their education at university and college or with other vocational courses.

Congratulations to them all!



Back row, l to r: Joe Fawcett, Euan Bone, Jordan Crawford and Robie Rhead. Front row, l to r: Martin McCartney, Moir McCallum, Eliot Morrison and Janet Logan. 20_b24ahs05



Michelle MacLeod, Michelle Rennie, Lara Gosman, Liz Sloan, Lucy Latona. 20_b24ahs03



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Fly-past for walkers taking part in Goatfell challenge

More than 70 charity walkers took on the challenge of Goatfell at the weekend and they were rewarded with a flying display by a Jet Provost as they took on the challenge.

The Goatfell Expedition on Saturday was part of a joint fundraiser by the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS), which runs the meals and wheels service on Arran, and the Ayrshire Hospice.

Two world records were attempted on the day with Eddy Gemmel trying for the highest busking record when he sang a song he wrote, 'The man wae nae legs', after his father's cancer diagnosis. He was also joined by Margaret Weir trying for the highest line dance with some of the walkers.

The RVS's very own Commonwealth baton also went up Goatfell.

But the highlight for many was the fly-past by the Jet Provost T3A piloted by Scots stuntman Sean O'Kane and provided by the Kilmarnock-based charity group SkyLab.

The plane made several loops around Goatfell during the display.

Base camp

Two RVS members of staff, Avril McLean and Michelle Trainer, joined the 70 walkers while Heather Hood conducted operations from base camp at Cladach.

Michelle said: 'The moto of this cause is 'Touching the lives of many' and all we want is recognition of the work and support these two charities do. All money raised for these two great causes will be kept in Ayrshire.'

'The Royal Voluntary Service would like to thank everyone for taking part and all your kind donations. It would also like to thank the volunteers all over Arran who run the meals on wheels service for their continued support.'



Walkers start their ascent of Goatfell. 20_b23goat03

Some of the walkers and base camp crew who took part in the challenge. 20_b23goat01 (top) and 20_b23goat02 (bottom)

SUMMER FOOD & DRINK GUIDE

DINING OUT GUIDE

GREAT FOOD, GREAT LOCATIONS

This is your guide to where to eat on the Isle of Arran this summer. Over the next 10 weeks you will find an array of dining establishments from fine dining restaurants to cafes and village pubs to whet your appetite!

The Isle of Arran is renowned for its food and over the next 10 weeks we will be showcasing some of the best places on the island to eat out this summer. So whether you're a full-time resident, a seasonal resident or a visitor, no doubt there are restaurants around the island you've wanted to check out. This is the time of year to do it.

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Arran Mountain Rescue news

Busy summer season is well under way

THE Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) put in a last gruelling training session just before the island plays host to countless visitors.

Arran has become one of the magnets for hill walkers and mountaineers each year.

In preparation for the summer season, the team also covered the annual hill races on the island which included the Goatfell and Glen Rosa Horse Shoe.

This year 135 runners tackled the 874m high, 15.5km Goatfell race, which was held

on Saturday 17 May. The team was on hand to provide first aid and make sure everyone remained on course.

The weather, although slightly milder than last year, was challenging for all competitors but everyone made it up and down in one piece and without any major injuries.

A week later on Saturday 24 May, the team were asked to assist both Oban and Arrochar MRT's at the Isle of Jura fell race.

The weather was much kinder this weekend and all

runners completed the gruelling 28km race with no major injuries.

Thankfully mountain rescue teams are still able to cover these hill races.

With summer now well under way, the island has been getting increasingly busy.

Goatfell is Arran's highest peak and is a popular challenge for those coming to the island and the team has had a few recent callouts.

The team was called out on 8 May to assist a man who had got into some difficulty on Goatfell.

Team members located the un-injured walker and accompanied him off the hill to safety.

On Saturday 24 May the team was called out after an abandoned rucksack was discovered in the A'Chir ridge area. The owner was found safe and uninjured.

On 26 May AMRT was called out to assist a young man who had injured his ankle coming off Goatfell. The team Argo cat was used to reach him quickly and take him off the hill.



The students of the Edinburgh University String Orchestra outside Brodick Church on June 2.

