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# First double yellow lines for Arran

Report by JENNIFER LYON

The landscape of Brodick's streets underwent a dramatic change this week with the introduction of Arran's first double yellow lines.

*The Arran Banner* first reported on the 'imminent arrival' of yellow lines in 1985 but it has taken nearly 25 years for the parking restrictions to be introduced in the village.

The general consensus among Brodick residents is that despite not necessarily liking the new restrictions they agree that they were necessary.

Councillor Margie Currie said: 'I am well aware that there are going to be plenty of negative comments about the yellow lines because it always takes people time to get used to any changes but I have to say what a difference it was to drive through Brodick this morning (Tuesday). It is so much better without the usual congestion in the centre.'

#### Criticism

Much of the criticism surrounding the lines has centred around the fact that people will have further to walk to the shops which may be a problem for less able drivers.

'I will be inconvenienced just the same as every other driver,' said Councillor Currie. 'And I agree that it would have been nicer not to have the yellow lines, but they were needed to make the road safer for both drivers and pedestrians.'

Harry Davidson, secretary of Brodick Improvements Committee, said: 'We are delighted to have the yellow lines because they were badly needed but myself and Ian Small (chairman of the committee) think the council have gone a little over the top.'

'We requested double yellow lines at the junction with AllDays shop and at Kames Corner but we never expected them to stretch all the way through the village.'

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Teamwork by these seven youngsters helped to build a champion sandcastle on Whiting Bay beach. They are from left Carly Miller, Joel Armitage, Beth McCartney, Ellie Miller, James Mutch, Emily Armitage and Lucy Walsh. 02\_b26san01

## Castles in the sand in Whiting Bay

The simple childhood pleasures of making sandcastles and playing on the beach were on show in Whiting Bay on Sunday. The local primary school was holding a fun day organised by the parent council at Sandbraes Park and one of the highlights was a friendly competitive sandcastle competition. Other attractions were a barbecue, races for the youngsters and a special race for the dads because it was Fathers' Day.



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# First double yellow lines

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The Improvements Committee is concerned that the car park behind the Co-op Welcome Convenience Store, formerly known as AllDays, will be unable to cope with the increased volume of traffic.

'The last thing we want is for the council to take away more of the village green to extend the car park,' said Harry. 'We fear that we will lose some of this valuable recreation space in the village centre.'

Councillor Margie Currie said: 'Obviously this situation will be continually monitored and I am sure that the car park at All Days will be more than adequate to cope with the volume of traffic.'

Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'On the whole there has been a pretty positive response to the lines. People are realising now how congested it was around the area of the chemist and the Chinese take-away at Kames Corner. Now it is so clear.'

'The policing of any parking on the double yellow lines will be carried out according to current road legislation.'

'There is no difference between the double yellow lines in Brodick and those in Ardrossan.'

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'No other locations on Arran are presently under review for yellow lines.'



Arran's first double-yellow lines were painted onto the road in Brodick this week. 02\_b26lin01

## Police files

### Child's bike stolen

A child's pink and white bike was removed from the area of the Cameronia Hotel in Whiting Bay between June 12 and 14. If anyone has seen this bike they should contact local police.

### Breach of the peace

A 42-year-old Lamlash woman was arrested and charged with breach of the peace and resisting arrest at Arran War Memorial Hospital at 11pm last Saturday.

### Reckless driving

A 17-year-old Lamlash man was reported to the procurator fiscal for reckless driving following a two-car crash on the Ross Road on Saturday afternoon.

### Glenarry corner accident

A 20-year-old Northend driver was involved in an accident when he failed to negotiate a bend at Glenarry corner between Lamlash and Whiting Bay at 11.10pm on Sunday. Police enquiries are continuing.

### Obstruction at pier

A 37-year-old Brodick man was reported at Brodick pier at 4.15pm on Sunday for causing an obstruction on the roadway and failing to notify DVLA of a change of address.



A Sea King helicopter uplifting the stranded student from the slopes of Holy Isle on Monday. 02\_b26res01

## Make-up mirror shines in hill rescue

A simple make-up mirror may have saved a stranded climber stuck on Holy Isle on Monday.

The climber, a 21-year-old medical student from Glasgow, was descending from the 1,000ft summit of Mullach Mor on Monday afternoon when, walking alone, she slipped and became stuck on scree above St Molaise's Cave.

She realised that she was trapped and used a make-up mirror from her bag to signal using the sun. The flashing

from the mirror was seen by another walker who called 999 to alert the emergency services.

A Sea King helicopter from HMS Gannet in Prestwick was scrambled and on the scene within minutes.

A Coastguard spokeswoman said: 'The Sea King executed an airlift from the hillside and transferred the woman to waiting coastguards. She was taken to Arran War Memorial Hospital, suffering from cuts and bruises and slight shock.'

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Jack Hirschfield, Kyle McNicol, Robbie Motek, Courtney Drummond and Duncan Coyne helped to plant the big flower border in front of Brodick Post Office. 01\_b26pla01

## Youngsters bring a touch of beauty to Brodick

Five green-fingered youngsters from Brodick Primary School were given a chance to make their village a little more beautiful on Friday morning.

The pupils were asked to come along to the village post office where Stevie Bunyan and his crew of North Ayrshire Council groundworks staff

were planting out the large flowerbed.

The council joined forces with the Brodick Improvements Committee many years ago to create the raised bed in the centre of the village.

### Border

Each year five children from the school are asked along to

help plant a section of the border.

'It's a great chance for the kids to get their hands dirty for once,' said Stevie. 'This is a nice big border, full of plants and they can see clearly what we are doing here.'

Harry Davidson secretary of Brodick Improvements, said:

'I think it is a great idea to encourage children from an early age to take pride in their surroundings.'

### Important

'It is important that this generation of youngsters looks after the village of Brodick when oldies like myself aren't around to do it anymore.'

## Ferry's snatch thief is cornered

A bagsnatch on board MV Caledonian Isles ferry had a happy ending when the thief was cornered in the toilets at Ardrossan ferry terminal.

When the 1.50pm sailing from Brodick came into Ardrossan last Sunday, two passengers went to collect their bags from the left luggage area in the foyer and could not find them. One of the passengers, Graeme Kerr from Shiskine, told the *Banner*: 'I asked the gangway staff and they said that no bags had been handed

in so they must have been stolen. We were advised to check if the thief was on the platform waiting for the Glasgow train.

'The gangway quartermaster realised that it was a long way for me to walk and immediately offered to go and check for me. At the same time, some boys who were getting off the boat said that they had seen a young man run into the ferry terminal with a bag like mine.'

'The CalMac guy again came to the rescue by blocking the thief's escape and he ran into

the toilets. He followed him in but there was no-one in sight.

'He found him hiding in the disabled toilet and challenged him, and he just gave the bag up. He threw it back to us and said: 'Ach well, have your bag!'

'The thief had stuffed clothes out of the other stolen bag into mine so we had some sorting out to do. Thank goodness I got everything back.'

### Risk

Robbie Brown, Caledonian MacBrayne area manager,

said: 'Passengers leave bags in the luggage area on the boat at their own risk. Having said that, in the many years that I have worked for CalMac there have been very few incidents of bags being stolen.'

'I would say that generally speaking, luggage is 99 per cent safe when it is left in the racks.'

Graeme added: 'I'd like to say a big 'thank you' to the CalMac staff and particularly Freddie. Without him I would probably have lost my bag.'

## Clark speaks out over MPs' expenses

Long-awaited details of all MPs' expenses for the last four years have finally been published online including those of Arran's MP, Katy Clark.

More than one million documents detailing claims under the controversial £24,000 per year additional cost allowance for second homes, the £22,193 per year incidental expenses provision for the running of offices and the £10,400 per year communication allowance are available to view on the House of Commons Website.

Ms Clark's expenses for her second home in London as well as the costs for running her constituency office in Kilbirnie add up to more than £40,000.

Arran's MP claimed more than £15,000 in parliamentary allowances last year to pay for the rent on her flat in London.

### Claims

The claims, which were made entirely within House of Commons rules, also included a bill for £687.61 to pay the council tax on the property in London.

Ms Clark believes that constituents in Arran need to recognise that the costs involved in dividing her life between her constituency and London are considerable.

'If we do not provide assistance with this then only those who are very well off and have 'independent means' or get substantial financial backing from organisations such as trade unions will be able to be

MPs,' she said. 'While I hugely enjoy being a MP and am well aware of what a privilege it is I have found the lifestyle of effectively having two lives very expensive as basically you need two of everything - otherwise you would spend all your time carrying large bags up and down the country.'

Ms Clark added that the recent revelations have highlighted that the current expenses system has been in need of reform for some time.

'The basic principles of any expenses system need to be that the member is not unreasonably out of pocket as a result of carrying out their role and that members should not be able to make a profit out of the expenses system,' she said. 'In July 2008 I voted for changes to the expenses system which would have placed a lower cap on the amount an MP could claim annually for a second home and which would have also banned MPs from claiming items of furniture on expenses.'

'Other changes I voted in favour of in last July included appointing external auditors to monitor MPs expenses and for MPs to submit receipts for all expense claims not just those which are under £25.'

'For far too long too many of my colleagues have buried their heads in the sand on this issue, however I am pleased that a number of these changes now appear to be being made.'

