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Douglas Hotel heralded as the vision of one man

'We do appreciate and thank him for bringing a large part of his fortune back to the island'

'This is the vision of one man who has put his money where his mouth is,' said Kenneth Gibson MSP in his short speech at the opening ceremony of the Douglas Hotel.

He was referring to Sean Henry's ambitious project to bring the Douglas Hotel back to life.

Brodick was awash with the good and the great on Tuesday as the 300 or so invited guests gathered around the large marquee on the hotel's front lawn.

The Lady Jean Fforde cut a ceremonial ribbon held tightly by four-year-old Stephanie van den Broek and five-year-old Hannah Henry.

Then she said: 'When I was asked to do this job, I put my ear to the ground. I wanted to

REPORT
 by **HOWARD DRIVER**
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get some detail on this man. People told me: 'Sean Henry does this, and Sean Henry does that'. I thought, good gracious, I don't think anyone would do that.

Appreciate

'I soon realised that he had not forgotten his roots here on Arran. A lot of businessmen make their money then go where the sun shines brightest. We on Arran do appreciate and thank him for bringing a large part of his fortune back here to this island.'

Rev Ian MacLeod said: 'Sean came to the island as a boy and was educated at Arran High School. He actually worked at the Douglas two days a week

as a youth and never forgot his dream of what the hotel could be. He deserves our heartfelt thanks for this wonderful project.'

Sean replied with a chuckle: 'People here know that I am actually a rogue. I want to thank the van den Broeks and main contractors Thomas Johnstone.'

'With their help we have taken something that was broken and hurt and made it into something to be proud of.'

Speeches over, the company were entertained with live music, champagne and canapés throughout the afternoon.

Hotel manager Pascal van den Broek later told the Banner: 'It was great, fantastic. We were very pleased with the day. Despite the weather everyone had a good time.'



The Lady Jean Fforde prepares to cut the ribbon, watched by Sean Henry and the assembled masses. 02_b25dou02

Two Arran roads closing for resurfacing

Two Arran roads will be closed next week for what is described as 'important road resurfacing work'.

The C147 will be closed near Dippen from Monday morning 'for three days or the duration of the works'. The short section affected is between Largybeg and Seacliff, but during the closure a diversion of around 20 miles will be necessary.

Following this, the Ross Road is to be closed for three days from next Wednesday 29 June. This again is to carry out resurfacing on a short section between the A841 junction by Arran Provisions and the Glenkiln road end.

A spokesperson for North Ayrshire Council

said: 'Due to the nature of the resurfacing work and width of the road, safety legislation requires North Ayrshire Council to close the road for the duration of the work.'

'A diversion route will be in place requiring that traffic travel around the south of the island via the A841, accessing the Ross Road from the west side of the island.'

'Given the length of the diversion, drivers are advised to allow extra time for their journey.'

'North Ayrshire Council would like to apologise in advance for any disruption these works may cause.'

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Art in Mind wins pride award

Arran-based group Art in Mind have lifted the cup at the first ever North Ayrshire Provost Civic Pride Dinner.

The inaugural Provost Civic Pride Awards celebrated the outstanding achievements of North Ayrshire's people and their contributions to making the area a fantastic place to live, work and visit. The dinner took place on Friday 17 June and raised a staggering £18,400 to be split between two charities.

Art in Mind, funded by Arran Visual Arts, were amongst over 200 guests at the dinner.

They eagerly waited to hear if they would win the North Ayrshire Arts and Culture Award of the Civic Pride Award, one of five coveted awards. It was already an achievement to be short-listed from 127 nominations. But to Art in Mind's great surprise and amazement, they were named as the winners.

The winners were chosen by the public with an astonishing 18,373 votes cast. Art in Mind received a magnificent engraved glass trophy and certificate to great applause.

Chairperson of Arran Visual Arts, Jan McGregor, said: 'The applause really is for the good people of Arran who voted for us either online or by post, and whose support helped us win. So we want to say a big thank you to you all.'

Delighted

Local councillor Margie Currie said: 'I was absolutely delighted that Art in Mind won a prestigious award in the first year of the Provost's Awards and offer congratulations to a successful project and well-deserved winner.'

Art in Mind began in 2004 and is a group with the aim of introducing local people with mental health problems to art and self-expression to help them gain in confidence and



Art in Mind collect their award, (left to right) Joe Bradley from sponsors Northgate Public Services, Jan McGregor and Sarah Hay from Art in Mind, Provost Pat McPhee and compère Jen McGinlay from West Sound.

self worth. The group meets weekly at Brodick Castle and because of the focus on art and creativity to improve mental health, nearly always go home feeling better.

Jan McGregor added: 'Ever ever you are passing the Ranger Centre on a Friday, you will see the art, hear the laughter and feel the energy of the group.'

This year Art in Mind is running a raffle to raise funds. The draw will take place at the Arran Visual Arts Summer Exhibition in Lochranza Hall on Thursday 4 August.

Skipper did not keep a lookout, court told

A fishing boat skipper from Carradale has been fined £2,000 after his vessel was spotted going round in circles off Arran.

William Paterson, 49, sparked a full emergency incident after disappearing below decks while the *Avalon II* got closer to the shore. Two lifeboats and a helicopter had been launched by the time he reappeared in the wheelhouse and steered the boat to safety.

Danger

Deckhand Charles McMillan, 39, was working on another vessel when he was ordered to haul in the nets as his skipper headed to Machrie Bay after reports of a fishing boat in danger.

When they drew closer to the *Avalon II* he could see she was going round in circles

with the deck and navigation lights switched on but no sign of anyone on board.

Mr McMillan told Kilmarnock Sheriff Court: 'We thought about getting on board but it was too dangerous.'

'I got a lifebelt ready with a rope attached to it and started shouting and whistling to get attention. Then I saw William appear in the wheelhouse.'

Paterson was found guilty of risking death or serious injury by failing to keep a proper lookout and placing the vessel in danger in July 23, 2009.

He had denied three charges under the Merchant Shipping Act at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court relating to the incident in July 2009.

The boat's owner Alan Oman, 68, also of Carradale, was found not guilty of the offences.

Victoria's bat confirmed as rare visitor

As reported in the Arran Banner on March 26 this year, a rare species of bat was found grounded at Kildonan by nine-year-old Victoria Mowatt, a Whiting Bay Primary School pupil.

Brodick Country Park ranger, Corinna Goeckeritz, involved in nursing the bat back to health, was puzzled by its species.

Identification was not straightforward, however, the bat has now been identified as a rare vagrant Parti-coloured bat. It is characterised by its bicoloured hairs, which are brown at the base but have silvery tips.

Lindsay Mackinlay, the National Trust for Scotland's Nature Conservation Adviser said: 'This is a very exciting find and we are proud that the

NTS has been able to help the bat on this occasion.'

This species is not native to the British Isles but is usually found in parts of continental Europe and Asia. Whilst it is impossible to say how this bat ended up on Arran, severe weather is likely to have played a part. She could even have arrived as a blind passenger on a ship.

The bat had injuries suggesting she was caught by a cat. Unfortunately she will be unable to fly again, but will remain with an experienced bat carer and be used for educational purposes.

Corinna Goeckeritz highlighted: 'Credit should go to Victoria Mowatt who discovered the bat. It is unlikely the bat would have survived without her.'



Victoria Mowatt with the bat she rescued, held here by Corinna Goeckeritz.

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Visitor gifting scheme rolled out across island

Within 10 years the charity could be looking at revenues of close to £100,000 a year

By Jennifer Lyon
A six-month 'live pilot scheme' designed to examine how a visitor payback initiative would operate on Arran has been hailed a major success, according to those involved. Since January visitors to six hotels have been asked to add a small sum to their bill to help support environmental projects on the island.

As a result the newly formed Arran Trust has already raised £6,000, which on Thursday was given to the Arran Access Trust. Plans are now in place to roll out the scheme across the island in the hope that within 10 years the registered charity could be looking at revenues of close to £100,000 a year. Robert Waine, the chairman

of VisitArran and one of the three trustees of the Arran Trust told The Banner he was very excited about the scheme. 'The visitor gifting has the potential to do great things in the future for Arran,' he said. **Visitors** 'This has been a major part of VisitArran's strategy since day one as we recognise the need

to maintain Arran's nature and environment if visitors are to continue coming for years to come.' He added: 'We just want people to feel a connection to the ongoing conservation of the island they love.' Hundreds of thousands of tourists flock to the island every year, attracted by its natural beauty and short distance from the mainland. Under the 'visitor payback' scheme, tourists will be asked to donate as little as £1 towards ongoing community projects. The main source of income comes from the 'opt out' method where hotel customers are asked to pay an extra sum, typically £1, or tick a box to opt out of paying.

Projects Businesses then 'adopt' particular environmental projects that have to be approved by a panel of assessors, giving contributors a sense of ownership of their project. It also means that visitors can see where their contribution is being spent. Consultant James Rebanks who has been involved in the



The newly formed Arran Trust is rolling out its visitor payback scheme across the island in a bid to get as many local businesses involved as possible. 01_b25vis01



Kate Sampson of the Arran Access Trust was presented with a cheque by the trustees of the newly formed Arran Trust; Tom Tracey, Robert Waine and Kenneth Bone. 01_b25vis03



The bomb disposal team towing the mine to shore before carrying out a controlled explosion. b25bom01

Floating mine exploded at Lochranza

A suspected mine was spotted floating in the Kilbrannan Sound by crew on board the Lochranza ferry last Sunday morning. They reported it to Clyde Coastguard at 11.55am and a team of bomb disposal experts from Explosive Ordnance Disposal in Faslane

were alerted. When they arrived in Lochranza they were assisted by local coastguards to tow the mine to the shore where they carried out a controlled explosion in late afternoon. A Clyde Coastguard spokesman described the object as a training mine.