Musical delights from university orchestra

Classical music fans were treated to an excellent evening of tunes recently with the Edinburgh University String Orchestra at Brodick Church.

The students performed an outstanding programme of classical music under their conductor Michael Devlin including Grieg's Holberg Suite, JS Bach's Double Violin Concerto, Alex Lamb's Double Bass Concerto and Ireland's Toccata from Concertino Pastorale.

Enjoyed

A very appreciative and generous audience of music loving locals and visitors

enjoyed the performance at Shiskine Village Hall the previous Saturday evening.



Arran Mountain Rescue Team is anticipating a busy summer season.

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'Firsts' spotted on the island

May was milder and a little drier than last year and with the wind predominantly from the south our summer visitors continued to arrive.

The following 'firsts' were reported: a swift over Whiting Bay on the 6th, a garden warbler in Merkland Wood



The first spring visit to Arran this century by a turtle dove was captured by Norma Davidson.

on the 13th and a spotted fly-catcher on Machrie Moor on the 16th.

In addition throughout the month the numbers of summer visitors like swallow, house martin, willow warbler and cuckoo continued to build up.

For example, there were more than 50 reports of cuckoo including one that struck a window in a house in Blackwaterfoot.

It recovered and flew off but not before it was photographed.

To date there have been no reports this year of wood warbler, redstart, corncrake or nightjar but a turtle dove at Sliderry on the 24th was the first spring record this century.

Species which breed fur-

ther north continued to pass through including: 12 whimbrel at Blackwaterfoot on the 3rd, three white wagtail at Kilpatrick Point also on the 3rd, a purple sandpiper at Drumadoon Point on the 4th, nine turnstone at Blackwaterfoot on the 8th, four sandwich tern at Silver Sands on the 10th, eight sanderling at Drumadoon Point on the 15th, a male pintail at Machriewaterfoot on the 19th, nine dunlin on Cleats Shore also on the 19th, 12 great northern diver off Blackwaterfoot on the 20th, three whooper swan over Sliderry on the 21st, six black-throated diver in Machrie Bay on the 23rd and seven tufted duck on Port na Lochan also on the 23rd.

In May, breeding was well underway for many species



Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

JUNE

Kestrels by a nest taken by Brian Couper.

including: a moorhen with three young at Port na Lochan on the 23rd, two pair of shelduck with 17 young on Cleats Shore also on the 23rd, 12 fulmar on the cliffs at Catacol on the 24th, a pair of mute swan with seven young in Catacol Bay on 27th, snipe with their distinctive call holding territories on top of the String and at Penrioch on the 28th and 29th respectively and a barn owl nest with eight eggs in East Bannan on 23rd.

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.

The most unusual garden report was of a nuthatch taking food from feeders in a garden in High Corrie on the 18th.

In a future 'Bird Notes' there will be more information on this species.

Again from garden sightings, there were widespread reports of goldfinch, siskin and lesser redpoll.

Over 100 species of birds were reported to me in May including: three twite on Shiskine Golf Course on the 3rd, the solitary magpie that has been touring the island since 19 March visited Strathwillan on the 6th, a ring ouzel at Coire Daingean on the 19th, a female goosand-

er at Machriewaterfoot on the 20th, a ptarmigan on Beinn Bhreac on the 25th, a long-eared owl at dusk over Machrie Moor on the 26th and a red kite over the War Memorial Hospital in Lam-lash on the 29th.

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. Do not hesitate to report any criminal activity to the local police.

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 2013' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



This poor cuckoo - stunned after striking a window but soon to recover - was taken by Jim Cassels.



Black-throated divers were photographed by James Bryson.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Saturday 11 June, 1994

Paying respect

Billy Dickie laid a wreath at Brodick War Memorial on Monday in honour of Lance Corporal Bobby Armit of the East Yorkshire Regiment.

A small group of people, including Bobby's brother Campbell stood in the pouring rain for the ceremony.

Bobby Armit was one of seven Brodick lads killed during the Second World War but the only one who fell during the Normandy Landings which took place on June 6, 50 years ago.