## Woman seen walking into sea sparks rescue alert

Police, coastguards and lifeboat crew were called out at 1.15am last Sunday after a 999 call alerting them to a person seen walking into the sea in Brodick.

Two coastguard teams searched along the shoreline while The Boys Brigade lifeboat carried out an offshore search.

Police report that following an extensive search, the woman, a 42-year-old Brodick resident, telephoned at 2pm the following afternoon to say that she was home, safe and well.

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Steve Mannion, the orthopaedic surgeon with Valdete and Sue Davidson last week.

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## Latest news from Valdete

Last year a young woman from Albania was brought to Scotland by a couple from Whiting Bay for a life changing operation to help her walk again.

Eighteen-year-old Valdete Gjonpal has been in a wheelchair for 15 years since a childhood illness robbed her of the ability to walk.

Sue and Julian Davidson from Whiting Bay met Valdete when they were working in Albania two years ago and they are determined to help her walk again.

Here Valdete Gjonpalaj writes about her recent operation and the progress she has made towards independence.

Saturday May 16 was a very special day for me, the day of my operation.

We went to Blackpool the day before and had to book into

the hospital very early in the morning.

The hospital was lovely and the nurses were very kind to me.

I was a little bit frightened because my family could not be with me but I knew that God was with me as well as my good friends.

### Anaesthetic

When I went to sleep with the anaesthetic I was smiling and everyone was surprised when I woke up smiling.

I had a few difficult days with pain and sickness but the x-rays taken showed that the operation was a success, so it was worth it.

I keep looking at my straight foot and can hardly believe this has happened to me.

When we came home to Arran, we had a lovely surprise.

A very kind man had given us £1,000 to help pay for my treatment. My family cannot believe that anyone would do this for me.

We have just been to Blackpool again to have the stitches removed and I have another plaster for eight weeks.

Everything is going well and the doctor was very pleased with my progress.

When this plaster comes off in August, I will be given a splint to give my leg more strength to help me to walk.

I will need physiotherapy for a while and it will be hard work for me but I will walk, maybe not like everyone else but that doesn't matter as long as I can move by myself.

Thank you again to all my friends in Arran. Valdete Gjonpalaj

## Scam tries to charge for non-existent adverts

A nationwide advertising scam nearly caught out one man from Brodick this week when the people involved tried to charge him for an advert he'd never agreed to.

'Someone called me last week and said they were calling from the police regarding advertising for their internal magazine,' said the man from Brodick.

'They asked if I would I like to advertise in the magazine and said it would be about £200 for four issues for the year.

'To be honest I really wasn't interested and I told them that but two days later I was sent a proof of the advert and an invoice.'

The invoice from 'Advanced Publishing' claimed that he owed them more than £250 for the advert and that if he cancelled the ad - which he had never agreed to - he would need to pay 50 per cent of the costs.

### Nationwide Scam

This is a nationwide scam, which has apparently caught a huge number of businesses unaware.

So be vigilant. If someone claiming to be from 'Street Watch Magazine' calls you, do not agree to any advertising, it does not exist.

If they send you an invoice for the advert then contact the police.

## Lamlash Youngsters explore the deep

The gym at Lamlash Primary School was transformed into a deep-sea underworld with lifesize whales and dolphins last Wednesday.

The youngsters from the school had joined forces with the Lamlash Nursery pupils to explore the world's oceans.

Headteacher, Janice McGunnigle said that the Primary

three, four, and five had been working hard on the recent project.

'They have painted huge life size models of some of the whales that can be found in these waters,' she said. 'Along with the nursery youngsters they have been learning all about the world's oceans and the creatures found there as

well as about the conservation for the seas.'

Eight year-old Lauren Campbell who is in P4 explained to *The Banner* that she helped to make the lifesize blue whale.

'This is how big it is in real life,' she said, pointing to the 30-foot long cut-out on the floor. 'It's really big. It's the biggest fish in the sea.'



Taylor Craig, David Simpson, and youngsters Sammy and Connah from Lamlash Nursery investigate some of the unique sealife found in the world's oceans. 01\_b26sea02

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## Lost purse gets back to owner

If you have to lose your purse, Arran is probably the best place to lose it.

Last Friday, Moira Lang of Kirkintilloch was on an office outing to the island with a dozen of her colleagues from James Barr Construction in Glasgow. She lost her purse in the area of Duchess Court but after phoning Arran Aromatics on Monday morning she contacted the Banner to say that it had been handed in to them.

She said: 'I thought 'If I'm going to get it back from anywhere, I'll get it back from Arran.' We had a lovely day on the island. Most of the men golfed and cycled but us six ladies walked up to Glenashdale Falls and the Giants Graves. We got soaked but it didn't matter'.

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Mark McEachern mans the bottle stall as Peter Emsley and Sarah Hay try their luck. 01\_b26gar02



Some ladies from Whiting Bay enjoy a stroll around the magnificent gardens at Dougarie on Sunday. 01\_b26gar03

## Garden open day delights at Dougarie

Dougarie Estate held its annual open gardens day on Sunday to raise money for the National Garden Scheme and the Pirmill Improvements Committee.

The event gives the public an opportunity each summer to see Dougarie House and its gardens up close, and £540 was raised this year for Scotland's Garden Scheme.

Mrs Gibbs, owner of Dougarie Lodge and organiser of the event, said that 40 percent of

the takings will go to the Pirmill Improvements Committee and the rest will go to a range of national bodies through the National Garden Scheme.

### Plants

Janet Logan from Pirmill had a wide selection of plants on sale most of which she had grown herself.

In a tent hidden from the rain and midges the Pirmill folk were also selling second hand books and bric a brac as well as

manning the bottle stall.

Because of the rain the home-baking stall had been forced to retreat inside into the hall of the magnificent Dougarie House, which gave visitors a rare glimpse inside the wonderful building.

One of the highlights of the day was afternoon tea in the old boathouse by the sea.

Visitors enjoyed scones with jam and cream and cup of tea while they admired some rare

caricatures drawn onto the walls of the boathouse.

### Famous

The cartoons all depict famous Edwardian visitors to Dougarie Lodge and were drawn by a well-known Vanity Fair cartoonist almost 100 years ago.

During the past five years the National Garden Scheme has raised more than £1,371,600 for charities and the Dougarie open day will continue to support them.



Lizzie Adams and Margaret Emsley of Pirmill were manning the homebaking stall at Dougarie House. 01\_b26gar01

## Lamlash Beavers awards

Lamlash Beaver scouts held their final Spring session in the community theatre at Arran High School last Wednesday evening.

Local Scout Association leader and depute district commissioner Carole Boon handed out award certificates and badges to the Beavers and many parents and grandparents were on hand to enjoy the occasion.



Carole Boon, centre, with leaders Charlotte Hirschfield and Marie Gray with the Lamlash Beaver scouts and their awards. 02\_b26bea01

## Smashing time at McLaren

A smashing time is guaranteed at the McLaren Hotel in Brodick tonight (Friday).

Proprietors Billy and Janie are putting on a special Greek and Middle Eastern night with Arran's own authentic belly dancers giving a moving display.

### Customs

After dining on Greek cuisine, we are told that customers will be treated to other traditional Greek customs such as plate smashing. With luck there will be enough plates left for residents' breakfasts the following morning.

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# ArCaS, 20 years on and going from strength to strength

Arran Cancer Support trust (ArCaS) was formed 20 years ago and in that time it has given support and comfort to many people.

On Wednesday 17 June 32 people met for the ArCaSAGM in the Ormidale pavilion and to celebrate 20 years since its foundation - brought about by a very small group of highly motivated and persevering people.

Frances Harwood, a founder member, told the meeting of early beginnings with herself, and Den and Sheila Goldsborough. After two years of small fund raising efforts, they opened the first shop - a room in the Pirmill Post Office shop

in 1991, up to the purchasing of the present premises at Brodick pier.

The current ArCaS committee members are Jim Henderson chairperson, Mary Kirkwood treasurer, Janet Rawlin secretary, Ted Godfrey transport manager, Ruth Devlin shop manager, and Anne Cheshire, Kate Duffy, Helen Kerr, Nancy McLeod, and Elizabeth Ross.

Over the past year ArCaS has made grants, donations and payments to mainland hospitals associated with Arran, surgeries on the island, Arran community nurses, complementary therapies, the ambulance service and to the five mainland drivers who ferry passengers

to and from hospitals. This total came to £124,280.

To keep the shop running smoothly there are 48 regular volunteers and a further 32 substitute volunteers and our sincere thanks go to them for their loyal service, some people doing two or three shifts a week. The committee would also like to thank the good people of Arran and the many visitors to the Island for their continued generosity and support.

We would ask people dropping off items at the ArCaS shop to please be aware of the following.

There is a police presence at the ferry terminal during busy

times (ferry sailings) so please arrange to drop off items between ferry times.

The cost of the disposal of unsuitable donated items has doubled in the last year. As we have no facility for washing, cleaning or repairing could people consider this when donating goods.

Due to lack of space we are unable to receive large items.

Health and Safety regulations do not permit us to accept any electrical items or soft furnishings (unless they have a fire resistant label).

Items left at the door when the shop is closed are likely to be inadvertently taken away with the refuse!