Archie with John Simmons outside The Pillar Box in Whiting Bay. 02_b25arc02

Archie calls in at the Pillar Box
Banner dog Archie has a new friend. John Simmons, proprietor of The Pillar Box in Whiting Bay is sponsoring the Where's Archie feature in the Banner from this week. As well as being the village post office, The Pillar Box stocks a wide range of pet foods and John says that he can usually get any product not in stock at the moment. All Archie's food is purchased from The Pillar Box. This week's Where's Archie feature is on page 15.

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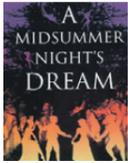
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Midsummer magic in



Interplay between Puck (Chris Jenks) and Oberon (Cameron Flewitt) 02_b25mid01



Titania (Katy Simmons) adores Bottom as the Ass (Gavin Davidson) 02_b25mid06

REPORT by EMILY MAWSON

On a damp summer solstice, Arran High School pupils mesmerised a full auditorium with their enchanting performance of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

With exceptional mastery of Shakespearian language, from 21 - 23 June the cast transformed the Community Theatre into the wood outside Athens, where 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' takes place.

Impressive paintings in shades of mystical blue and

green framed the stage. As the curtains drew back, an ethereal forest twinkling with light and creatively arranged on different levels appeared.

The talented young actors commanded the audience throughout, showing the love, misunderstanding and magic within the play as fairies dabble in human affairs.

We immediately saw a contrast between the royals in their stately costumes and the fairies, darting around and weaving spells upon the audience with their eyes.

Theseus, Duke of Athens, is

preparing for his marriage to Hippolyta, queen of the Amazons. Meanwhile, Egeus, an Athenian nobleman, marches into Theseus's court with his daughter, Hermia, and two young men, Demetrius and Lysander. Egeus wants Hermia to marry Demetrius, who is in love with her, but Hermia is in love with Lysander and refuses to agree. To complicate matters, Hermia's friend, Helena, loves Demetrius and wants to gain his love.

An argument between Oberon, the fairy king and his queen, Titania, leads to turbu-

lence in the fairy kingdom and they take delight in making mischief for the royals.

Casting was skilfully done and all students embraced their roles. Donald McEachern as Lysander energetically paraded around the stage. Katherine O'Donnolly as Hermia aroused empathy with her facial expressions and dramatically delivered lines. Iona Flewitt proved Helena to be a true 'spaniel', as the character describes herself, as she clumsily followed Michael Jenks as Demetrius.

Before the magical mischief,



In the working men's play, Bottom (Gavin Davidson) is separated from his love by a wall (Georgie Wood) 02_b25mid04



Theseus (Grant Adamson) and Hippolyta (Eloise McNeaney) take to the stage 02_b25mid03

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High School production

a group of working men took to the stage and created hilarious chaos as they prepared a play to perform at the wedding. Bottom, played by Gavin Davidson, is the comic leader of the group. He depicted Bottom's idiocy with a comedic wide-eyed expression whilst retaining a stance that showed Bottom's self pride. Davidson got rounds of much deserved spontaneous laughter and applause after each well-crafted comic interlude.

Puck, a spirit of mischief, guides us into the fairy world. Christopher Jenks was truly

compelling in this role, acting to his fingertips. His darting fluidity was complemented by his commanding voice and well thought out facial expressions of awe, glee and mischief as appropriate. He is delighted as he plots with his master, Oberon, to create a love potion to trick Oberon's Queen, Titania and bring an end to their argument.

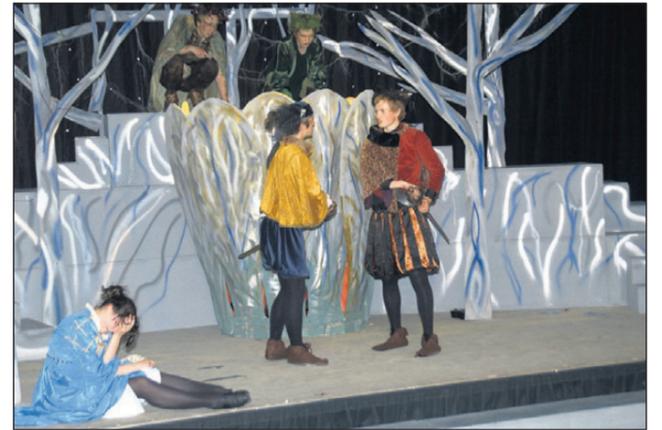
Cameron Flewitt as Oberon was a true woodland spirit, clad in a twig crown, dramatic green swirls and with a menacing stare that betrayed his plotting. The interplay

between Jenks and Flewitt was absorbing. As Puck enchanted the royals, creating havoc, himself and Oberon watched in elation from the upper realms of the stage, Oberon commenting with authority and Puck's eyes mesmerised at his every word.

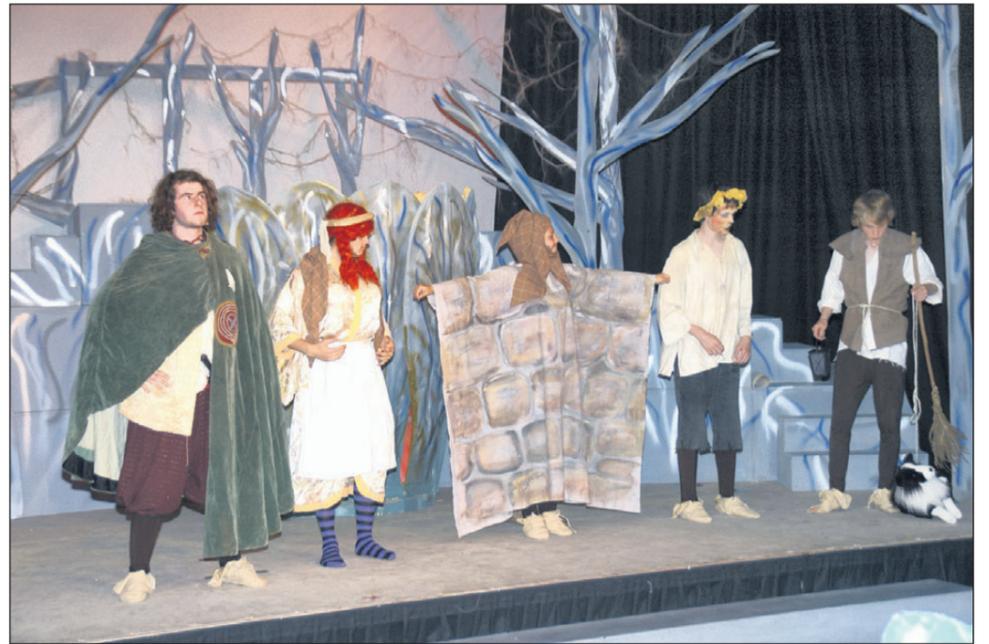
The audience was treated to another comic moment as Bottom is bewitched by Puck and his head replaced by that of an ass. Titania, also now under the spell, falls in love with him. Much laughter came from the auditorium as the delicate fairy queen, played by

Katy Simmons, caressed the hideous beast, whose ears humorously pricked up with each loving comment she made.

Produced by Heather Gough, who took to the stage 21 years ago on Midsummer's Eve in a performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' outside Brodick Castle, Arran High School's version is a true spectacle of colour, magic and outstanding talent. The audience were absorbed and left in the spirit of a Midsummer night, not sure if they had been dreaming, as Puck's concluding message persuades.



Lysander (Donald McEachern) and Demetrius (Michael Jenks) fight over Helena (Iona Flewitt) after Puck's enchantment 02_b25mid07



Above Left: Bottom as the Ass (Gavin Davidson) is confused as Titania (Katy Simmons) falls in love with him 02_b25mid02

Above Right: The working men put on their play for the wedding 02_b25mid08

Left: The royal couples united 02_b25mid05

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Mountain Festival Programme

Booking lines are now open for the fifth Isle of Arran Mountain Festival.

This year's Arran Mountain Festival is set to take place over four days from 16 to 19 September and is open to all, from novice hillwalkers to experienced mountain climbers.

Six new routes on the programme for 2011 include an across-island hike as well as a little-known scramble to the 874m summit of Goatfell, Arran's highest peak.

Supporters

However there is no need for concern amongst regular festival supporters, as the popular routes of previous years, such as the traverse of the A Chir ridge and the Goat Fell Mur-

der Walk, can be found on the programme as well.

The festival programme is organised and delivered by a group of volunteers from the island under the leadership of National Trust for Scotland ranger Corinna Goeckeritz. For many, the festival offers an opportunity to be supported by a guide on routes they would not consider on their own, and for an affordable fee. Arran's mountains are spectacular, and present challenges as great as any in Scotland.

A lively supporting programme of evening events will include an illustrated talk on September 17 by renowned climber and mountain guide Mick Tighe about his many adventures on the crags and in



View from The Castles. b25mou01 photo Luke Furze

the mountain rescue service.

This year's festival has been generously sponsored by the Arran Adventure Company

and is supported by many small businesses and individuals from the island. For further information or to book any

of the walks, see the festival website: www.arranmountain-festival.co.uk For sponsorship opportunities please contact

Corinna by telephoning 01770 302462.

The advice is to book early to avoid disappointment.



Primary pupils with Anne Shearlaw of the Energy Agency (rear right) 02_b25brod01

Brodick and Corrie Primary School pupils 'Save It'

Last Monday 13 June, 18 Brodick Primary School pupils and seven Corrie Primary School pupils learnt the message about saving energy – the fun way!

As part of the project, primary six and seven pupils have taken part in "Save It", a large floor game to challenge the pupils on who is the best at saving energy.

These energy lessons were part of their environmental topic given by Anne Shearlaw from the Energy Agency.

Liz Marquis, Director of the Energy Agency said: "These pupils are the home owners of the future. The lessons are a great way of introducing the importance of energy efficiency and the effect it has in reducing fuel bills and saving energy."