Island discs

Arran now has a record shop, the first for a long time.

Although there are several outlets around the island selling cassettes, this is the only regular record shop.

Called 'The String' it is actually a record shop without records as it sells cassettes and CDs.

And despite remaining slightly hidden behind thick windows at the Brodick Bazaar, owner Rebecca Richmond tells The Banner that the youngsters from Arran High School have discovered it.

Status quo?

Caledonian MacBrayne services would not improve if the company was privatised.

This is the view of a consultancy report into the possible privatisation of the company

which was published by the Scottish Office last week.

On yer bike!

A postman on a bike was a thing of the past. But no longer.

For this week people in Brodick may have seen the postmen or women cycling to their door.

Or they may even have been walking! So what has happened this week - have they run out of vehicles?

No, it's a trial run to see how they can revise delivery procedures on the island and it has been suggested that two wheels or two feet may be just as effective as four wheels.

Mix up

Unfortunately the Whiting Bay Golf Club results are mixed up with the Church Notices this week.

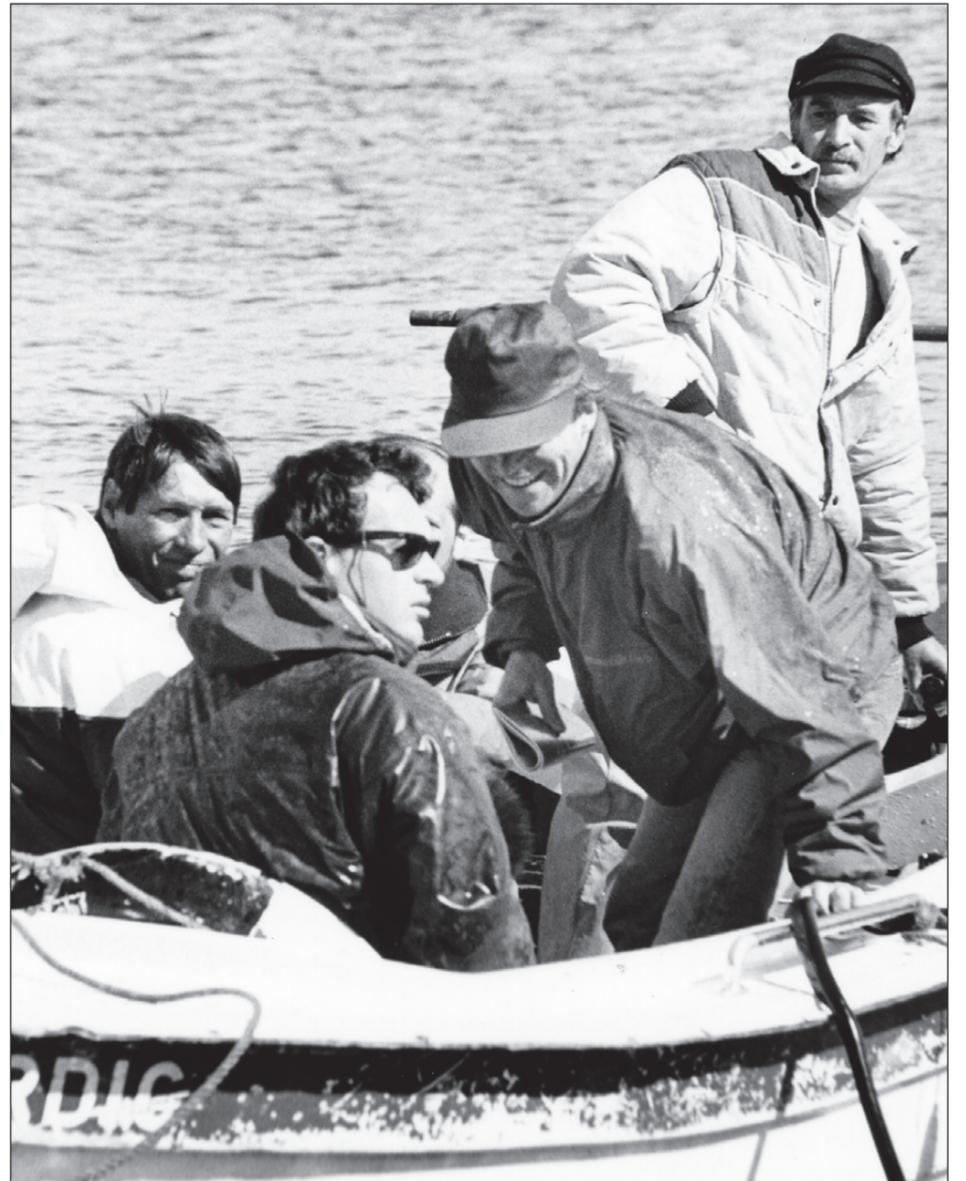
We regret this but then again, is it not often said that golf is a religion?