ArCaS founder member Frances Harwood cuts the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake at last Wednesday's annual general meeting. 02\_b26cas01

## Edinburgh String Quartet in Corrie

The Banner music correspondent Harry Ross turned up at Corrie and Sannox Village Hall expecting to hear the dulcet sounds of the Edinburgh String Quartet. All was quiet, but a couple of holidaymakers kindly gave him a lift along the road to Corrie Church where he was at least able to enjoy most of the concert.

He said: 'Due to unforeseen circumstances I was delayed and as a result missed the first parts of the concert including the world premiere of the new composition by Edward Maguire, 'The Silent Traveller Returns' which I understand

was inspired by a walk in Glen Rosa with a group of Chinese musicians.

'The third part was the performance of the Mendelssohn string quintet in A major, opus 18, which was quite a brilliant exposition of these very talented musicians. The intermezzo was sheer class and played with power and passion. The vivace was equally exquisite and so much together.

'I felt that all were totally on top of their form with Tristan Gurney quite outstanding in a brilliant evening's entertainment.' HR

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## Shona shines

Geoff Brookes and his dog Shona were overall winners at the June Dougarie sheepdog trial last Friday.

The trial, which is confined to Arran dogs, was held on June 12 at Druid, Auchencar, by kind permission of Mr S Gibbs. The committee would like to thank Liz and Duncan Robertson (Machrie) for the sheep, Willie McConnell (Whiting Bay) for judging, Donnie Robertson (Blackwaterfoot) for clerking and Liz Clarke (Torbeg) for presenting the prizes.

The results were as follows: 1 Geoff Brookes with Shona, 2 Wullie Stevenson with Nell, 3 Wullie Stevenson with Jan, 4 George Tod with Spice, 5 Niall McMaster with Nan, 6 John Craig with Ben.

The Publicity Cup for overall winner was therefore awarded to Geoff Brookes of Kildonan while the Aggregate Cup for the highest combined score between the May and June trials was awarded to Wullie Stevenson with his dog Jan.

## Popular market returns

Whiting Bay village market returns next week for another summer season.

The popular craft market is held in the village hall every Thursday from 11am to 3pm and is now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year. It was set up originally by Dorothy Harris and has been run by a succession of volunteers down the years. Many previous stallholders will again be present but there is room for a few more. Anyone interested should contact Sandy McGovern on 700445. The market café will also be providing snacks and refreshments.

## Legion meeting

The next meeting of the Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland will take place in the McLaren Hotel in Brodick at 2pm on Thursday July 2. All are welcome.

# Arran Dancers impress with Thumbelina

The family and friends of the Arran Dancers group flocked to Arran High School on Saturday to see an impressive performance of a classic children's fairytale.

There are about 30 boys and girls who regularly attend the ballet and dance classes every Saturday morning at the High School with teacher Fiona Rodriguez and 'Thumbelina' was the culmination of their recent efforts.

Sharron Kemp, treasurer of the Arran Dancers group, said: 'There were over 120 people in the audience, which was fantastic.'

The principal dancers, Iona Flewitt, Kirsty Crawford, Lucy Crawford, Ceile Swinton-Boyle, Eilidh Black, Isobel Armstrong, Rose McCormack and Natalie Innes, were joined on stage by the primary and nursery age children.

'Thumbelina' is a well-known children's fairytale written by the Dutch author Hans Christian Andersen.

When the story opens, a woman (Ceile) who longs for a child receives a magic seed from a witch.

Once planted, a tiny girl (Kirsty) emerges from its flower and the woman names the child Thumbelina.

One night, Thumbelina is asleep in her walnut-shell cradle and is carried off by a toad that wants the miniature maiden as a bride for her amphibian son.

Thumbelina escapes the toad and her son, and drifts on a lily pad until becoming the captive of a beetle (Iona).

The beetle discards her when his friends reject her company.

Thumbelina tries to protect herself from the elements, but when winter comes she is in desperate straits.

She is finally given shelter by a field mouse and tends the mouse's home in return but things turn nasty when Thumbelina refuses to marry the mouse's neighbour, a mole.

Arran Dancers performed Thumbelina to a packed auditorium at the High School on Saturday afternoon. b26dan05NO

The principal dancers in Saturday's performance of Thumbelina were Natalie Innes, Iona Flewitt, Kirsty Crawford, Lucy Crawford, Ceile Swinton-Boyle, Eilidh Black, Isobel Armstrong and Rose McCormack. 01\_b26dan02

Thumbelina refuses to marry the mouse's neighbour, a mole.

She escapes the situation by fleeing to a far land with a swallow and in a field of flowers, Thumbelina meets a fairy prince (Lucy) just her size and to her liking, and they get married.



A group of little dancing toads. 01\_b26dan01



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**BANNER****Heroes can still be found on Arran**

Do you have a hero? Someone you look up to or a person that inspires you to follow in their footsteps or even people who make you believe that you can be heroic too?

Or are you one of those people who finds it difficult to find a real hero in today's world. It may not be as difficult to find one as you think. This week a quartermaster on the Arran ferry heroically retrieved a bag that had been stolen by a thief onboard the MV Caledonian Isles.

When Graeme Kerr of Shiskine reported that his bag had gone missing, the CalMac employee immediately knew who had taken it. With no thought for his own safety he went after the thief and eventually cornered him in the disabled toilet of the terminal building at Ardrossan.

For many of us the thought of coming face to face with a desperate thief is a terrifying one, yet this apparently did not faze the quartermaster.

His actions not only led to the retrieval of Graeme's bag but to the arrest of the robber, who with any hope will think twice before he tries to snatch a bag again.

This event on the ferry is certainly not an everyday occurrence. Very rarely do you ever hear of heroic acts like this one. Twenty years ago it would be second nature to many people to help someone in distress but now many would think twice.

There are doctors who have openly admitted that if someone utters the dreaded words 'Is there a doctor in the house?' they would not admit to being one. The risk of litigation if a first aid attempt goes wrong is just too high.

Similarly many drivers have admitted that they would be wary about stopping to help a stranded motorist in case it posed a risk to their own safety.

So where have all the heroes gone?

If asked to list what we would consider to be our everyday heroes it tends to include doctors, nurses, soldiers, fire crews, paramedics, lifeboat crews and mountain rescue teams.

For others, sporting stars will be their heroes.

Some might even think that the journalists working hard to reveal the truth about corrupt politicians and those breaking the law are heroic.

An elderly woman who is housebound will quite rightly see the carer who comes into her home three times a day with meals on wheels and a chatty disposition as some kind of hero to them, such is the appreciation of what they do for them.

Many will see their hardworking, self-sacrificing, parents as heroes while some will count their best friend as one.

It sometimes takes the likes of the incident on the ferry to remind us that there are still small acts of heroism going on.

Heroism might no longer involve dashing knights charging in on a white horse but it is nice to know that many heroes can still be found in and around Arran.

**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****Hall is a disgrace**

Sir,  
Having been the secretary of Kilmory Public Hall for more years than I care to remember, I wrote a letter to the chairman, secretary and directors enquiring how the business of the hall was now conducted.

This letter was presented at the recent AGM but I now understand it was not discussed as the contents were thought to be above the intelligence of the audience.

Among the questions in my letter were why there was no disabled toilet in the toilets area when the hall was refurbished. I understand there is one in the medical room but this does not have easy access to other areas of the hall.

Why, after all this hard work done by so many people has nothing been done to improve the outside of our hall? It is a disgrace and looks like some abandoned building; most unattractive beside the new bunkerhouse.

What happened to the paint donated more than three years ago? Has it gone mouldy?

After three weeks of the most excellent weather I would have thought our hall could have received a facelift. There are certainly plenty of intelligent people in the Southend to do the job.

Yours,  
**E Picken**  
**Bruce Cottage**  
**Kilmory**

**Webcam cartwheels**

Sir,  
Just in case you were wondering, the strange man making hand signals and holding his phone with the other hand was my dad, Ken.

We were trying to see how much detail could be seen on your webcam in Brodick. My mum was also there, but she got embarrassed, walking off and waving to him to come back.

They have had a week in Whiting Bay in a luxury caravan lapping up the amazing scenery and sunshine that Arran has to offer. They are extremely fond of holidaying here and return as much as possible. Its got to be said, I love it too although have only been twice but hoping to come again this September. Just a pity the ferry

cost is so expensive, but hopefully this keeps the rabble out.

I'm sure that if you keep a lookout in September, I'll be cartwheeling in front of the webcam too.

Yours,  
**Matt Cole**  
**By email**

**Medical centre saves the day**

Sir,  
I arrived on Arran recently on a Friday afternoon. After taking my luggage from the car I discovered I had left at home medication that I need.

I went to Lamlash Medical Centre where it was clear they had a very busy afternoon surgery. The staff were very understanding. They took details, contacted my surgery at home and provided the necessary prescription. And they could even tell me that they had checked that the local chemist had my medication available. Grateful thanks to all concerned and we went on to have a wonderful holiday weekend.

Yours,  
**D Morrison**  
**33 Dumbreck Place**  
**Lenzie, Kirkintilloch**

**Not a happy place for cyclists**

Sir,  
As one who rides a cycle on a daily basis I feel qualified to comment on the road and traffic conditions on the island.