Property owner backs 'Give the troops a break'

REPORT

by EMILY MAWSON

Ten complimentary holidays are being offered to members of the Armed Forces who have shown a decade of commitment to the war in Afghanistan.

Rothwell Lodge Apartment located in Brodick is just one of the beautiful locations in Scotland donated by holiday owners as ten forces families are given the chance to win a break.

Honour

Patricia Eyres, owner of Rothwell Lodge, said: 'It is actually an honour to host members of the Armed Forces and to be able to provide them with a little peace and serenity.'

The scheme, 'Give the troops a break', is an initiative from Scottish self-catering holiday company Cottages and Castles and DecAid.

Cottages and Castles has donated £1,000 towards the costs of the holidays as well as providing a £550 holiday

voucher towards DecAid's complementary raffle.

Manager of Cottages and Castles, Sue Bourne, said: 'When I heard of the impressive work being undertaken by DecAid I was more than delighted to get involved and support the hard work of our armed forces.'

'Some of the properties being offered are truly spectacular and it is extremely generous of those owners who've signed up to offer a free week at their properties. By offering ten complimentary holidays we're giving a little back to those who endure so much.'

Forces charity, Tickets for Troops, will run the scheme on behalf of DecAid.

The winners will be announced in Edinburgh on Sunday 26 June.

The day is part of the National Celebration of the Armed Forces and will involve a parade of massed pipes and drums down the Royal Mile followed by a fair in Holyrood Park.



Arran's Highland Dancers, from left to right, Yeshe Gautier, Hannah Kemp, Erin McNiven, Molly McNiven, Charli McKillop, Amelia Kemp and Heather Snowdon.

Arran Highland dancers pass with flying colours

Seven of Arran's talented young Highland Dancers travelled to Ardrossan last Saturday to complete a variety of tests and exams.

Some of the younger girls did the tiny tots test, while the older girls took a different level.

Heather Snowdon took her pre-silver and silver medal both in Highland and National Dances, and the good news is they all passed, so congratulations to you all and well done.

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Tommy Robison presents the cup in memory of his parents to Peter MacKenzie, Whiting Bay Bowling Club's chairman. 01_b25rob01

Robison Memorial Trophy replaces original bowling cup

Whiting Bay Bowling Club has been presented with a new trophy in memory of a couple that loved nothing more than to bowl on the village green.

The Tom and Jennie Robison Memorial Pairs Trophy has replaced the St Columba's Targe, which has been handed to the club's singles winner since 1959.

Tom Robison, who was the village policeman at the time, was the original trophy's first ever winner and a founder member of the club.

Tommy Robison, Tom and

Jennie's son, said that his parents had loved Arran.

'It's a great honour for me to be able to present this trophy in memory of my parents,' said Tommy.

First Winner

'I hadn't known until recently that dad was the first winner of the singles trophy in 1959 or that he went on to win the pairs trophy the following year with Bob Haddow's mother.'

He added: 'It feels very appropriate for me to be able to replace the old trophy which was used from 1959 until last

year with this new one in my parents' memory.'

When they left Arran in 1965 the couple went to live in Rothesay where they remained until their deaths earlier this year.

Sadly Tom died in January and his wife Jennie passed away in April but they spent many idyllic holidays at a caravan in Whiting Bay.

Peter MacKenzie, the club chairman, said Tommy deserved a big thank you for his donation, which would be treasured by the members.

Arran Garden Club

Garden Club meeting on 26 May.

'O let them be left, wildness and wet;

Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet.'

So began our meeting on 26 May. You would hardly expect a group of hardened gardeners, drilled to see weeds as the great enemy, to listen happily to a talk in praise of weeds.

Knowledge

But that's just what we did. Maureen and Keith Robertson, of Drimlabarra Herb Farm, enlisted poetry, art and their own extensive knowledge to persuade us of the aesthetic,

culinary and medicinal benefits of weeds. Their entertaining talk ended with a tasting of delicious pate, teas and soups all based on commonly found weeds. So, Arran may now have the first weed-friendly garden club – thank you Maureen and Keith!

Our next meeting is on 30 June at 7.30pm in the Rangers' Centre at the Castle.

Colin Totty, head gardener at the Castle will give us advice on how to prepare plants for a show, there will be light refreshments and a sale of many unusual plants. All are welcome.

Dougarie gardens open day

This Sunday 26 June, the gardens at Dougarie will be opened in aid of the National Gardens Scheme and the Pirn-mill Village Association.

Interesting

The gardens inside a castellated folly built to celebrate the marriage of the 12th Duke of Hamilton's daughter to the 7th Duke of Montrose, are

full of interesting and tender plants. There is also a vegetable garden. Teas will be at the 19th century boathouse which is decorated with cartoons by the Punch cartoonists, Prospero and Spy.

There will be a plant stall and baking and bookstalls. Come and visit Dougarie on Sunday.



Robert Ingham cleaning the steps down to Lamlash beach. b25lam01no

Volunteers clean-up Lamlash

Over 30 eager volunteers set to on Sunday 12 June to make Lamlash beach a much cleaner place.

Lamlash Improvements Group would like to thank everyone who turned up for the beach clean.

David Ingham said: 'Despite the sunshine and showers we have been experiencing lately we were fortunate to have glorious sunshine, tempting over 30 people to join forces and clean the beach of litter from Cordon to Claulands.

'Afterwards, the Lamlash Bay Hotel provided homemade soup to all those who had helped.'

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Whatever happened to 'flaming June'?

It certainly hasn't been flaming here in Arran.

Some folk are still having open fires at night, and barbecues have been almost unheard of so far this summer. And we have already passed midsummer's day.

The nights will soon be drawing in, and apart from a super April, this year's weather has been awful. It has not been much fun for those who live here, and it's hardly inclined to encourage holidaymakers.

And what has happened to Arran's trees? Everywhere you look there seem to be brown and withered leaves, and all the signs that you would expect in early autumn.

Extreme and unusual weather conditions seem to have damaged thousands of trees on Arran, giving the impression that autumn has come early. But it isn't only just on Arran.

The Forestry Commission has received calls from landowners and members of the public worried that leaves on trees from the Scottish Borders to Oban have turned brown in recent weeks, with the appearance that they are ready to shed several months ahead of schedule. Some callers were concerned trees were diseased.

The 'browning' phenomenon has apparently been caused by exceptionally strong winds in the final week of May that drove salt laden sea air inland, causing a scorching effect.

Severe winter frosts earlier in the year have also contributed to the effect.

Those worst affected include broadleaves species, larches, pines and other conifers. Forestry Commission Scotland say that they have had a number of calls from worried members of the public who have seen large areas of trees turning brown for apparently no reason.

The Commission will be examining trees to see if the buds and twigs are still alive. If they are, recovery should take place this year and next.

If not, some die-back of branches is likely to occur, although most of the trees are expected to recover unless they suffer further extreme events.

There will be closures on two Arran roads next week. We received official notification from North Ayrshire Council and have tried to pass this on to the Arran public.

Despite several telephone calls to Cunninghame House asking for more helpful details, such as what time on Monday morning they will close the road at Dippen – essential information for anyone heading for the first ferry, or whether school buses will be allowed through, or whether the affected sections will be open outside working hours, we are left none the wiser. But once finished, we are sure to see an improvement.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.' (Psalm 46:1)

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Letters to the Editor



Silken swords in the sky

Sir,
Not all Southenders are opposed to the proposed wind farm developments. I, for one, welcome the proposals.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and this particular beholder finds that wind turbines grace the landscape like majestic giants sweeping the skies with silken swords.

I would encourage those who find them ugly to look again and see them not as blots on the landscape perpetrated by the greed of man, but as elegant machines harvesting the natural bounty of the winds in timeless and tireless industry bringing prosperity to mankind and relief to the earth's strained resources.

In comparison with the soaring peaks of the north the southern hills of Arran are lacklustre and barren, they need the variety and spice that wind farm development would bring to attract the eye and lead it to the more subtle beauty of the moorland slopes and gentle rolling hills. Otherwise, the southend hills of Arran will continue to be ignored in favour of the ravishing seascapes and shorelines that ribbon the southend coast.

Arran has a plentiful supply of clean renewable resources; it is a crime against the natural splendour that opponents of these developments seek to protect not to harness these resources. Arran could easily be energy self-sufficient and could, with encouragement, be an energy exporter. What we need is community development of these abundant resources on the Danish model so that islanders benefit from both the economic impact and the visual beauty of these majestic giants.

If any other islanders are interested in a community development of these natural resources then I am willing to devote significant time, effort and money to the enterprise and would be happy to have any such development on my doorstep.

Yours,
Chris Mowatt
Kildonan House
Kildonan

Unreliable hospital bus

Sir,
May I through your pages warn potential passengers of the hospital bus service about its unreliability.

On Thursday 9 June I left the hospital at 3.50pm to await the bus. It was timetabled to leave the High School at 3.50pm, call in at the hospital and arrive at the pier in Brodick at 4.05pm. It did not appear.

I asked someone arriving at the hospital if they'd seen the bus and they informed me that it had just headed up the hill to Brodick.

Fortunately I managed to get a lift or I would have missed the 4.40pm boat.

When I went in to the Stagecoach office to tell the staff, they didn't seem overly surprised. They said that there is sometimes congestion of parked cars at the hospital, meaning that the bus has difficulty turning.

This wasn't the case on Thursday and even if it had been the bus driver would have no way of knowing unless he drove up there.

Please take note: do not rely on this service! It does not operate according to the timetable but at the whim of the bus driver. If he doesn't feel like going up to AWMH, he doesn't bother. I have a feeling that I am not the first person to be disadvantaged.

Yours,
Fran Hadden
Beach Road
Troon

Elephant's return

Sir,
A few days ago the ceramic elephant which graced our outdoor mosaic table made of ceramic pieces found on the beach, disappeared.