Holy Isle pilgrimage

John McCarthy, the journalist who spent four years as a hostage in Beirut, visited Holy Isle on Tuesday to speak to the Lama Yeshe.

He is currently travelling around Britain making a film and travelling by yacht.

One of the questions he asked the Lama Yeshe was why anyone would volunteer for a four-year retreat when he himself had just ended four years of forced captivity.



John McCarthy, the journalist who spent four years as a hostage in Beirut, visited Holy Isle on Tuesday to speak to the Lama Yeshe. b24twe05



Billy Dickie lays the wreath for Lance Corporal Bobby Armit who died on the Normandy beaches 50 years ago. b24twe04



Rebecca Richmond has opened The String, a record shop, in the centre of Brodick. b24twe02



Demolition work has begun on the Island Hotel to make way for a new Co-op supermarket in the centre of Brodick. b24twe03

What's on

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Every day

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

Loch Garbad, boat & bank fishing
 9am-Dusk
 Open Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10 - 5pm
 Open Tue, Thu & Sun 12.30pm - 5pm
 2pm
 Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am - 4.30pm

Streetly Dance pre-school
 Garden walk
 RunArran Beginners
 Grease

Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
 Brodick Castle 2pm-3pm
 Drift Inn car park, Lamlash, 5.15pm
 Arran High School, 7pm

Saturday 14th June

Army Cadets
 Over 21s Disco
 Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 RNLI Shop
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink game
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Brodick Bowling Green, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Green, 2pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm

Wednesday 18th June

Rock & Pop Bingo
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Yogalates
 Aquafizz
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
 RunArran mixed ability
 Running Coaching
 Yoga-Arran
 Drift Inn Quiz
 Beavers
 Back to the Bronze age
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
 Mixed Hockey
 Coffee Morning
 Dog agility classes
 Elderly forum
 Grease

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 Auchrannie car park, 5.30pm
 Auchrannie car Park, 5pm
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Lamlash, 9pm
 KA Campus, Lamlash High School, 6.15 - 7.15pm
 Brodick Castle, 2-4pm
 Brodick Bowling Green, 6.45pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall 7.30-8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall 10.15 - 12noon
 Sandbraes park, Whiting Bay, 1pm-3.30pm
 Ormidale pavilion, 11am
 Arran High School, 7pm

Sunday 15th June

Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)
 AA Meeting
 Mackerel Lottery
 RNLI Shop
 Open music session

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Ormidale sports pavilion, 2-3.30pm
 Brodick church Hall, 4pm - 6pm
 Kinloch Bar, 5pm
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm

Thursday 19th June

Quiz
 Morning Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Lochranza Craft Club
 Weight Watchers
 Yoga
 Bridge Club
 Garden Club
 Open Music session
 Ladies Hockey
 Grease
 Cubs
 Pilates
 Paintings tour
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 On the shore of the mind

Eden Lodge, 9pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Lochranza Hall, 2pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
 Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm
 Brodick Ranger Centre, 7.30pm
 Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 Arran High School, 7pm
 KA Campus, Lamlash High School, 6.15pm - 8pm
 Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm
 Brodick Castle, 2-3.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 6.45pm
 Brodick hall, 7.30pm

Monday 16th June

Quiz
 Over 50s Badminton
 Badminton
 Citizens Advice
 Morning Fitness
 Table Tennis
 Aerobics (low impact)
 Badminton
 Arran Junior Football Club
 Yoga
 Summer Bridge
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
 Circuit Training