In my view, the speed of cars is only a factor in relation to the hazards to confront a rider. The main hazard is the broken road surface and potholes, particularly at the road edges. Cyclists tend to ride towards the centre of the road to avoid these and consequently put themselves in a vulnerable position. I have damaged two wheels due to the road surface at a cost of £70 each. The council refuses to accept liability. Only the other day I suffered a further damaged wheel and while I have made a claim, I am not hopeful that I shall get recompense.

Signs on lamp standards in Brodick proclaim that Arran is a happy place for cyclists. While cyclists enjoy the scenery and the challenge of the hills they would not endorse the view that Arran makes an

effort to encourage them to ride on its roads.

I find the information on the road sign relating to speed shown on the front page of the *Banner* of June 12 to be confusing. It is too involved for motorists to digest even when passing at moderate speed.

The sections of road repaired by contractors from the mainland have made a great improvement. If they covered the whole island then a claim that it welcomed cyclists could be fairly justified.

Yours,  
**G S Hird**  
**Schiehallion, Lamlash**

**Banter and ceilidh makes holiday**

Sir,  
My wife Jean and I would like to thank the people of Arran for the friendly welcome and banter over a great four weeks holiday from May to June. The weather has been fantastic even if it ended with heavy showers, but how could this island remain so fresh and beautiful without a wee drenching?

We were also very fortunate that our visit coincided with the Arran Folk Festival. We hugely enjoyed the two main events but the ceilidh at Kilmory just had the edge. The hall was literally bouncing, encouraged by an energetic and enthusiastic compere. It was good to see the Boguillie Band together again and I loved the harmonic melodies from Arris. By Saturday in Whiting Bay the Boguillies had transformed into the aptly named Saggy Bottoms, then we enjoyed expert music from the Irish band Lunas. After all this it seems a bit petty to lodge a complaint. But I was very disappointed when that darn sheriff closed 'The Best Little Whorehouse'. My visits to 'The Witches Step Lodge' are no more but at least Jean won't be puzzled as to my exhausted state on return.

Yours,  
**Ian and Jean MacMillan**  
**Fernbank**  
**23 Laide**  
**Wester Ross**

**Raw tar road**

Sir,  
After reading the article in

today's *Banner* (June 20) regarding the quantity of loose chippings left on the road surface of the Brodick hill, it was with some trepidation that I set out to travel to Lamlash.

Luckily I needn't have worried, as the problem seems to have solved itself.

There are very few new chippings left on the road surface between Corriegills road end to beyond Brodick cemetery, just a coating of raw tar. In the same edition, the leader article described the efforts of the Strathclyde Police and North Ayrshire's Trading Standards officer to deal with rogue traders on Arran.

I wonder if they have looked in their own backyard?

Yours,  
**John Baraclough**  
**Brodick**

**Deidre of Coronation Street**

Sir,  
While walking by the Rosa footbridge last week I came upon three Arran men with a boat on a trailer, having just lifted it out of the water. It had a name on the hull in huge letters saying 'Deidre'. On passing them I said: 'A great name for a boat. There can't be many other Deidres. One of the lads called out to me: 'No-one seems to like it; they think it's a bit weird.'

I thought to stop and tell them the story of Deidre of whom they seemed to have no knowledge but the moment passed.

Deidre, sometimes called Deidre of the Sorrows, sometimes Deidre of the Fatal Beauty was a tragi-romantic heroine of Irish Celtic legend. She was a stunning beauty, and after falling in love with Naoise, a noble youth, they eloped. In those far off days the Druids still had magical powers and Naoise and his brothers perished in an enchanted sea raised on the land. Deidre, desolated at the fate of her lover, took her own life.

But perhaps the boat here was not named after the Deidre of legend but after the one in Coronation Street who is neither sorrowful nor of fatal beauty.

Yours,  
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# Astronomy for the common man

Arran residents and holidaymakers will have a unique opportunity to learn a little about the world's most advanced project in astronomy in the Ormidale Pavilion next week.

Dr Richard Prestage will be giving a talk on a revolutionary new telescope being built at an altitude of 16,500 feet in the Chilean Andes.

Fiona Tait of Fourwinds, Corriecravie is Richard's mother and she said: 'He is coming home for a few days and thought people might be interested in this unusual astronomy project. He promises that his talk will not be too specialised

and will be put into layman's terms.'

Richard lives in Santiago with his wife and 17-year-old son and gets home to Arran at least once a year. He is Head of the Department of Technical Services on ALMA, the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array, which is the world's most advanced radio astronomy observatory.

Construction of ALMA started in 2003 and will be completed by 2012. The project is a collaboration between Europe, North America, Japan and Chile.

Richard said: 'ALMA is designed to work at 'sub-millimeter' wavelengths.

In this region of the electromagnetic spectrum, both dust and molecules glow, providing a wealth of information on regions that are otherwise invisible optically. ALMA should provide tremendous new discoveries and is expected to be as revolutionary for radio astronomy as the Hubble Space Telescope has been at optical wavelengths.'

Richard was born in Hampshire and educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh before gaining a BSc in Physics and Astrophysics at Leeds University and PhD in Astronomy at Edinburgh University.

In 1999 he joined the US National Radio Astronomy Observatory and last year moved to the new ALMA Observatory based in Santiago.

The talk is on July 3 at 7.30pm in the Ormidale Pavilion. Tickets from the Book and Card Centre or at the door.



Dr Richard Prestage, left, with colleagues in front of an ALMA antenna telescope in the Atacama Desert. b26tel01no

## Christian Aid collection

This year's collection for Christian Aid in Whiting Bay and Kildonan villages raised a grand total of £1,035.55.

Grateful appreciation goes to all those who gave their time to collect and also sincere thanks to those who gave so generously.

## First Responders ceilidh

The dedication of the First Responders medical team who serve North Arran from Lochranza to Whitefarland has greatly impressed the Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club.

So much so that Alastair Aitkenhead proposed a fundraising summer ceilidh dance along the same lines as his winter events to help fund this very worthwhile service provided by the Responders, mainly at their own expense.

Those present at the meeting were happy to volunteer to provide the supper and this they did in abundance.

The regular ceilidh dancers turned out in force. Young and old agreed that it was a great success.

Elma Stevenson said: 'To Alastair and to Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club members who prepared the Hall, supplied and served the supper and cleared up, a big well done! We are a great team!

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The five swimmers came ashore at Kings Cross to be greeted by piper Ally Hume. They are, from left, David Henry, Tom Murray, Tommy Barclay, Ally Hume, Graeme Thomson and Robbie Henry. b26swm01

## Five swim to Kings Cross

Five intrepid men set off from Holy Isle last Tuesday to swim to Arran.

It was the occasion of Graeme Thomson's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and he wanted to celebrate it in an unusual way. Graeme of Torrance in Glasgow has a house in Brodick and has been coming to the island regularly for 17 years.

He said: 'I wanted to prove that there was life in the old dog yet. My brother-in-law David, nephew Robbie and two friends joined me.'

'We got a ride in Tom Tracey's RIB boat from Brodick slipway to the lighthouse slip at the south end of Holy Isle. Then we swam across to Kings Cross where our families were waiting for us with a beach barbecue.'

### Training

The five had been in training for three months, swimming in open water at Millport, Loch Lomond and Loch Earn. They were piped ashore by Ally Hume and were lucky to escape with just a few jellyfish stings.

### Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland

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## Spellbinding crafts at Arran Heritage Museum

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One of the best known of the surviving 'smiths in the west of Scotland is Ian Wade, and the Arran Heritage Museum in Brodick will be welcoming Ian to demonstrate his skills in the old smiddy on Sunday July 5 from 1.30pm.

John Lauder, of the museum committee said: 'The smell of the fire in the furnace and the burning horn as the new shoes are fitted to the horse's hooves, are aromas which stay in one's memory for a long time.'

### Preparation

'Spectators can watch the painstaking preparation on the anvil and the fitting of the shoes to the hooves at close quarters on this special occasion, and of course the banter is worth tuning in to.'

So why not make it a date on July 5 and spend a while inspecting the updated and new exhibits at the museum that include the newly created Geology Centre which gives a modern insight into Arran's unique landscape.

There will also a rare opportunity to see round the museum store-rooms containing the many artefacts that cannot be displayed due to space restrictions.



Richard Cardwell from Lancashire, playing fiddle at the Bar Eden open session on Saturday afternoon. 02\_b25mus03

## Folk festival deemed a great success

The 15<sup>th</sup> Arran Folk Festival was deemed by many to have been a great success.

It was especially inclusive, with 12 open sessions in Arran bars, and all welcome to join in.

One person who joined in more than most was Richard Cardwell of Fleetwood, Lancashire.

Richard, who is originally from Belfast, played fiddle and whistle at 10 of the 12 sessions.

He said: 'It all began a few weeks ago when my lady friend, who plays the fiddle rather well, thought we should go to the Chester Folk festival. It was already over half over so I scoured the web for a suitable alternative and came up with Arran. At the last minute she

opted out so I came to Arran on my own in my little AC Cobra.

'I had emailed the organisers and received a prompt reply from Bob Hastings suggesting that I camp at Kildonan and inviting me to play at their open sessions. It turned into one of the most wonderful and memorable weeks of my life.'

'A ceilidh on Wednesday night in Kilmory was a first for me and I loved it. This was followed by three superb concerts supported by amazing local talent.'