While the item was not valuable in monetary terms, it had been given to us by dear friends and was a cheerful reminder of kindness, friendship and generosity. We mourned the loss of the elephant but were delighted to find it returned to our doorstep this morning.

We thank the anonymous borrower, who must have enjoyed our little ceramic friend

for several days but decided to return it to us unharmed. The elephant is now in its place of honor on the table once more, cheering us and all who pass by our cottage.

Yours,
Sharon and Ellie Shenhav
Shalva Cottage
Hamilton Terrace
Lamlash

Northend rise up

Sir,
On behalf of the current squad of Northend Thistle I would like to thank you for the quality team picture and comments regarding our recent win.

The letter from Peter Milne was also rather apt.

Unfortunately a recent report (exclusive?) in a national tabloid failed, in my opinion, to do the exploits of the current team justice.

Apologies must go to the dedicated Northend boys and indeed to Brodick who played the game despite several players having other commitments.

This is just the start for Northend and we can be sure that our local paper will do justice to our efforts.

Yours,
Chris Traill
Northend Thistle

Support children's music

Sir,
What a wonderful feast of folk music we have just enjoyed on Arran.

Many thanks to the vision, determination and energy of all at Arran Events.

One of the highlights was hearing primary school children play their wind instruments on a perfect summer's day on the Ormidale Hotel lawn.

Adapting Burns: 'Twas in the Bonny Month of June/When the woods about us hung/And a' the flowers were in their bloom/The children played sae sweetly.

There has recently been the introduction of musical tuition fees and this has already resulted in some children being unable to continue this teaching.

I therefore propose that about 40 of us pay £25 a quarter to

create about £4,000 a year to ensure all the children continue their musical education.

Once a year these 'Arran musical angels' could have a musical party.

Yours,
Colin Guthrie
Braeside
Brodick

Partnership compromised

Sir,
The Save Arran Advice Service campaign was about supporting and maintaining the excellent and essential volunteer advice service was faced with closure.

The campaign was successful to the extent that something less than 50percent of our open door service survives. There is no doubt that the remaining volunteers will continue to work independently, determinedly and confidentially on behalf of their clients, despite what their administrators may say about 'partnerships' with the Jobcentre and other profit seeking functionaries of the state.

Further to Mr McTaggart's letter in last week's Banner, some truths, which as an area officer he should know.

Arran CAB was to close because NACAS administrators thought it more important to spend their council funding on an IT worker on the mainland.

The effort to maintain a service here came from Kenneth Gibson, Margie Currie, Katy Clark and 800 petitioners.

Further Mr McTaggart, do not think for a minute that because you say the CAB is not compromised by working in 'partnership' with the Jobcentre et al that we will accept your assertion?

What is the nature of the partnership? Why is it necessary? Why not use the paper to demonstrate why our concerns are 'utterly misplaced and without foundation'?

Oh, and I'm sure Katy Clark will be delighted to be grouped in the same category as well-meaning but misinformed Dave.

Yours,
Dave Patterson
17 Benlister Terrace
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Lochranza hostel bags tourism award

Lochranza Youth Hostel has won a national award for its efforts in promoting sustainable tourism.

The Four Star youth hostel has been awarded the highly coveted Gold Star award from the Green Tourism Business Scheme.

The hostel was one of only 20 businesses shortlisted for their innovation, cost savings and green ambassadorship during the year 2010-2011, placing it in the top two percent of the greenest GTBS tourism businesses in the UK and Ireland.

Steve Freear, manager of Lochranza Youth Hostel, said: 'Almost half of our guests arrive without a car, and it's a joy to get around the island by foot, bike or using public transport.'

He added: 'We continually promote and support recycling, waste minimisation and use of public transport in the youth hostel community. Feedback reveals guests value the eco-initiatives and the importance of travelling in a way that is sustainable, and the great thing is more people are discovering how friendly and fun hostel holidays can be.'

Lochranza Youth Hostel currently holds a GTBS Gold grading for which points are awarded for a raft of measures such as installing efficient lighting and heating, nature conservation, use of renewable energy, buying local produce and community involvement.

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John and Bob take honours

John Murchie, of Brodick, won the Kingsley Cup and Maharanee Cup at the 40th annual sheepdog trial of Kildonan and District Sheepdog Association last Friday.

Persistent rain all day in the field at Corriegills did not dampen John and his dog Bob's spirits as they notched up 86 points out of 100.

Open winner and recipient of the Kildonan Cup were Jock Welsh of Dalrymple and his dog Nap.

After the prizegiving by chairman George Tod's wife Lillian, George thanked the drenched competitors and the judge George Hutton. He presented long-serving secretary Willie McConnell with a large



Secretary Willie McConnell studying the prize list.

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The six original dog handlers from the first trial 40 years ago: Willie McConnell, Peter Hetherington, Alex Miller, Davie Shennan, George Tod and John Templeton.

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cut glass whisky decanter and glasses and reassured him that his position as secretary was one for life. George also thanked Alex Miller for keeping the nursery trials going during the winter while he had been indisposed.

The number of competitors was reduced this year because none of the usual Campbeltown handlers came, due to some uncertainty about the Claonaig ferry service because of the weather.

Nevertheless, competition was keen, with Open winner Jock Welsh and Nap gaining a remarkable 97 points.

Six of the original handlers from 40 years ago made a special effort to run their dogs. They were Alex Miller, Willie McConnell, George Tod, Peter Hetherington, Davie Shennan and John Templeton.

Local placings were: 1 John Murchie and Bob, 2 Geoff Brookes and Shona, 3 George Tod and Spice, 4 Niall McMaster and Ann, 5 Wullie Stevenson and Dusk, 6 Jack Murchie and Meg.

Replica trophies were presented to the winners of the Open and Maharanee Cups by Lord McConnell of Glen-scorrodale.



Alex Miller of Margenaish who came out of retirement to do his first dog trial for 10 years.

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Chairman's wife Lillian Tod presents the Kildonan Open Cup to Jock Welsh.

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Hat-trick of wins for Brodick

Brodick made it three in a row last Monday night when they won the island's primary sevens soccer tournament for the third time.

Organised by the Arran Junior Football Club (AJFC) each year, teams from all seven of the island's primary schools were represented at the event.

Ian McLaren, one of the AJFC's coaches said: 'The tournament went really well and it was pleasing to have every school represented.

There was also a really good turn out of parents and teachers to support the teams.'

He added: 'All those taking part seemed to really enjoy the experience. The rain stayed off and the wind kept the midges away.'

Winners

The winners were Brodick who played really well on the night and won all of their games finishing with 18 points.

Second again this year were Corrie/Pirnmill with 13 points

and third were Lamlash with 10 points.

Well done to all the teams who took part, particularly the very young team from Kilmory.

There were superb performances from several players but the player of the tournament award went to Ben Innes for inspiring his Corrie/Pirnmill team to second place.

The club would like to thank Ian McLaren, Brian Smith, Catherine MacBain and Bethany Tetlow for refereeing.



Right: Brodick Primary School won the soccer tournament for the third year in a row.



The team from Lamlash Primary School. 01_b25soc04



Above: Kilmory Primary School's soccer team. 01_b25soc02

Left: The Corrie/Pirnmill team. 01_b25soc01



The player of the tournament award was given to Ben Innes of Pirnmill for inspiring his team to second place.

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The Whiting Bay team. 01_b25soc06



Shiskine's soccer team. 01_b25soc07



Brodick had two teams entered this year. This was the Brodick B team. 01_b25soc05



Sannox took on Hamilton Cricket Club at the Sannox Oval last Sunday.

Dignified defeat for Sannox against Hamilton

Arran's cricketers lost narrowly to Hamilton Cricket Club in a friendly at the Sannox Oval last Sunday.

Home skipper Tony Brookes won the toss and opted to field in sunny and drying conditions.

Tariq and Scott opening for all the Duke's men notched up eight before falling in the second and third overs consecutively. The Sannox tails were up as Raj at number three fell two overs later.

It was clear that Hamilton would have to consolidate and this they did in the shape of Zeeshan and Farzan at four and five.

Colin Muir, a Sannox newcomer had Farzan caught first ball after drinks.

Asif chalked up a useful 38 for the visitors before being bowled by Sannox resident Aussie Lauchlan Jones. All the tail-enders helped press the Hamilton score onward and upward: the visitors finished on 196 all out.

It was a daunting prospect for Sannox but Martin Kemp and

Tony Brookes led a creditable charge from the off putting on 50 runs, a performance that must rank as one of Sannox's best opening partnerships. Brookes fell for 13 bowled by Frazer.

'Cat' (9 lives) Pomeroy looked shaky for his 12 riding a run out decision, stumping, bounce-ball caught behind appeal.

The final ball that bowled him was undisputable. Jones, at number four, answered the Hamilton attack with some stylish shots – there were five boundaries in his 40 runs

before he was caught off Keeram.

Marriott and Dunn fell for ducks, Muir and McCartney fell for three and it was only Haggarty, at number nine, that looked to add dignity to the failing Sannox response. Haggarty carried his bat for 18, possibly a career best.

But his shining was that of a sunset rather than dawn. With only two overs to go Sannox still needed 53 runs.

Calum Rae, also on debut for the hosts, raised cheers for his nine not out. Sannox ended on a dignified 157 for 8.

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Amazing performances at folk festival concert

Harry Ross, Banner music correspondent, was clearly impressed with the 17th Arran Folk Festival. He sent us a review of the concert in Brodick Hall on the Friday night.

'The Average Folk Band' started proceedings with a volume level that might have filled the Albert Hall never mind the Brodick Hall!

Suffice to say Damien and Emily Frame of Brodick played with such outstanding skill and quality on their respective instruments.

Damien was on the small Scottish pipes and Emily the concertina and they shone throughout the cacophony like a brilliant beacon.

I felt that Emily should have had more solo passages to show off her undoubted dexterity and command of the music.