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9pm
 Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Shiskine Hall 6pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon
 Arran High School, 6.30pm
 Lamlash Bowling Green, 7pm
 Brodick Bowling Green, 6.45pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm

Tuesday 17th June

Pop Quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Rotary club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Scottish Country Dancing
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 SFA Mini Kickers
 SFA Early Touch Football
 Jnr Badminton
 Metafit
 Junior Hockey

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
 10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 KA Campus, Arran High School, 5pm - 5.45pm
 KA Campus, Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm
 KA Campus, Arran High School, 7pm - 8pm
 KA Campus, Lamlash High School, 6pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 6-7pm

Friday 20th June

Aqua Fizz
 Yogalates
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Castle Secrets Tour
 Family fun night
 Grease

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
 Brodick Castle, 11.30 - 1pm
 Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
 Arran High School, 7pm



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Married at Auchrannie hotel, Brodick 7th June were Clare, daughter of Patrick and the late Brenda Callaghan of Hertfordshire, and Daniel, son of Dennis and Lesley Goodchild of Brodick. Despite the weather a fantastic day was had by all and a huge thanks to everyone who made donations to Cancer Research where over a £1000 was raised.

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(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 15th June
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 18th June
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Parishes of North Arran
Broddick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine
Independent but working together
Minister:
Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.
Sunday 15th June
Broddick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 11.50am
Tea, Coffee and Fellowship, 12noon Morning Worship.
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirmill Church, 10.45am, Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.

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"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 15th June
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
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Mrs Sharon Macleod
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WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 15th June
Worship will be led by the Rev Alex Noble, Moderator of Ardrossan Presbytery at 10.30am. There will be a congregational lunch served after the service.
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Sunday morning masses 11am

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Sunday 8th June
11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Broddick
Tea & Coffee after the service.
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(continuing)
Sunday 15th June
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Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 18th June
at 7pm
5 Glen Road,
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 15th June
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Broddick 7pm (Church behind post office)
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If you are interested in joining us please ring 810251 for more information.

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BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Broddick Golf Club
Ladies: June Medal and Medal Final, 13 played, CSS 70.
1 Fiona Crawford 80(14)66, 2 Brenda Livingstone 85(13)72, 3 Susan Butchard 86 (12) 74.
First division: 1 and Scratch Fiona Crawford 80(14)66. Second division: 1 Kay Kitson 96(22)74.
Nine Hole Stableford, 2 played. 1 Pat McDonald 11pts.

Tuesday 10 June, Centenary Quai, 12 played, CSS 67. 1 Yvonne Brothers, 86(18)68 2 Gwen McNicol 84(14)70, 3 Lesley Murray 96(25)71. Scratch Gwen McNicol 84.
Gents: The Arran Open was held over the weekend of June 7 and 8. As well as many of Broddick's own members taking part, this popular event attracted around 100 entries from clubs on the Scottish mainland with a sprinkling from England and even one from France.
Torrential rain on Saturday caused suspension of play around 12.45pm with play for the day being abandoned at 1.45pm. Sunday was a beautiful day and the trophies and other prizes were awarded on the basis of the Sunday round.

The overall winner was Gary Motherwell from Kilsyth Lennox Golf Club with a scratch 67, winning on the better inward half from his club colleague Jonathan Davis. Broddick member Brian Smith won the new Douglas Hotel Trophy with a net 63 on the better inward half from club colleague Matthew Keir. Taste of Arran Trophy for best gross score: 1 Gary Motherwell, Kilsyth, 2 Jonathan Davis, Kilsyth, 3 Thomas Morrison, Kilsyth, 4 Iain Murchie, Lamlash, 5 Danny Rooney, Kilsyth. Douglas Hotel Trophy for best net score: 1 Brian Smith, Broddick, 2 Matthew Keir, Broddick, 3 Stephen McKelvie, Broddick, 4 Alasdair Mitchell, Pollok, 5 James Armit, Broddick. Bo Wallace Trophy for best net score by a Broddick Golf Club member: Brian Smith 63.