'Arran it seems, is an island of atmosphere, history, friendship, music and vampire midges with tiny teeny wings and huge teeth.'

'I can't wait to return for next year's festival.'

## Local gardens open for charity

Local garden enthusiasts and visitors to the island will be pleased to know that Lady Jean Fforde will be kindly opening her beautiful garden Strabane, Brodick to the public again. If you missed visiting her garden earlier in the season then do try to have a peep.

The openings are in aid of the Arran Hospice Fund and will be from 10.30am to 4.30pm on Monday June 29, Friday July 3 and Sunday July 5.

Also, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care there will be an open garden at Claveron, Lamlash with teas on Sunday June 28 from noon to 6pm. Everybody is welcome.

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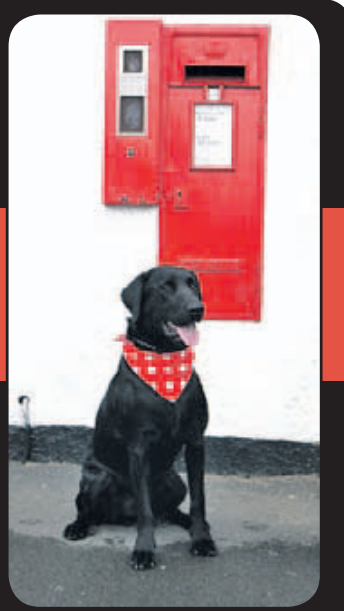
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Last week Archie was sitting on the bridge on Fisherman's Walk at Cladach. First correct was Andrew Beggs of Durham, closely followed by Brian Laycock of Halifax and Archie's doggie pal Fleck of Brodick. Eric Gilmour gave a most detailed answer, calling it the bridge to the Boathouse Grill. This week Archie has just posted a letter, but where is that red box? 02\_b26arc01





Erin Boal, Lyle Bunyan, Fergus Gunn, Sarah MacNeil, Mungo Paul, Isla Sillars, Michael Smith, James Thomson and Jamie McLaren. 01\_b26bro01

## Rhodie's bashed in a bid to return Brodick's native wildflowers

The team of conservation experts carried out wildflower monitoring in Brodick Castle and Country Park's Merkland Wood last week.

It is hoped that native wildflower species will be re-established in the wood following extensive clearance of Rhododendron ponticum which has taken place over the last few years.

### Non-native

Rhododendron is an invasive non-native species which spreads so successfully that it crowds out native plant species making plants like violets, wood sorrel and bugle increasingly rare sights in many of Scotland's western woodlands.

Conservation staff from the National Trust for Scotland

are hoping to see signs that the once common woodland plants are taking hold in the wood again.

'We have invested a great deal of time and money in 'rhodie bashing' at Brodick, trying to reclaim large areas from the rhododendron which just spreads and spreads,' said Kate Sampson. 'We are very much hoping to see some of our native wildflowers breaking through the forest floor again.'

'These are species, which are not just important in their own right, but also act as a food source for the bumblebees and other insects.'

Hopefully by restoring the wild plants in Merkland Wood, we will enrich the habitat for a whole range of native insects and other animals.'

## Arran's top campsite

The Seal Shore Camping and Touring site in Kildonan has been named as one of the top 20 coastal campsites in Britain by a national newspaper.

Clover Stroud, the co-author of 'Cool Camping Kids', named the Arran site owned by Maurice Deighton as one of her favourites in Sunday's Telegraph magazine.

She said: 'The neat and well-run campsite slopes gently to the sea, and the finger of black rock protruding from the sands into the water makes a lovely place for sunbathing in hot weather.'

'There are good facilities, including a lavatory block with hot showers, dishwashing area, laundry and campers' day room with covered and windproof cooking facilities.'

## Preparing to move up to High School

Last week in *The Banner* we featured photographs of some of the primary seven classes from three of Arran's primary schools that are preparing for the big move up to High School.

This week we are featuring the other four schools; Kilmory, Lamdash, Whiting Bay and Brodick.

After seven years working their way up the ranks at their primary school the P7s were assimilated into the first year classes at Arran high School this week to give them a taste of what is to come.



Imogen Armstrong, Grant Ashley, Olivia Barker, Lynsey Fleming, Joe Robson, Sercan Simsek, Jack Simmons, Elliot Stone and Sebastian Watson from Whiting Bay Primary School. 01\_b26whi01



The primary seven class from Lamdash Primary School are Rebecca Crawford, Rhiannon Geraghty, Rory Hunter, Myles Johnson, Cara Miller, Glen Mlotek, Michael MacFarlane, Scott MacFarlane and Katelyn MacVicar. 01\_b26lam01



The P7 class at Kilmory Primary School; Donald Mulholland, Katie Morrison, Daniel McAllister, Kieran Robertson and Alan Dillon. 01\_b26ki01

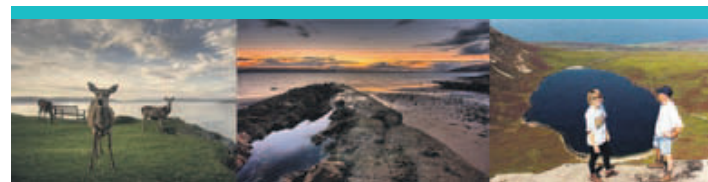


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Arran delegates and North Ayrshire Council Community Learning and Development staff at the Gaelic language workshop in Arran High School last Saturday. 02\_b25gae01

## Gaelic language workshop

Around 50 delegates attended a language course in Arran High School last Saturday from 11am to 4pm.

Organised by Annette Biggar of North Ayrshire Council Community Learning and Development, it was a day of Gaelic language workshops at varying levels of ability.

The different course levels were aimed at Arran

people who have taken evening classes, done private study or distance learning, or who were complete beginners. There was no charge for the workshops but delegates were encouraged to bring their own lunch. Annette described the day as an informal social opportunity for interested people to further their understanding of Gaelic.

## Choir make cancer donation

The Lochranza Choir has donated £700 to the Beatson Cancer Clinic in Glasgow.

The money was raised through

the ticket and programme sales from the choir's recent concert as well as membership subscription fees.

They have a little money left over which will be used to purchase sheet music for their concerts in the autumn.

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# Clutch of prizes for Wullie and his sheepdog

Local dog handler Wullie Stevenson left the 38th annual trial of the Kildonan and District Sheepdog Association on Friday with a clutch of prizes after a day of successful runs.

The trial was held at Brandon Farm by kind permission of Charles Fforde and 50 dogs competed in the competition judged by Alex Miller of Kildonan.

Local class for the Kingsley Cup was won by Wullie Stevenson of Whiting Bay with Jan on 72 points in the fastest time.

George Tod came in second with Spice on 72 points, third was John Craig with Ben and 65 points, fourth Geoff Brookes and Shona 56.

Overall winner for the Kildonan Open Cup was Stewart Davidson from Dunoon and his dog Jim.

The Maharranee Cup for the highest pointed local handler and dog also went to Wullie Stevenson and Jan.

The Arran Cup for the best island bred or reared dog was awarded to George Tod of Shiskine with Spice.

Wullie Stevenson picked up yet another prize with his dogs Jan and Nell when he was given the Kildonan Hotel Cup for the best two Arran dogs.

Sally Brookes presented the prizes and the committee wish to thank her as well as judge Alex Miller, clerk for the day Margie Currie, clerk of the course John Picken all the competitors for their support and Charles Fforde for the use of the field and sheep.

Full results

Confined Class: 1 Wullie Stevenson and Jan 72 (time), 2 George Tod and Spice 72, 3 John Craig with Ben 65, 4 Geoff Brookes with Shona 56.

Open Class: 1 Stewart L Davidson and Jim 97, 2 Jock Welsh and Mac 96 (time), 3



Wullie Stevenson (left) from Whiting Bay with his clutch of prizes that he picked up at the annual Brandon Farm Sheepdog Trial and Stewart L Davidson from Dunoon, the winner of the open class. 01\_b26dog01

Jock Welsh and Nap 96, 4 Iain McConnel and Fly 91 (time), 5 Jock Welsh and Sweep 91, 6 J Casey with Ben 89, 7 R McDairmid with Jim 87 (time), 8 Chris Cahill with Pip 87, 9 JJ Templeton with Glen, 10 A L Ronald and Meg.

Trophies Kildonan Open Cup: Stewart L Davidson with Jim (Dunoon). Kingsley Cup: Wullie Stevenson with Jan (Whiting Bay). Maharranee Cup: Wullie Stevenson with

Jan (Whiting Bay). McKeown Perpetual Prize: Viv Parks. Arran Cup: George Tod with Spice (Shiskine). Kildonan Hotel Cup: Wullie Stevenson with Jan and Nell (Whiting Bay). Royal Bank Trophy: Jock Welsh with Mac and Nap (Dalrymple). McBride Trophy: Robert Middleton (Neilston). Seawinds Cup: Cathy McDairmid (Cairndow). Princess Antoinette Cup: Jock Welsh with Sweep (Dalrymple).



John Clarke of Swallowbrae, Torbeg competes in the confined class on Friday morning. 02\_b26dog02

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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday, June 17, 1989

### Lead free boob

Arran will have lead free petrol 'now' thanks to Cunningham District Council.

As a result of CDC campaigning for lead free petrol and rising complaints and enquiries from visitors, they announced this week that they have secured its imminent arrival on Arran.