The band had great togetherness in all they played and I was particularly delighted by 'Blackbird' featuring Emily and 'Farewell to Chernobyl', highlights of an excellent show by a great band, despite a very loud drummer.

Unruffled

Local girls Robyn and Amie were back in Arran with their quiet, unruffled style where close harmony excelled in every piece they sang.

'Show me how' was full of love and passion and 'Volcano' was a quite outstanding

song, showing their harmonic talent to the full.

'My Love is Like a Red, Red, Rose' was sung in an unusual and effective style, which brought to an end a memorable performance.

Despite an amusing and laconic guitarist, The Lorne MacDougall Band, was dominated by a piper of extraordinary capability, dexterity and sheer pace.

It was hard to believe that such a human being could be a complete master of his instrument and craft.

What a really great way to end the evening which I am certain echoes everyone's thoughts about this great performance.



The crowd of youngsters in Brodick Hall last Friday with Uncle Billy and Krafty Kat centre. 02_b25out01

Rain fails to dampen fun day

Children from all over the island converged on Brodick Hall last Friday for the annual fun day of North Ayrshire Council's Outreach Service.

Activities

The weather was less than kind, and all of the many outdoor activities had to be

abandoned because of the persistent rain.

Nevertheless, the hall was packed with children, laughing, singing and playing.

One of the afternoon's main entertainers was Uncle Billy and his feline pal, Krafty Kat.

The pair, who appeared on Britain's Got More Talent in 2008, had the audience howling with laughter.

Chance

Youngsters also had a chance to see inside the police van and play with the flashing lights and siren.

Whiting Bay trio complete

70 wild miles



Gary Tulloch, Anne Tulloch and Struan Armitage after completing 70 Wild Miles. b25wildmiles01

Gary Tulloch, Anne Tulloch and Struan Armitage, all of Whiting Bay, have completed the gruelling 70 Wild Miles challenge in Glencoe.

Held on 4 June this year, 70 Wild Miles is a one-day charity triathlon including a 47-mile cycle, 10-mile canoe and 13-mile run. Not a race, it is designed to assist in the fight against cancer.

Rachel Armitage, Struan's wife, said afterwards: 'A huge thank you to everyone who supported and donated to CLIC Sargent. They all did superbly well and were certainly pushed to their limits - and beyond!'



Pupils of Lamlash Primary School with their 'Canine Gang' keyrings. b25dogstrust01

Lamlash pupils learn about pets

The pupils of Primary 3/4 at Lamlash Primary School have been learning about pets and caring for their own virtual dogs by playing the Nintendogs game on DS. They decided to finish their project by selling 'Canine Gang'

soft toy keyrings in class, thereby raising £60 for the Dogs Trust charity.

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Centenary Flower Festival
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 This is the final public occasion in a busy but successful year-long series of events to mark the church's centenary. Refreshments will be available in the church hall each day. There will be no admission charge, although donations towards the substantial cost of the flowers will be gratefully accepted on the day.

District Governor Mills visits Arran Rotary

On Tuesday 14 June Arran Rotary Club was very pleased to have a visit from the District Governor Ian Mills who made the point that he particularly wished to make a visit to the two island clubs – Arran and Bute – during his term of office.

He pointed out that as Governor of a District he recog-

nized the value of a National Committee, but stressed that first and foremost was the recognition of the local Rotary Clubs and their place in the community.

He made the point that support would be given to local clubs who supported functions such as Young Chef of the Year, Young Musician of the

Year, Youthspeak (Senior and Junior). The District would give aid to clubs' finalists at District, Regional and National level, in passing noting Arran's success in the past year. He stressed the importance of work with the youth in the community and noted that whilst nationally Rotary had its part to play, it was very important to maintain a consistent and as high a profile as possible in the local community.

And as the Governor wished to see the local clubs at work he was pleased to note that the club had one of its own members, Mairi Christie, as the speaker for the evening – something he looked forward to.

It seemed very appropriate that Mairi's address was on the theme Animals and their Young. She commenced with an instance at a caravan site where at two to three am, a group of adults came back noisily to the site having over-



District Governor Ian Mills, centre, with Arran Rotarians. b25rot01



One of Mairi Christie's presentation photos, a red elephant in Tsavo East, the only place in the world where they are found. b25rot02

indulged in the 'bevvv' – leaving a crying, tottering two year old child yards behind to fend for himself.

This was a lead into 'Life in the Amboseli National Park in Kenya'. An excellent presentation of first class photographs was made of carning animals; elephant, lions,

cheetahs, coyotes, hippos and zebra.

They looked after their young in a most loving and protective manner. Particularly informative and amusing was the care the male lion took with the lioness post-mating! The photography of the plain with the water, the desert with the

sandstorm and the beauty of Mount Kilimanjaro at sunrise and sunset, with the tale of a crocodile which invaded the camp killed by the spear of a protecting Masai warrior, rounded off a very well presented evening's viewing for Arran Rotarians. George McCormack

Three Arran women do the Moon Walk

Marie Park, Ann Rhead and Janette Head, all of Arran, raised £1,600 for a Breast Cancer charity by doing the Moonwalk in Edinburgh on 11 June.

They completed the 13-mile power walking challenge in just over 4 hours.

Marie said: 'It was good fun and we enjoyed it, even though it was well past our bedtime.'

The MoonWalk Edinburgh was first launched in 2006 by Breast Cancer charity Walk The Walk with the goal of fundraising to make a difference to the lives of many with breast cancer.

Thousands of men and women clad in the event's trademark decorated bras took part in this year's event, which had a 'Moulin Rouge' theme.



Marie Park, Ann Rhead and Janette Head doing the MoonWalk in Edinburgh. b25walk01

BBC recording Lamlash service

A recording crew from the BBC is coming to Lamlash Church on Monday 27 June to record a service at 7pm.

The recording will include some interviews and hymn singing and be broadcast on Sea Sunday, 10 July, probably on Radio 4.

Minister Gillean Maclean said: 'All are welcome to the service. We will need help with singing the hymns.'

Kilmory SWRI sale of work

The annual sale of work by Kilmory SWRI will be held in the village hall on Thursday 30 June at 2pm.

There will be stalls, tombola, home baking, a raffle and afternoon teas. Proceeds will go towards the children's Christmas party.

Brodick 200 Club

The winners of Brodick 200 Club May and June £50 draws were Isobel MacDonald and Mary Bucks.

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Welcome to the Smiddy at Arran Heritage Museum

The Arran Heritage Museum buildings at Rosaburn, Brodick, incorporate an original blacksmith's shop, and each year demonstrations of horse-shoeing are given on special event days.

As in the past few years, this year's visiting blacksmith will again be Ian Wade who will demonstrate this traditional craft in the museum's own working smiddy from 1.30pm on Sunday 3 July.

The action is such that visitors to the museum can see the making of the shoes on the anvil, followed by them being fitted to a very amenable local horse at close quarters, and you can even talk to the blacksmith as he works. Ian is accompanied at these events by his son, who also earns his living keeping alive this ancient skill.

The whole museum is open all that day and in addition to the horse shoeing, each of the various buildings which make up this fascinating venue contain new and revamped displays as well as the old favourites. If you haven't been, this would be a good day on which to rectify that omission.



Members of the Currie family gathered at Brodick Golf Club last Saturday for the bi-annual 'Currie Cup' family reunion.

Curries gather for reunion

Family golf tournament held at Brodick Golf Course

The second bi-annual 'Currie Cup' was held at Brodick Golf Course last Saturday.

This family golf tournament and dinner is organised by members of the Currie family and their members all over the world who have connections to the Isle of Arran but have all since moved away.

Jolly Molly and Rowanbank Holiday Cottages owner, Sally Gandon is part of the family

and since her return to the island in the form of both businesses, it has given the family a base to return to and a great excuse to come back to the island they all hold dear to their hearts.

Many of the family are the children of islanders who have since passed away.

There were 39 Curries there and 19 played in the Currie Cup golf competition. Fam-

ily members travelled from all over the UK, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Antonio and Australia.

The winner of the Cup was Elspeth Harding nee Wooley.

The tournament was played using Stableford rules with Elspeth scoring 36.

The golf club put on lunch and dinner for the group, which was of exceptional quality.

Montrose House summer fete

The afternoon rain did not dampen spirits for the annual Montrose House summer fete last Wednesday.

In spite of the inclement weather, plenty of folk turned up and enjoyed the stalls and entertainment.

A grand total of £1,065 was raised at the event. A big thank you goes to everyone who came along and to those who worked to make it a tremendous success.



Guessing the teddy bear's birthday raised a few pounds. 01_b25mon01



The home-baking stall was popular at Montrose House summer fete. 01_b25mon02

Arran grazing cattle sell at Ayr

Craig Wilson Ltd sold 389 Arran consigned cattle at their recent Spring Sales of grazing cattle within Ayr Auction Mart.

Prices were general slightly less than the record levels achieved in 2010, but were nevertheless well received by the island's sellers.

Principle sellers:
Simmental steers (per head): £875, £835, £795 Clachaig; £805, £745 Cairnhouse; £790 Auchenhew; £770, £675 Birchburn; £745 Belleview; £740 Belleview; £625 Springfield.

Simmental steers (per kilo): 218.0, 212.7, 205.7 Clachaig; 216.0, 203.7 Birchburn; 200.0 Springfield; 196.6 Belleview.

Simmental heifers (per head): £810, £645 (3) Clachaig; £745 Cairnhouse; £650 Birchburn.

Simmental heifers (per kilo): 191.4, 183.2 Clachaig.

Simmental bullock calves (per head): £475 Belleview; Simmental bullock calves (per kilo): 197.9 Bellview; Simmental heifer calves (per head): £400 Belleview; Simmental heifer calves (per kilo): 190.5 Belleview.