Whiting Bay Golf Club
Wednesday 4 June, 29 played in the latest round of the Summer Trophy, with the best six scores from each player counting towards the final total, SSS 63, CSS63. 1



Open champion Gary Motherwell collects his trophy.



The young players who took part in the Kelso Cup semi-final. b23golf03

Wednesday 4 June Summer Cup 39 played CSS 67. 1 F Silars(10)63, 2 B Walker (18)66, 3 L Keir(13)67. Scratch E McKinnon 69. There were eight magic twos - Ewan and Finlay got two each.
Fixtures: Saturday 14 June, Gents AGA Thomson Cup semis and final at 1pm and 6pm. Sunday 15 June, Gents Club Trophy, draw on Saturday 14 June at 12 noon. Tuesday 17 June, Ladies Wilkie Trophy. Tuesday 24 June, Ladies Captain's Prize.

Lamlash Golf Club
Ladies: Wednesday 4 June, Fleet 3 strokeplay, eight played, CSS 66. 1 E Sinclair 65(17), 2 C McAdam 69(20). Scratch E Sinclair 82.
Gents: Thursday 5 June, Summer Cup, CSS 67. 1 Ian Bremner 70-6=64, 2 Colin Richardson 81-15=66, 3 Douglas Macfarlane 67-1=66. Best Scratch Douglas Macfarlane 67. Twos from Ian Bremner, Douglas Macfarlane, Iain Murchie, Neil Young and Scott Campbell.

Sunday 8 June, Jamieson Cup, CSS 66. 1 John O'Sullivan 89-22=67, 2 Andy Smith 82-15=67, 3 Drew Wales 77-7=70. Best Scratch Drew Wales 77.
Fixtures: Sunday 15 June, Fleet Cup 36 holes, 8.30am and 3pm starts.

Whiting Bay Golf Club
Wednesday 4 June, 29 played in the latest round of the Summer Trophy, with the best six scores from each player counting towards the final total, SSS 63, CSS63. 1



Brian Smith collects the two trophies he won at the Open.



Gents runner up Billy Paton with champion David Tod.

Jamie MacPherson (6)58, 2 Malcolm Pennycott (0)59, 3 Ryan Armstrong (7) 60, 4 David Morrison (9)61.
Malcolm Pennycott won scratch with an excellent 59 and there were magic twos from Jamie MacPherson, Ryan Armstrong, Gus MacLeod, Malcolm Pennycott, Pete Smith and David Morrison.
Sunday 8 June, final of the JC Reid Trophy and club championship. The JC Reid finalists were Stan Rainey, who defeated Dave Hackett in the semi final, and Sandy Pringle, who beat John Pennycott earlier in the week. In a topsy-turvy match Stan raced to a four-hole lead after four, before Sandy won the next four to level the game. Stan again won four holes in quick succession and closed out the match by three and two. Fixtures: Sunday 15 June, Stableford Medal. Wednesday 18 June, Summer Trophy.

second round championship qualifier/Peter Sutton sweep. 1 Alice Anderson 68, 2 Denise Sherwood 71 BIH, 3 Brian Sherwood 71. Scratch Brian Sherwood 81. Saturday 7 June Duncan Sillers and Gents 2nd round club championship qualifier. Sweep 1 Campbell Laing 66, 2 Sandy Murray 68, 3 Brian Sherwood 71. Scratch Sandy Murray 73.
Fixtures: Monday 16 June club championship semi finals. Ladies: Jenni Turnbull v Viv Parks, Alice Anderson v Elizabeth Kelso. Gents: Sandy Murray v David Jeffrey, Willie Kelso v Brian Sherwood. Tuesday 17 June, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton tee off 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Shiskine Golf Club
Thursday 5 June 12 Hole Medal, CSS 47, 13 played. Silver 1 and scratch Brenda Livingstone 52-4=48 BIH, 2 Isobel MacDonald 58-10=48. Bronze 1 Piet Johnston 60-15=45, 2 Esther Henderson 68-16=52. Congratulations Piet on winning the Medal.
Fixture: Thursday 19 June, Nancy McCutcheon Trophy(Ladies)