Unfortunately they had not done their homework on how it would get here and the prospect has now turned into sometime in the future.

So lead-free-aware have people become that when it does arrive many people will claim credit.

CDC appear to have stolen the show by arranging with BP that road tankers would travel around to the Claonaig ferry and service two outlets on Arran.

However, they did not realise that the Claonaig to Tarbert road, which is unsuitable for



The new principal teacher of PE at Arran High School is Steve Evans. Steve who is from just outside Swansea is 32 and single. He chose to do a B.Ed at Cardiff University because of his enthusiasm for rugby, so it looks as though he may be a great addition to the island's rugby club as coach Ken Scotland prepares to leave. b26twe02

coaches, could not cope with the tankers.

### Yogurts still on sale

Hazelnut yogurts were still on sale in the Brodick Coop this week despite the scare over botulism and the warnings that people should not eat any brand of hazelnut yogurt.

### New teacher hurt

New PE teacher Steve Evans was hurt in a car accident near Alt Ardoch south of Lamlash on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr Evan's car was in collision with a van containing two men from the mainland.

He was badly concussed and suffered a depressed fracture of the cheek but is expected to make a full recovery.

### The Fanatic

It was the Battle of the Bulge at the Bennan Astrofank between Northend Stags and the Southend United Strollers with several players filling their shirts to near bursting point.

After one heavy-weight mid-

field clash between Colin Currie and George Lammie a spectating gimmer was heard to murmur to her boyfriend: 'The earth moved for me, dear.'

The Stags ran out 10-2 winners with the best performances from Jason Ferguson who notched up a hat-trick.

High point of the night for Jason though was when referee Geoff Brookes reassured him that three goals at altitude did not only count as two at sea-level.

Tony 'son of ref' Brookes made his mark by scoring for both sides.

Eddie 'strawtop' Picken assured himself a mention in this week's column when he raced into his own penalty area, rose above the Northend forwards with all the grace of an erupting volcano and with a deft flick of his neck headed the ball to an advancing Dennis 'bendy toy' Smith.

'It was my best goal yet,' enthused Eddie. 'I saw the keeper was off his line so I picked my spot.'



Jumping for joy at winning the Junior Disc Jockey competition at Lamlash are Angie Haggarty, Vivien Keir, Jennifer Gourlay, Linda Taylor and Pauline Kingstree. b26twe06



Arran's four newly qualified football referees were presented with their badges last Sunday by the Ayrshire Referees Association when members of the group were enjoying a day out on the island. The Arran refs are Charles Currie, Steve Garraway, Iain Frame and Ted MacDonald. The baby is also Steve Garraway. b26twe04



Above: The Brownies are 75 years old this year and to mark the anniversary, Brownies from all over the island met at the campsite on the Ross Road for a sausage sizzle and fun night. b26twe05



Right: Manager Ian Struthers presents Liz Johnson with a large picnic hamper and £25 of Coop vouchers after she was named the winner in the Lamlash store's recent free draw. b26twe03



Neal Hyndman and Ruairidh Kerr and Robert Primrose and David Bowd take part in the three-legged race in the Primary School Sports Day. b26twe01

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Sun - Country/Blues with string theory 9.30pm  
Tue - Pop Quiz 10pm

Real Ale (Recommended CAMRA Good Beer Guide)

# The Arran Banner on holiday

Arran residents and holidaymakers are making sure that they pack their copy of the Banner to keep up with local issues when they go on holiday.

This week we have two photos sent in by readers showing them studying their local Arran paper in Queensland, Australia and Lahore, India.

Seven-year-old Angus Stein lives in Emerald, Queensland and was being visited by his grandparents Joyce and Ken Stein who have a house in Whiting Bay. Angus spent a holiday in Arran last summer and a photo of him eating a large strawberry featured as

one of the runners-up in the 2008 Banner photo competition.

Marion Yates of Catacol was on a business trip to Lahore when she paused to read her Banner under the shade of a tree in Sky Park and soon attracted an interested audience.

Don't forget to pack your copy of the Banner if you are going on holiday. It could be from Lisbon or Lesmahagow, it really doesn't matter; we would love to see your photographs.

Please send them to us either by email to editor@arranbanner.co.uk or to The Arran Banner, Douglas Centre, Brodick KA27 8AJ.



Marion Yates and friends reading the Banner in Sky Park, Lahore. b24ban01



Angus Stein waiting for a train at the local station in the outback town of Emerald, Australia. b25ban02

The image of the pair of Mute Swans with their family of young cygnets is surely an idyllic scene, but there have been happenings on the island that may put this image in a different light.

On the morning of 8 June in Whiting Bay, the male of the pair that produced three cygnets started to attack one of the other swans that visit the feeding station opposite the Royal Hotel. The attack went on for several hours resulting in the death of the attacked swan. There was another dead swan lying further along the shore nearer the centre of the village.

The excellent publication Birds of Scotland edited by Ron Forester and Ian Andrews states: 'Once established at a site...pairs can become involved in serious disputes, and it is not unknown for fatalities to occur, usually by drowning.' Mute Swans with cygnets are very aggressive and have been known to kill other birds as well as their own species that are a perceived threat to the cygnets.

The publication goes on to add: 'Both incest and inbreeding have been reported.' This also occurred in Arran this year. The male of the pair at Blackwaterfoot died over

## Bird Notes by Jim Cassels

the winter. The female mated with one of her male offspring from last summer. Young male swans are not usually capable of breeding until they are three or four years old, so the six eggs produced were not fertile.

All these goings-on among Mute Swans on Arran!

From the comments that I get, the photographs that go along with the regular Bird Notes in the Banner are enjoyed by readers.

### Structure

With their colour, their feathers, their structure and their movement, birds are a great subject to photograph. During the photography competition in the recent Arran Wildlife Festival, the winner and runner up were both photographs of birds.

But also during the Festival, a small group who were responsibly watching the Golden Eagles in Lochranza, were witness to the worst side of bird photography: an individual on the hill whose behaviour was greatly disturbing the birds. This criminal

act was rightly reported to the police, and PC Frazer Mitchell, wildlife crime officer, came promptly. The police are dealing with the matter.

To photograph birds at or near the nest like Golden Eagle, Barn Owl, Hen Harrier, Peregrine, Red-throated Diver all on the Schedule One list of protected birds requires a license from Scottish Natural Heritage.

How can you enjoy photographing birds and at the same time avoid disturbing them?

A good place to start is the Royal Photographic Society's excellent Code of Practice <http://rpsnaturegroup.com/page7.htm>

The opening points in the Code of Practice are: Photography should not be undertaken if it puts the subject at risk. Risk to the subject, in this context, means risk of disturbance, physical damage, causing anxiety, consequential predation, and lessened reproductive success.

As the Royal Photographic Society state - 'There is one



A pair of mute swans with cygnets. Photo David Bevan. b26swa01no

hard and fast rule, whose spirit must be observed at all times - The welfare of the subject is more important than the photograph.'

Please do not hesitate to report to the police any photog-

rapher who could be breaking the law.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot,

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I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran visit this website [www.arranbirding.co.uk](http://www.arranbirding.co.uk)

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**Trout fishing**  
**Hawk Walks**  
**Fitness Assessments, Gym Induction, Personal Training**  
**Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick**

11am - 4pm  
 Loch Garbad, Boat or Bank  
 Lamlash  
 Auchrannie Spa & Gym  
 10.30am - 4.30pm

**SATURDAY 27th JUNE**

**Blackwaterfoot Junior Football**  
**Arran Dancers, Ballet & Jazz, 3 - 18years**  
**Karate**  
**Learn to Salsa**  
**Family Games Kids & Adults**  
**Fun in the Spa Pool**  
**Over 21s Disco**  
**Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game**  
**Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game**  
**RNLI Shop Open**  
**Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game**  
**Farmers Market**  
**6-A-Side Cricket**  
**Live Music "Heartbeat" Licensed**  
**Bingo Night**

Coaching, 10.30am - noon  
 Arran High School 10am - 4pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
 KA Campus, 9.30am - 10.30am  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
 Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 2pm  
 2pm  
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
 2.30pm & 7pm  
 Kilmory Hall, 11.30am - 3.30pm  
 Ormidale Rugby Pitch, 12pm  
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm

**SUNDAY 28th JUNE**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
**Family Games Kids & Adults**  
**Fun in the Spa Pool**  
**Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes**  
**Folk Session**  
**RNLI Shop Open**  
**Open Garden**  
**Arran Motocross Club**  
**Isle of Arran Pipe Band**  
**Songs of Praise**

St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm  
 Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm  
 Library Annexe, 1.45pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
 Claveron, Lamlash 12pm - 6pm  
 Kildonan, 10am - 2pm  
 Brodick Castle, 2.30pm  
 Lamlash Green, 6.30pm

**MONDAY 29th JUNE**

**Senior Fitness**  
**Over 50's Badminton**  
**Badminton**  
**Cardiac Rehab**  
**Circuit Training**  
**Citizens Advice**  
**AB Attack**  
**Aerobics Class**  
**Weight Wise**  
**Netball**  
**Folk Session**  
**Summer Bridge**  
**Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game**  
**Kilmory Wildlife Viewing Camera**  
**Lamlash Rink Bowking Game**  
**Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game**  
**Country Dancing**  
**Coffee Morning**  
**Open Garden**