Limousin steers (per head): £855, £750 Cairnhouse; £775 Glenree; £755 Auchenhew;

£710 Bellview; Limousin steers (per kilo): 188.7 Auchenhew; Limousin heifers (per head): £745, £725 Cairnhouse; Limousin bullock calves (per head): £655, £645, £638 Glenree; £675 Birchburn; Limousin bullock calves (per kilo): 214.3 Birchburn; 201.7 Glenree; Limousin heifer calves (per head): £650, £600 Glenree; Limousin heifer calves (per kilo): 186.1 Glenree;

Blonde bullock calves (per head): £600 Glenree; Saler bullock calves (per head): £500 Bridge; £430 Ceither Gaoithe; Saler bullock calves (per kilo): 190.8 Bridge.

Aberdeen Angus bullocks (per head): £1,035, £800, £795 Tigheanfraoch; £980 Cairnhouse; £790 Bellview; Aberdeen Angus bullocks (per kilo): 192.5 Tigheanfraoch; Aberdeen Angus heifers (per head): £842, £675 Moor; £735 Cairnhouse; Aberdeen Angus bullock calves (per head): £550 Bellview; £485, £460 Glenkiln; Aberdeen Angus bullock calves (per kilo): 226.3 Belleview; 201.2 Glenkiln; Aberdeen Angus heifer calves (per head): £465 Bridge; £385 Glenkiln; £360 Belleview.

Charolais bullocks (per head): £900 Braehead; £805, £790, £785 Auchenhew; £785 Springfield; Charolais bullocks (per kilo): 205.5 Springfield; 192.2, 189.6 Auchenhew; Charolais heifers (per head): £805, £600 Braehead; £715, £645 Auchenhew; Charolais heifers (per kilo): 188.8 Braehead; Charolais bullock calves (per head): £640 Braehead; £545 Ceither Gaoithe; Charolais bullock calves (per kilo): 218.8 Ceither Gaoithe; Charolais heifer calves (per head): £525 Ceither Gaoithe; Charolais heifer calves (per kilo): 212.6 Ceither Gaoithe. Black and white bullocks (per head): £640 Belleview.

Prime Bullocks - Hereford: £858 Altgolath; Luing: £877.50 Altgolath; prime heifers - Hereford: £821.50 Altgolath.

Cast Cows (Beef): £880, £830 Cairnhouse; £860 Belleview; £720 Springfield; £690 Clachaig.

Cast Cows (Dairy): £730 Tigheanfraoch.

Sheep: Cross Hoggets: £77.50 Springfield Texel Hoggets: £73.20 Springfield B/Face Hoggets: £67.50, £63.50 Glenree B/Face Ewes: £59.50 Altgolath

Arran livestock sales

United Auctions had forward 280 store cattle, 156 cast cows, 1,582 prime lambs, hoggets and ewes at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last Wednesday and Thursday 15 and 16 June.

Arran prices:
Charolais cross bullocks £800, Craigdhu, Charolais cross heifers £720, Craigdhu. Cast cows: Saler cross £925, 137p/kg Ceither Gaoithe, Aberdeen Angus cross £675, 108p/kg Glenkiln, Holstein £495, 95p/kg Glenkiln, Cross £785, 127p/kg Ceither Gaoithe.

Prime lambs: Texel cross £98 Bellevue.

Prime hoggets: Cheviot £94 Bailemargaidh.

Ewes: Texel cross £98.50 Bellevue, Mule £87.50 Glenree £84.50 Bellevue, Cheviot £88.50 Cosyden, Blackface £76.50 Glenree, £52.50 Brodick HF.

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Airstrip for Butter Hill

It is three years since the Arran Local Enterprise Group launched a study on two possible sites at Balmichael and Drumadoon for Arran's first airstrip.

Now a third site has been identified off the forestry road at Butter Hill in the Southend. A feasibility study has been arranged.

Arran's honours

John Basford, recently retired as head gardener at Brodick Castle, has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's birthday honours. John and his wife Joan retired to Aberdeen.

Squadron Leader Iain Ross of Corriegills was awarded an MBE for his efforts in planning food and support for the Kurdish refugees following the Gulf War earlier this year.

Third Horseshoe Race

A field of 44 runners took part in the third annual Glenrosa Horseshoe Race last Saturday.

The only Arran runner was Findlay McDonald who was 32nd in a time of three hours, 17 minutes and 29 seconds.

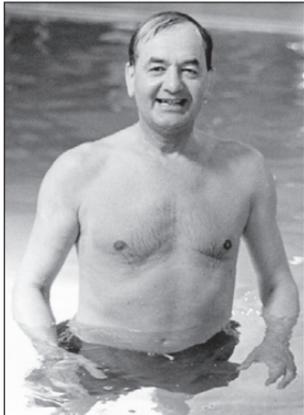
Four teachers leaving

Four teachers are leaving Arran High School at the end of term. They are geography teacher Chris Allan, learning support teacher Christine Cargill, mathematics teach-

er Allan Smith and modern languages principal teacher Douglas Mutch.

Bryan's estate agency

This week Bryan Allsop of Arran Insurance and Finance Consultants opens at The Chestnuts in Brodick as the Brodick Estate Agency.



Auchrannie owner and entrepreneur Iain Johnston takes a dip in the new leisure centre pool. b25twe04

Ghost at Kilmichael

Over 100 years ago a curse was put on the aristocratic Fullarton family.

Members of an Irish branch of the Fullarton family visited the island this week and chose to stay at the family ancestral home of Kilmichael House, now a hotel.

They reported all the lights going on for no reason, and one person claimed to have seen a ghost.

Piper for highland dancers

The Arran Highland Dancers

now have a piper. Niall Macdonald of Wellside, Thunderguy, retired to the island last October and has offered his services to the dancers.

Memorial seat

A memorial seat to 20-year-old Richard Beattie who died in an accident in Glen Rosa wood in May has been put in place at the entrance to Glen Rosa. It was made at Dunfion Workshop with funds raised at a special Shiski Diski.

Children's author

Last Tuesday, children's author Hazel Townson visited Arran High School library and, because her books are for younger children, met more than 180 pupils from the island's primary schools. The children were enthusiastic and many bought her books.

Northend thumped

Shiskine beat Northend by 16 goals to one with Willie Currie scoring five goals, Colin Morrow getting four and Colin Muir two. Southend United lost by five goals to nil against Brodick at Ormidale Park.

Leisure Centre opens

The new Auchrannie Leisure Centre officially opened its doors this week. The total cost was £1.5million of which £250,000 was an HIDB grant. Cunninghame District Council is giving a revenue grant of £47,000 a year towards running costs.

Also open is the new Brambles Bistro, which will double as a function suite.



Children's author Hazel Townson with Clair Holmes, one of the many primary pupils who met her at Arran High School library last Tuesday. b25twe01



Auchrannie pool staff, Kirsty Cargill, Jane Thompson, Petra Johnston, Jason Ferguson and Scott Clark. b25twe03

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Last week Archie was at the Red Quarry Road in Corrie. Correct answers came from Patricia in Perth, Janet in High Corrie, Marie in Corrie and Alison in Lamlash. This week he is looking out for the coastguard but where are those steps?

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SATURDAY 25th JUNE

Karate
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Game
RNLI Shop Open
Anne Miller Cup
Arran Gaelic Club Ceilidh

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Ormidale Park, 3pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm - 11pm

SUNDAY 26th JUNE

Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Quiz
Open Music Session
RNLI Shop Open
Live Music Folk / Rock / Blues
Open Day

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Library Annexe, 1.45pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Bar Eden, 3pm - 5pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Dougarie Gardens, 2pm - 5pm

MONDAY 27th JUNE

Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games
Citizens Advice
Senior Fitness
BreathWalk Class
Circuit Training
Table Tennis
Badminton
Mums and Tots Swimming Lessons
Hatha Yoga
Summer Bridge
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Game

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 11am
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm
High School Cafe, 6.30pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm



Quiz
Zumba Fitness
Coffee Morning
Farmers & Craft Market

Bar Eden, 9pm - 10.30pm
Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm
Whiting Bay Church Hall, 10.30am - 12pm
Kilmory Hall, 10.30am - 2pm

TUESDAY 28th JUNE

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Junior Hockey Club
Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up
Youth Club
Rink Game
Music Session, Chalk and Cheese
Guided Garden Walk
Zumba Fitness
Scottish Country Dancing

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm
Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Bar Eden, 9pm - 12am
NTS Shop, Brodict Castle, 2pm
Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 29th JUNE

Hockey
Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Self Making Class
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Yoga for Every Body
Senior Badminton
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Circuit Training
Rink Game
Coffee Morning for Mary's Meals
Rink Game
Rink Game
Arran Open Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group
Dog Agility Classes
Live Music Coultry & Western

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10am - 11.30am
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Curch Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
High School, 3.45pm
Sandbraes, Whiting Bay. 1pm - 2pm and 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

THURSDAY 30th JUNE

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Table Tennis
Youth Club
Senior Fitness
Pilates
Pub Quiz
General Knowledge Quiz
Kilmory SWRI Sale of Work

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym
6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio
Kinloch Hotel, 9pm
Kinloch Bar, 9pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm

FRIDAY 1st JULY

Arran Pipe Band Practice
Quiz
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Over 21's Disco
Arran Youth Foundations
Live music with DJ
Flower Festival
Race Night

Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm
Bar Eden, 9pm - 1am
Brodict Church, 10am - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 7.30pm

SATURDAY 2nd JULY

Flower Festival

Brodict Church, 10am - 4pm

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Church Hall
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 26 June
 Shiskine, 11am
 Sunday School in the Church Hall
 (Church is between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)
 Brodick 7pm
 Rev David Karoon
 All welcome

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 26 June
 Visit from St Kieran's, Campbeltown. Holy Communion, 11.15 am.
 Mr John Roberts.
 Coffee and buffet lunch after service.
 Wednesday, 29 June
 Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 (SCO15072)
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Sunday 26 June
 Rev Gillean Maclean
 Kilmory 10am
 Lamlash 11.30am
 In both churches
 All welcome, including families; children's area