Machrie Bay Golf Club
Tuesday 3 June, Ladies

Arran Golfers Association
Friday 30 May, Junior AGA Kelso Cup semi-final at Shiskine Golf Club. Shiskine were narrowly beaten by Lamlash. Very well done to all the boys who played and thanks to everyone who came out to support.
Fixtures: Friday 13 June, Kelso Cup Final at Shiskine Golf Club, Lamlash v Broddick at 4.45pm. Saturday 14 June, Thomson Match-play at Broddick, semi-final and final at 1pm and 6pm. Saturday 21 June, Hope Cup at Shiskine Golf Club, first round from 4pm, draw: Lamlash v Whiting Bay (winners play Shiskine), Corrie v Broddick, Lochranza v Machrie.

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Champion Fiona hits famous five for glory

A NUMBER of Arran's champion golfers took to the fairways last week to battle it out for top spot.

The golf clubs at Brodick, Whiting Bay and Shiskine all saw the final championship matches taking place for both gents and ladies.

The outstanding performance of the day belonged to Fiona Crawford. Susan Butchard took on Fiona in the Brodick ladies championship.

Susan took the lead initially but Fiona soon caught up and showing a remarkable ability to pluck victory from the jaws of defeat, eventually won at the 16th hole.

This is the fifth time Fiona has won, her first time being nearly 40 years ago in 1976.

The gents championship final this year at Brodick was between six-time winner Ewan McKinnon and Matt Keir, who was making his first appearance in the final. Early on it seemed that fi-

nals day nerves had affected both players, but Ewan secured his seventh Brodick club championship at the last with a fine iron to the green after Matt pulled his tee shot out of bounds.

An unfortunate end to a great challenge from Matt. Rarely has Ewan been consistently under so much pressure and it seems certain that this will not be Matt's last final.

Brodick's junior final was contested by the holder Adam McNicol and Matthew MacDonald and both boys played some very good golf, although the speed of the greens did cause some problems.

Experience

The lead changed hands during the tussle, but Adam showed his greater experience of the big occasion with a fine par three at the 18th to secure his second championship title.

At Whiting Bay the championship final was between Jamie Stewart and Malcolm Pennycott and in a stun-

ning display of golf, Malcolm shot seven birdies in the morning 18 to build a six-hole lead at the half-way stage.

Any hope Jamie had of pegging him back after lunch soon disappeared when Malcolm started with three more birdies in the first four holes to extend his lead to nine. Jamie played well throughout the day but just couldn't peg Malcolm back and the match finished in a 10 and nine victory for Malcolm.

On the same day Lynn Walker and Susan Butchard battled it out for the ladies crystal championship and what an exciting game it was to watch.

The 18th and final hole was nerve-racking as Susan retained her one-up lead. Lynn needed to win the hole to go back to all square with a potential walk back up the first.

Susan's drive and second shot had her on the edge of the green, near the pin.

Lynn had a good drive and a



Winners Fiona Crawford, Piet Johnston, Hamish Bannatyne and David Tod, with Captain Alan Bannatyne who was on hand to present the prizes.

slightly wayward second shot resulting in her still being some way from the green.

There was a glimmer of a chance as she took her third shot, but she played a rather overexcited shot with a seven iron which carried the ball through the 18th green. Susan won the hole and the championship two up.

There was real drama at the club championship day at Shiskine golf club when David Tod beat Billy Paton at the 18th hole with nothing between the players.

But if you think that was close then you should have seen the ladies final where Fiona Crawford beat Kema Genda at the fifth extra hole.

Afterwards Piet Johnston beat Fiona Scott in the Ladies bronze championship, a great achievement for Piet.

Hamish Bannatyne then went on to defeat David K Henderson in the Duiskey final in the perfect end to another great champions day.



Whiting Bay 2014 champions Malcolm Pennycott and Susan Butchard.



Brodick winners from l to r: Susan Butchard (ladies runner up), Fiona Crawford (ladies champion), Ewan McKinnon (gents champion), Matt Keir (gents runner up) Adam McNicol (junior champion) and Matthew MacDonald (junior runner up).

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