Auchrannie 10am & 11am (Gym)  
 Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
 Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm  
 Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)  
 Open 10am - 2pm  
 KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm  
 KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm  
 Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
 High School Sports Hall - Seniors 8pm - 9pm  
 Kildonan Hotel, 9pm  
 High School, 6.45pm  
 6.45pm  
 Kilmory Hall, 10am - 5pm  
 7pm  
 7pm  
 Brodick Church Hall  
 Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church 10.30am - 12pm  
 Strabane, Brodick 10.30am - 4.30pm

**TUESDAY 30th JUNE**

**Lochranza Swimming Club**  
**Pop Quiz**  
**Arran Civic Trust**  
**Legs Bums & Tums**  
**Army Cadets**  
**Pop Quiz**

Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Ormidale Pavillion 7.30pm  
 Auchrannie Spa 6pm - 7pm (Studio)  
 Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
**Citizens Advice**  
**Pulmonary Rehab**  
**Open Music Session**  
**Indoor Bowling**  
**Brodick Toddler Group**  
**Body Conditioning Class**  
**Youth Club**  
**Senior Fitness**  
**Rotary Club**  
**Kilmory Wildlife Viewing Camera**

Brodick Church Hall - 2pm  
 Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)  
 Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)  
 Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm  
 Auchrannie Hall, 7pm  
 Church Hall, 10am - 12pm  
 KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm  
 Kildonan Hall - 6pm  
 Auchrannie, 10am - 11am  
 Glenclay Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
 Kilmory Hall, 10am - 5pm

**WEDNESDAY 1st JULY**

**Hockey**  
**Core Strength**  
**Jnr Rugby Training**  
**Aquafizz**  
**Circuit Training**  
**Yogalates**  
**Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy**  
**Kickboxing**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
**Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training**  
**Arran Brass Rehearsal**  
**Felt Making Class**  
**Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game**  
**Coffee Morning in aid of HSL**  
**Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game**  
**Kilmory Wildlife Viewing Camera**  
**Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game**  
**Family Ceilidh**  
**Tea Dance**

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm (Games Hall)  
 Auchrannie 5.30 - 6pm  
 P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm- 7.15pm  
 Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am (Hotel Pool)  
 Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)  
 Auchrannie Studio, 10am - 11am (Studio)  
 10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm  
 KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm  
 Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm  
 Ormidale Park, 7.30pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
 Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm  
 6.45pm  
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.30am - 12pm  
 7pm  
 Kilmory Hall, 10am - 5pm  
 7pm  
 Brodick Village Hall 8pm - 11pm  
 Lochranza and Catacol Hall, 2-4pm

**THURSDAY 2nd JULY**

**Senior Fitness**  
**General Knowledge Quiz**  
**Citizens Advice**  
**Lochranza Craft Club**  
**Pilates**  
**Coffee Morning**  
**Cardiac Rehab**  
**Table Tennis**  
**KA Jog**  
**Legs, Bums & Tums Class**  
**Arran Junior Singers Practise**  
**Indoor Bowling**  
**Junior Tennis**  
**Cricket Practice**  
**Kilmory Wildlife Viewing Camera**  
**Craft Market**

Auchrannie 10am - 11am  
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## GARDINER - ALEXANDER KERR

Peacefully at home with his family on Friday 19th June 2009. A loving and beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend deeply missed. The funeral took place at St. Brides Church, Lochranza on Wednesday 24th June, 2009. With grateful thanks to the many special professionals and friends who take care of our lovely father, and a special thank you to The Rev. Angus Adamson.

## WELSH - HELEN

Following a long illness at Crosshouse hospital and Ayrshire central, Helen Welsh passed away peacefully in her sleep on 23rd June, 2009. She is remembered by her daughter, Donna, and sons, David and Sean.

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## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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## Minister

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Worship will be conducted at the following times.

## Sunday 28 June

Brodick Church 10.30am

Corrie Church 12pm.

Lochranza 9.30am

Pirnmill 10.45am

Shiskine 12pm

A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

## ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

## Sunday 28 June

(Church is on the road between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)

Shiskine 11am

Sunday School meets in the Church Hall

Brodick 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)

Rev David Karoon

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## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH

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## ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

Songs of Praise, Lamlash

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## Arran ladies moonwalk for charity

Helen Nelson, Kayren Hamilton, Teresa Deighton, and Fiona Crawford donned their pink bras and joined more than 1,000 women from all over Scotland to take part in the Edinburgh Moonwalk last Saturday. Organisers are hopeful that they have raised more than £3million from this year's walk.

## Golf

## Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday June 9, Centenary Quaich, Stableford Competition, 27 played.

1 Kate Sizer (31)39, 2 Mairi Thomson (35)39, 3 Pat Reid (19)39. There was a magic two from Lesley Murray.

Tuesday June 16, Medal Finals (Lad's Cup), CSS 67. 1 Heather Raeside (31)58, 2 Trish Martin (27)66, 3 Gwen McNicol (14)66. There was a magic two from Trish Martin.

## Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: The Alice Toomey Trophy was played on Sunday 21 June. The winner was Pat McDonald with a net 70 and second place went to Susan Kidston with a net 71.

Juniors: Weekly competitions every Monday night will begin on Monday June 29. meet at the starter box at 5.15pm for a 5.30pm start. Open to all junior members with handicaps - prizes to be won.

## PERSONALS



Guess Who's 21 Today?  
Love from Dad, Mum & Sandra

Junior members who wish to get their handicaps or simply just some coaching and/or guidance can meet every Friday at 5.30pm. Boys and girls of all abilities welcome.

Gents: Wednesday June 17, 16 played for the Ballantyne Cup, which was first won by a Mr Cunningham exactly 100 years ago! SSS 63, CSS 63.

1 Sandy Pringle (13)59, 2 Dave Hackett (23)60, 3 John Dick (15)62.

Malcolm Pennycott had the only magic two at the 9th hole and he also won scratch with 66. Sunday June 21, only six played on a dreich and midge-infested day.

1 John Dick (14)63, 2 Ross Butchard (25)66. Fixtures: Sunday June 28, Medal. Wednesday July 1, Summer Trophy.

## Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday June 17, Summer Cup, 36 played, CSS 64. 1 T Raeside (7)63 BIH, 2 G McCrae (5)63, 3 B Walker (18)64. Scratch G McCrae 68. There were 10 twos, Terry Raeside got three of them.

Sunday June 21, Sweep, 17 played, CSS 64. 1 S McCalla (8)62, 2 C Pattenden (11)63, 3 A Dobson (8)63. Scratch J Armit 69. There were seven twos, Peter McCalla got two.

Fixtures: Saturday June 27, Hope Cup semi finals and final at Brodick Golf Club from 1pm. Sunday June 28, Sweep, draws at 8.30am and 1pm.

## Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday June 18, Nancy

McCutcheon Trophy. 1 Karen Haggarty 25points, 2 Sally Brookes 23points BIH, 3 Pat Adamson 23points. At the prize giving, many thanks to all those who provided the most wonderful cakes!

Wednesday June 17th 18-Hole Medal. 1 Daryl Urquart-Dixon 82-15=67, 2 Colin Allison 73-5=68, 3 Brian Sherwood 81-9=72. Best Scratch Colin Allison 73.

Fixtures: Sunday June 28, 12-Hole Medal. Wednesday July 1, Vice-Captain's Prize. Thursday July 2, Ladies 18-Hole Medal.

## Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday June 18 weather conditions in the morning affected the seniors so only two played. 1 D Crawford 78-16=62. Summer Cup 21 played. Scratch D Macfarlane with a 64. 1 W Q Young 75-13=62, 2 Mark Wren 74-11=63 BIH, 3 Norrie McIntyre 72-9=63 BIH, 4 D McFarlane 64-1-63.

There were seven magic twos from N McIntyre, WQ Young, L Girbow, D Wales, J Stewart and D Macfarlane.

Saturday June 20, both Lamlash teams beat Corrie in a tight game at Brodick Golf Club to qualify for the finals day of the Hope Cup on Saturday June 27 at 1pm and 6pm.

Sunday June 21, Fleet cup 36 hole competition. Round one, 13 played. Scratch Iain Murchie with a 66. 1 I Murchie 66-3=63 BIH, 2 Ian Bremner 70-7=63, 3 Todd Jameson 83-18=65. There were two magic twos from I Murchie and N McIntyre at the 16th.

Round two, 11 played. Scratch I Murchie with a 68 BIH. 1 S Cameron 68-6=62, 2 I Murchie 68-3=65 BIH, 3 T Jameson 83-18=65. Winner of Fleet Cup Iain Murchie 63-65=128, runner up Ian Bremner 63-67=130

BIH 1st round score.

Fixtures: Every Thursday Senior and Summer Cup, arrange times with starter.

Saturday June 27 Hope Cup Day at Brodick Golf Club. Sunday June 28, June Medal at 9.30am and 1pm.

Saturday July 4, Tom Graham Open (18 holes) arranging three ball times with starter.

## Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday June 16, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton. 1 Mark MacDonald 64, 2 Hamish Bannatyne 66, 3 Mark Sherwood 69. Scratch and magic two Hamish Bannatyne 70. Fixtures: Tuesday 30 June, Ladies and Gents Gleneagles Medal in Aid of Clic Sergeant Cancer Care. Entry Fee £3 + Sweep. Winner to go into the draw for game at Gleneagles.