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Sunday 26 June
 Morning Service 11am
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
 Evening Service 7pm
 5 Glen Road, Brodick
 Prayer Meeting
 Wednesday 29 June 7pm
 5 Glen Road, Brodick
 Rev.D.Macleod
 All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.
Independent but working together.
Minister
 Rev Angus Adamson.
Parish Asst
 Mrs Jean Hunter.
 Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited - Families, young people and children welcome
Sunday 26 June
 Brodick Church, 10.30am,
 Corrie Church, 12pm
 Lochranza, 9.30am,
 Pirmill, 10.45am
 Shiskine Church, 12pm
 A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

Thursday 30 June
 Shiskine Church
 Service of Prayers for Health and Healing, 12pm

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 (SCO14005)
Sunday 26 June
 Family Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. This service, the closing service for the Sunday School, will be an all age service with family Communion.
 All ages are most welcome. Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Vigil Mass 7.30pm
 Morning Mass 11am

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)
Sunday 26 June
 11am
 Bhein Ard, N.Newton, Lochranza
 Enquiries to Tessa 830662
 All are welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday 26 June
 Ormidale Sports Pavilion Brodick
 Tea and Coffee from 10.40am 11.00am - Morning Worship
 Speaker: Rev Willie Wright
 Everyone very welcome

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER
Sunday 26 June
 6.30pm
 SONGS OF PRAISE, on the Green, Lamlash (in the church if wet). Arran Brass.
 Tea/coffee after.
 All welcome

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BANNATYNE - ELISE
 The family are very grateful for all the tributes and expressions of sympathy received after the death of Elise. Our thanks to all her carers and the dedicated staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital. Special thanks to Rev David Karoon for his comforting service and to all relations and friends who attended the funeral and so kindly donated £400 to the Hospital Supporters League. We are also most grateful to David and Clair Hendry for funeral arrangements and to the Kinloch Hotel
 Elise will be sadly missed.

Southend top league at halfway point

As the Arran football league season reaches halfway point, Southend marched on with another emphatic win away to Shiskine last Monday.

They defeated the reds by four goals to nil with goals from Nicky Emsley, Euan Ingram, Alec McDonald and Elliott Smith.

At Lochranza, Northend were unable to follow up their stunning victory of last week and went down by three goals to nil against Lamlash.

At Lamlash Recreation Park new boys Bay FC succumbed by five goals to one against Brodick.

The annual Ann Miller Cup match will be held this Saturday 25 June, kick-off 3pm at Ormidale Park, Brodick.



Sean Higgins of Bay FC and John Drummond of Brodick have a close encounter in Monday night's match at Lamlash Recreation Park. 02_b25soc01

John to represent Scotland in Ryder Cup of disabled golf

An Arran golfer will be taking part in the inaugural four-day, four-team Ryder Cup of disabled golf.

John Pennycott of Whiting Bay is one of the 12-man Scotland team.

The four teams are Scotland, England, Celtic Nations and a World Squad.

This Ryder Cup match takes place over the Westerwood Golf Resort in Cumbernauld in July and this is Scotland's largest ever golf event arranged for disabled people, with some of the top disabled golfers in the world taking part. The event will be followed by a brand new three-day Scotland versus England Auld Enemies clash in October.

John lost a leg 11 years ago after being diagnosed with a malignant tumour.

Within 10 days he was asking his wife Elsie where she had put his golf clubs.

Then eight months later John came second in the British Amputee Golf Championships in County Sligo. He plays off a handicap of 11 and features regularly in the prize lists at Whiting Bay Golf Club.



John Pennycott. 02_b25joh01

Golf coaching at Whiting Bay

Come along to Whiting Bay Golf Club and take advantage of two days coaching with top golf professional Bill Lockie.

This exciting golf academy will take place on 4 and 5 July and is open to everyone who

wants to improve their golf technique.

Bill Lockie has a wealth of experience in the golfing world. Currently Coaching Professional at North Gailes Golf Centre, Irvine, he won many championships in his younger days and was the Professional at Kilmarnock (Barassie) Golf Club for 22 years.

He brings this experience to his coaching, which has reached national level. Bill has been the National Scottish Coach of the Scottish Golf Union for six years and the National Scottish Coach of the Scottish Ladies Golf Association for 17 years.

Whiting Bay committee

member Viv Parks said: 'Bill Lockie is a coach with a very easy manner, his coaching style is very relaxed, and folk need not feel nervous about attending his course.'

The event will be spread across two days and you can mix and match to benefit from Bill's experience exactly as you want to. Take part in one or both days of the event or attend the evening talk.

With courses on both days limited to 15 people, you can really profit from this coaching. If you enjoy hearing about golf, there are some extra places to join the buffet supper and hear Bill's talk on the 'Mental side of golf' on the Monday night.



Bill Lockie will be giving a golf academy at Whiting Bay b25whb01

WEDDINGS



ANDERSON - KERR

The Wedding of Justin Anderson and Frith Kerr, both from London, took place on 8th June at Greyholme, Brodick. The couple were married in the gardens of Greyholme by Mrs Barr, Assistant Registrar.

The guests came from as far afield as New York to attend this small family wedding, held on the Isle of Arran, the home of Frith's maternal Grandfather George Lyle of Whiting Bay and her paternal Grandfather Donald Kerr of Lochranza.

Fanatic offers king's ransom for soccer champs

The Arran Banner's long-term and venerable football correspondent, The Fanatic, Arran's answer to the Ancient Mariner, has emerged from his post-hypnotic slumber to mutter some semi-coherent ramblings vaguely connected with the game of football.

He has taken the rash decision to delve into his meagre pension fund and donate a magnificent prize of a £100 note to the winning team at the forthcoming Shiskine Valley Sports five-a-side soccer tournament.

He has also persuaded Robbie Crawford at the Kinloch Hotel to dip his hand into the till and donate £50 to the runners-up, (prize to be consumed on hotel premises).

Entries cost £10 per team of five, with one substitute allowed.

Matches start at 6.30pm on Thursday 7 July, and entries can be made with any Shiskine footballer (if you can find one willing to own up to that title) or at Robertson Field on the night.

PERSONALS

Mary Morrison
 would like to thank sincerely all those who sent lovely cards and gifts with good wishes for her 90th birthday.



Shiskine Golf Club

Wednesday 15 June, Gents 18 Hole Medal. 10 played. 1 M Sherwood 67-5=62,

2 B Green 85-22=63 BIH, 3 M Hesp 81-18=63. Scratch Mark - a fantastic round that started with a 7.

Thursday 16 June, Nancy McCutcheon Trophy. 17 played. Silver: 1 Elizabeth Kelso 24pts (BIH) 2 Liz Kerr 24pts. Bronze: 1 Mary Jo Tod 26pts 2 Piet Johnston 20pts

Winner of the Nancy McCutcheon is Mary Jo Tod - congratulations!

Lochranza Golf Course

Sunday 12 June, Weekly Summer Greensome Competition. Mary Gibson, David Gibson 13 pts, Janette MacLeod, Ian Buchanan 16 pts. Monday 13 June, Bill Scott, Alan Martin 14 pts, Sinclair MacLeod, Douglas Coulter 6 pts.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 14 June, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary, 1 John McGovern 63pts, 2 Mark Sherwood 68pts BIH, 3 Ron Woods 68pts. Scratch John McGovern 70, Twos Mark Sherwood & John McGovern.

Monday 20 June, Finals night at Machrie Bay. All games finished at the 17th with Elizabeth Kelso narrowly beating Alice Anderson in the Ladies Final. Brian Sherwood edged out John Pennycott in the Presidents Trophy. Hamish Bannatyne pipped Alan Jeffrey for the Gents. **Fixtures:** Tuesday 28 June, Gleneagles Medal in Aid of Clic Sergeant Cancer Care. Entry £3 plus normal sweep.



Mark Sherwood, winner of the Junior Match Play at Shiskine with runner up Adam McNicol b25shk01

This competition is for both ladies and gents. Saturday 2 July Captain's Day Shotgun tee off at 1pm.

Arran Golfer's Association

Saturday 11 June, Thompson Cup semi final at Shiskine. Thanks to Shiskine and their greenkeeper Stuart and his team for the course being in such excellent condition. 1st semi final: Bert Green v Ian Murchie; with Ian more than a stroke a hole before winning on the 1st extra hole. 2nd semi final: Alan Jeffrey v Bruce Jenkins with Alan winning the game. In the final a very high standard of golf was played by both players before Alan won on the 17th hole. Friday 17 June, Final of the Junior Match Play at Shiskine with Mark Sherwood v Adam McNicol. With heavy rain and strong winds making golf difficult and Mark giving nearly 2 strokes a hole to Adam, both players played to their handicaps before Mark won on the 18th. This was Mark's last year as a junior and with Adam 13 both players were a credit not only to themselves but also to the clubs they represented.

Saturday 18 June, Hope Cup, Whiting Bay Golf Club. This year's Hope Cup started at Whiting Bay Golf Club and involved all clubs with the exception of the hosts who had a bye into next week's final. The weather was kind with a break in the rain for most of the night although midges were rife for a while when the breeze died; thanks to Whiting Bay for hosting, the course was in stunning condition and the superb hospitality in the clubhouse was enjoyed by everyone, looking forward to more of the same at next week's semi and finals day. First match out saw Lamlash against Lochranza, in a slightly one sided match Lamlash

saw off the slightly older more experienced Lochranza in both matches to see them earn a semi spot against hosts Whiting Bay by the score of 12up. Second match was Machrie against neighbours Shiskine, a closer match with not much separating the teams till the back nine when Machrie hit a run of four holes in the second match to move 2up and with the back game all square the game ended with Machrie winning by 2 up over all.