## Arran Golfers Association

Thomson Match play 2009. This year's final brought together experience versus youth with chairman Donald Logan up against young Mark Sherwood.

After some good steady golf, the youth emerged victorious and Mark took the tie by the score of 5 and 4. Donald has denied reports that a late night and a few sherbets were to blame for his demise and that Mark simply played the better golf, enquiries are continuing!

Fixtures: Friday July 3, Corrie Hotel Cup at Lamlash Golf Club from 5pm. Draw is as follows: Brodick A v Whiting Bay B at 5pm, Shiskine B v Brodick B at 5.10pm, Whiting Bay A v Lamlash B at 5.20pm, Lochranza B v Corrie A at 5.30pm, Lamlash A v Machrie A at 5.40pm, Lochranza A v Machrie B at 5.50pm, Corrie B v Shiskine A at 6pm. Format

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Derek Morgan illustrates a kickboxing technique in the dance studio at Arran High School. 02\_b26kik01

## Sport and fitness with a kick on Arran

Kickboxing is a new sport available to Arran residents.

Leader Derek Morgan who works at Auchrannie is holding sessions on Tuesday evenings at Auchrannie Spa and Wednesday evenings at Arran High School. The small group, which only numbers six at the moment, meets in the dance studio where Derek teaches them a number of moves and the ethos of kickboxing.

Training shoes and loose fitting tracksuit bottoms and tops are all that is required. Derek is a fourth dan blackbelt in kickbox-

ing with 30 years experience including 33 professional bouts at international level. For many years he was the leader at Kintore Kickboxing Club near Inverurie, Aberdeenshire.

Derek said: 'Although training is for full contact, sparring is not obligatory as many people train in the sport to achieve a high level of fitness, confidence, co-ordination, balance and self defence. I can be contacted on 07806950483, and children's classes will be considered if there is enough interest.'



Kickboxing is not just for tough guys. John Miller is on the receiving end of a well-aimed kick from a young lady. 02\_b26kik02

## Quality golf from Arran's top players

The first round of the 2009 Arran Golfer's Association Hope Cup got off to a great start at the weekend with the usual display of quality golf from the island's top golfers.

First up were Lamlash against Corrie, a good tussle ensued with Lamlash's Iain Murchie and Neil Young edging Corrie's Island Champion Euan McKinnon and John Adams by three holes in the first game and Dougie Macfarlane and

Lee Girbow doing the same to Stephen Beardsley and Rab Logan by two in the next.

The course was playing long due to the weeks rain and this definitely helped the Lamlash big hitters more.

### Partnership

Second game was between Machrie Bay and Whiting Bay and a bad run of bogeys from the 8<sup>th</sup> hole for Whiting Bay gave Machrie four holes on the spin and the game ended 2

up to father and son Brian and Mark Sherwood.

The game behind had the steady partnership of Nicol Auld and Malcolm Pennycott against Hamish Bannatyne and Davy Jeffries.

The old head on Nicol proved too strong for Machrie's young guns and they took the tie three up and won match overall by one hole.

Final match was Lochranza against Shiskine. Some steady

golf from Joe Faulkner and Jamie Stewart gave them the first game two up and more steady golf from Willie Kelso and Stewart Black took the second game five up to take the tie seven up overall.

The semi-final and final of the Hope Cup will take place this Saturday at Brodick Golf Club at 1pm and 6pm.

The semi-final matches will be Lamlash v Brodick and Shiskine v Whiting Bay.



Matthew Evans from Lamlash is preparing for an intensive rugby training session in Perpignan. b26mat01

## Matt is off to French rugby training camp

He's a young rugby star in the making and for 15-year-old Matthew Evans from Lamlash a trip to Perpignan could be the first step to great things.

Matthew has been training on the mainland during the past few weeks with rugby youth development team the Glasgow Thistles.

With the team he is taking part in a two-week intensive training programme in Perpignan.

The boys are being coached by a number of Scottish Rugby Union development officers and past Scottish international players. Matthew has been really looking forward to the trip and starting his summer holidays early!

Dad Steve Evans said: 'Matthew has been training on a Wednesday evening throughout May and June at Ardrossan rugby club continuing his development through the SRU National pathways programme.'

'As well as this Matthew has been training in Glasgow over the past two weekends with the Glasgow Thistles in preparation for this two week intensive rugby training programme in Perpignan in the south of France.'

Matthew flew out on June 24 from Prestwick with the rest of the squad. The squad has all been given a full rugby kit for the trip, which includes large travelling holdall, ruck sack, 11 different coloured t-shirts, rugby tops, shorts, socks and tracksuits to travel in.

## Summer Bridge Notes

The results of the tournament on 22 June were: N/S 1 D Bruce and M Bruce, 2 T Martin and D Hamilton, 3 E McKellar and J Wales.

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# Dismal day at Dunadd for Sannox

Sannox Cricket Club were hoping to leave their rivals red faced on Sunday as they donned their snazzy new strips to play their second league match against Mid Argyll.

The shirts which sport a bespoken club logo designed by club secretary Tim Pomeroy and the logo of sponsors MBS boosted the confidence of the team from the start.

The weather was poor throughout the day and playing conditions at Dunadd Fort were difficult.

Sannox lost the toss and Mid Argyll wisely opted to bat knowing perhaps that the young wicket, only twice played-on, might not hold up to the smirr and drizzle that dogged the day.

With mixed feelings Sannox welcomed Matt Lewis back to the Mid Argyll attack knowing that he and Gordon Lyburn

had been their undoing in the past.

And indeed Lewis rode his luck with some mixed Arran bowling to put on 35 before a superb Tony Brookes delivery uprooted his centre stump.

Earlier, Lyburn had fallen cheaply for four, caught behind by Colin Haggarty off the bowling of Eric Dunn and Peter Shackleton was run out in a terrible between-wickets mix-up that brought Tim Lister and Becket together.

## Sluggish

Both of them scored slowly on a field was that was increasingly sluggish.

Lister fell to an identical middle stump uprooting as his team-mate and Becket was bowled by a tidy Michael Jenks delivery.

Boundaries were rare and Mid Argyll paddled their way, with a late flourish of 20 not

out from Chris Fox, to 146 for 7. The teams turned around quickly. Jonathan May and Tony Brookes opened for the visitors and it was plain to see from the off that batting was very difficult.

As Tony Brookes remarked when he came off LBW to Hemmings for nine: 'You just can't get the ball away.'

Intelligent field setting by the hosts only compounded the issue for Sannox, with virtually everyone in to tackle the singles.

Anything hit along the ground quickly lost its momentum in the long wet outfield and simply stopped short and the Mid Argyll bowling was too tight to attempt anything skyward.

Sannox quickly got bogged down and behind the run rate. After 12 overs the total was just 15 runs.

Even at this stage, the game seemed to be running out. May was caught off Maddox for three, Pomeroy was bowled by Fox for four.

Michael Jenks, equal top scorer for Sannox, plodded gingerly to nine but with the last seven Sannox batsmen falling for a mere nine runs collectively, a rout seems to be the most polite way of describing Sannox's exit from this match.

The only consolation after a match like this is that, for the scorers, 11 batsmen in single figures are quicker to add up.

Club secretary Tim Pomeroy said: '43 all out is not an answer to Life, the Universe and Everything, but it is a significant question for Sannox Cricket Club.'



Lamlash Football Team sporting their new green and white strips with sponsor Stevie Newall (left) and coach Scott Campbell. 01\_b26f001

# Green and White strips for Lamlash footballers

Lamlash have caused controversy among the football fraternity on Arran by revealing the team's new green and white strip.

For more than 40 years the team have played in black and white strips but in a move away from tradition the tops are now a dark green colour.

There had been rumblings among some team members that there was more to the green and white strips than meets the eye but all allegations of bias towards a certain old firm team have been denied.

Lee Little was responsible for choosing the new colour. 'There really is no controversy. I went on to the website of the company that supplies strips. We needed them as soon as possible for the new season. They only had yellow, which is Southend, red which is Shiskine, blue which is Brodick or white which is worn by Northend, so the dark green was just the closest in colour to black that we could

get at short notice.' The new team sponsors are Stevie's Décor and The Pierhead Tavern in Lamlash.

'I have heard that the choice of green and white was a little bit controversial,' said sponsor Stevie Newall of Stevie's Décor. 'But I've spoken to Lee Little about it - it was him that chose the colours - and apparently it was simply a case of black strips not being available so this was the next best thing.'

According to one Lamlash football fan the team have said the new tops are just their away strips - unfortunately though Lamlash currently don't have a home ground, so every match is away.

Coach Scott Campbell said:

'It is a bit strange because Lamlash have always played in black but it's good to see the boys in new strips because it's good for moral.'

Long time Arran Football Association chairman, Brian Smith, said: 'Lamlash have played in black and white as long as I can remember. I suppose it is up to them but I think they should have stayed with tradition.'

Lamlash donned their strips for the first time on Saturday night to play Southend in Whiting Bay.

Despite being defeated 4-0 by the Southenders, the new strips seemed to spur them on and there was some superb play from some of their younger team members.



Tony Brookes with his snazzy new Sannox Cricket Club shirt. b26eri02NO

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