Final match was Corrie against Champions Brodick; this proved to be the closest match of all with the game going to sudden death. With all the other matches in the clubhouse there was quite a lot of interest with lots of heads peering out the windows trying to work out what was happening on the first green, with the first pair halving in 4s the second game got to the green where Island Champion Euan McKinnon holed a tram liner to sink the holders and put Corrie through to a semi final with Machrie Bay.

Saturday 25 June 1pm and 6pm, Hope Cup Semi and Finals day, Whiting Bay Golf Club. Friday 1 July from 5pm. The Corrie Hotel Cup at Machrie Golf Club, Draw: Brodick B v Lochranza B 5pm, Shiskine B v Brodick A 5:10pm, Shiskine A v Lochranza A 5:20pm, Whiting Bay A v Corrie A 5:30pm, Machrie B v Whiting Bay B 5:40pm, Lamlash A v Corrie B 5:50pm, Lamlash B v Machrie A 6pm.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 15 June, 26 braved the midges and competed in the Summer Trophy. Scoring was steady with the CSS staying at 63 and only one player getting below par. Malcolm Pennycott (1)62, Peter Towndrow (8)64 BIH, Graeme Crichton (12)64, Ronnie Mann (11)65 BIH. There were magic 2s from Gordon Provan and Malcolm Pennycott and Malcolm also won scratch with 63.

Sunday 19 June, 13 played in the Gents Medal. CSS-63. Graeme Crichton (12)59, Nicol Auld (2)62, Malcolm Pennycott (1)63. There were magic 2s by Nicol Auld, Dave Hackett and 2 by Jamie MacPherson.

Fixtures: Saturday 25 June, Hope Cup Semi Finals at 1pm and Final at 6pm.

Sunday 26 June, Gents Medal. Wednesday 29 June Ballantyne Cup.

Ladies: Sunday 12 June saw Susan Butchard and Viv Parks fight for the hotly contested Ladies Crystal. Even with a few nerves, both ladies had good drives on the 1st and with few exceptions this continued to be the case for the rest of the match. Despite Susan's 2nd shot to the green hitting a tree and just one tee error Susan simply played some unbeat-



(Left to right) Hamish Bannatyne, John Milesi (Captain at Machrie Bay Golf Club), Elizabeth Kelso & Brian Sherwood b25mac01

able golf. Her second shots were pin high and her putting was quite brilliant. Viv also played some super shots and as always executed a steady and consistent game. However, on this occasion it was just not quite good enough to take the lead, resulting in a 6 and 5 win for Susan.

Thank you to the caddies, Ross Butchard and Lesley Wood. A lovely atmosphere in the clubhouse afterwards saw the prizegiving for several other finals too resulting in a thoroughly enjoyable Sunday.

Sunday 19 June, we invited ladies from other clubs to join our tri-am. It was a delight to see the course so busy with lady golfers. We ended up with 6 groups of 3 and were joined by ladies from Shiskine and Lamlash.

We hope to make this a regular fixture and for some, it was their first time playing at Whiting Bay.

Although entirely for fun, it was tightly contested match with scores between 59 and 61 for all groups. First were Lynn Walker and Doreen Mainds (W/B) with Jackie Winship (Brodick), just pipping to the post on the bih, to Sheena Murchie, and Sheri Walker (Brodick) and Leslie Wood (W/B).

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 15 June, Stroke 3, 9 played. CSS 64. 1 Ellie Jones 76-14 = 62, 2 Brenda Livingstone 75 - 9 = 66, 3 Jennifer McArthur

92 - 23 = 69, scratch Brenda Livingstone 75.

Gents: Thursday 16 June, Summer Cup. 30 played. CSS 66. 1 Stuart Cree 83 - 22 = 61, 2 Colin Richardson 79 - 17 = 62, 3 Iain Murchie 66 - 3 = 63, 4 Drew Wales 73 - 7 = 66. Best scratch Iain Murchie 66. Twos 16 Dougie Macfarlane, 16 Bill Young, 5 Iain Murchie. Seniors Medal, CSS 64. 1 Ian Grant 86 - 20 = 66, 2 Ian Heron 86 - 18 68. No twos. Sunday 19 June, Jameson Cup, CSS 67. 1 Lee Girbow 64 - 5 = 59, 2 Graham Tinto 86 - 19 = 67, 3 Ian Bremner 74 - 6 = 68. Twos 8 Lee Girbow. Best scratch Lee Girbow 64.

Fixtures: Saturday 25 June, Hope Cup Semi-Final, Lamlash v Whiting Bay. Congratulations to Lamlash team in beating Lochranza Castle in 1st Round. Sunday 26 June, Summer Stableford, 9.30am and 1pm starts. Thursday 30 June, Summer Cup. Make up own fours & see starter for time.

Lamlash Junior Golf: Monday 6.30pm, meet at Quarry next to shed and bring midge repellent! Well done to those who managed to suffer the midges last week.

Lamlash Junior Open (under 18s), Friday 1 July from 12noon. Last tee off 3pm.

Official handicap required. See Banner ad for entry details.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday 15 June, Summer Cup. 42 played, CSS 64. 1 A Dobson (9) 61, 2 C Pattenden

(11) 61, 3 C McFadzean (8) 64, Scratch A Dobson 70. There were 9 twos, M Dobson, C McFadzean and L Hartley all got two.

Sunday 19 June, British Legion Cup. 24 played, CSS 63. Sweep results, 1 A Dobson (8) 41 pts, 2 J McKean (12) 39 pts, 3 D Hendry (10) 38 pts. There were 8 twos, G Hendry and I MacDonald got two each. As Alastair Dobson didn't enter the competition, the British Legion Cup was won by John McKean.

Fixtures: Sun 26 June, Sweep, open draws at 8.30 and 1pm, Sun 3 July, 1st qualifying round of Club Championship, and Brandon.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 16 June, Medal. 12 played, CSS 60. 1 B Rooney 71 - 14 = 57 BIH

2 S Beardsley 64 - 7 = 57 3 W Crawford 72 - 13 = 59. Best scratch S Beardsley 64

Saturday 18 June, 3 played in morning (white tees). Congratulations to Marvin Elliott on having hole in one at the 8th. 1 B Rooney 2 J McGovern. Well done to Corrie team in defeating Brodick in the Hope Cup at Whiting Bay at the 38th hole on Saturday 18 June. Also Ian McConnachie had hole in one at the 2nd green off yellow tees.

Fixtures: Sat 2 July Commemoration Shield and Lorimer Rose Bowl. Open competition. Tee off 8.30am, 1pm and 1.45pm.

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They're off. The 35 runners head off from the Ranger Centre at the start of the Glen Rosa Horseshoe Race.

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23rd Glen Rosa Horseshoe Race



Hazel Tod wafts away the hordes of midges at the start of the race.

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Two Arran runners put up commendable performances in the Glen Rosa Horseshoe Race last Saturday.

Hazel Tod, attempting the race for the first time, came home in four hours, three minutes and 50 seconds. Not too far behind her was plucky 60-year-old Colin Guthrie, the oldest entrant, in a time of four hours, 43 minutes and 53 seconds.

Hazel and Colin, along with 33 other runners, completed the course of 19.6 kilometres, climbing to a height of 1,540 metres. They headed up Glen Rosa, taking in the summits

of Beinn a Chliabhain, Cir Mhor, The Saddle and Goatfell before coming back down through Merkland Wood to the finish.

The running of this 23rd annual event started from the Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle at noon in muggy weather and clouds of midges. Initial weather conditions looked unfavourable with low cloud and rain, but this cleared away during the course of the race.



Colin Guthrie with his protective midge net.

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Mike Mellor, Arran Runners club secretary, said: 'All runners completed the race and thankfully there were no casualties.'

'Arran Runners would like to thank all those involved in the organisation of the race, in particular the Arran Mountain Rescue Team for marshals and checkpoints. Once again, thanks to Neil Gillies for providing first aid cover, to Kate Sampson and the National Trust for Scotland for use of the ranger centre and Faye Black of Isle of Arran Distillers for prizes and their continued sponsorship of the race.'

First woman was Eilidh Wardlaw of Hunters Bog Trotters in three hours 18 minutes and 31 seconds.

First man home was Alasdair Anthony of Ochil Hill Runners in two hours 33 minutes and 15 seconds. Alasdair went on to come second in the Seven Hills of Edinburgh Race the following day.

Big turnout for Angus Cook memorial bowls match

An amazing number of 54 people took part in the Angus Cook Memorial Triples Bowls tournament last Sunday.

The event was held at Whiting Bay and many folk turned out to honour Angus's memory after his sudden and tragic death last January.

Angus was a keen bowler and it was appropriate that one of the eventual winners was his long-term doubles bowls partner, Johnnie McGovern.

Johnnie's team of daughter Kirsty and son-in-law Gary were presented with the trophy

by Angus's brother Stewart Cook.

Booby prize for coming last of the 18 teams went to David Bland and Steve and Debra Kirk.

Young People

It was good to see a lot of young people coming along and having a go, just because they had known Angus as a pal.

Many of the players confessed to never having held a wood, let alone bowled before, but a number said that they might just give it a try now.



Winning team, from left, Gary Lewis, Kirsty Lewis and Johnnie McGovern, with Keith Irving of Whiting Bay Bowling Club and Stewart Cook presenting the Angus Cook Trophy. 02_b25ang01



Last of the 18 teams of bowlers; David Bland, Steve and Debra Kirk with their booby prize lollipops. 02_b25ang02

Summer Bridge

Results of the summer bridge tournament held in Arran High School cafe on Monday 20 June were:

N/S 1 Eendy McNiven and Sheila Logan, 2 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 3 Jan Beattie and Jannette McBride.

E/W 1 Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner, 2 Margaret Macgill and Evelyn Sillars, 3 Peter Thompson and Jean Murchie.

Next tournament is on Monday 27 June at 6.30 for 6.45pm all welcome.

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