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£1.6m grant for Taste of Arran

The grant will create 37 new jobs and help build a new factory for the food and drink producers

This has been a great week for Arran,' said Kenneth Gibson MSP. 'The opening of the Douglas Hotel, the official opening of Red Quarry Road, and now this amazing grant of £1.6 million for Taste of Arran.'

The award of £1.6million will create 37 new jobs and help to build a new factory for the food and drink producers.

Taste of Arran managing director Alastair Dobson said: 'I'm absolutely stunned to get such a great award from the government. They said it was one of the best applications that they had received. Taste of Arran is extremely grateful to receive this grant assistance, without which we would be unable to realise our planned relocation and company expansion.'

Taste of Arran encompasses products from 10 island-based food and drink producers.

The announcement of this

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substantial award was made by Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, at the Royal Highland Show last Friday.

Kenneth Gibson added: 'The vision of Alastair and his staff in bringing such an ambitious proposal forward greatly impressed both the Cabinet Secretary and the First Minister who took a personal interest in this project. This excellent factory and visitor centre which could be based at Cladach will be a great asset to the island.'

Three of the key businesses involved with Taste of Arran; Arran Dairies, Island Cheese Company and Wooley's of Arran plan to relocate elements of their current manufacturing businesses under one roof.

'But it won't just be a big factory,' pointed out Alastair.

'There will be a tourism experience as well. Not all the 37 jobs are in production.'

Plans are for a viewing gallery, café, retail and educational components to give visitors a true taste of Arran. And this high quality joint production, storage, dispatch, administration and visitor centre will be powered by renewable energy and utilize 'transparent production methods'.

Alastair was keen to stress that this was just the beginning. 'We've got a lot of hard work ahead,' he said. 'This grant only covers about 40 percent of the manufacturing element. We need investments and borrowing, and hope that Highlands and Islands Enterprise will help.'

'After a rigorous tendering process and finalizing the design of the building there should be a planning application, possibly in late summer.'



Children from Corrie Primary School were at the official opening of the Red Quarry Road housing development in the village last Friday. And as a special treat, they helped John Sillars cut the ribbon to open the new play area. Our picture shows the children in the new playpark at Red Quarry Road. 02_b26cor02

Plans for early Sunday ferry considered

Arran could soon have an early ferry on a Sunday morning if plans to introduce a 7am sailing from Ardrossan go ahead.

At the request of the island's Ferry Committee, CalMac are considering an 8.20am sailing from Brodick on a Sunday.

Councillor Margie Currie said: 'I think there is strong feeling on the island that locals would like to be able to get away for a whole day on a Sunday.'

'That has not been possible for some years as the first ferry leaves at 11.05am.'

However an earlier sailing would mean the loss of another crossing later in the day.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'Sunday mornings are the only available time to carry out onboard drills that are essential to comply with legislation.'

'In order to introduce an earlier sailing and complete the necessary onboard drills, we would have to withdraw

one existing sailing in each direction.'

An online survey can be found on the CalMac website - www.calmac.co.uk - for locals and visitors to choose one of three possible Sunday timetables that would be their preferred option.

The island's Community Council would also like to hear from locals about the plans. They can be contacted via the website www.arran-communitycouncil.org.uk

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No licence

Police stopped a 41-year-old Corrie man at Home Farm, Brodick on Friday night who had no driving licence.

Breach of the peace

In the early hours of Saturday morning a 19-year-old man was reported for breach of the peace at Brodick Primary School.

Drinking

A 19-year-old man from Lamlash and an 18-year-old man from Whiting Bay were issued with £60 tickets for drinking in public on Sunday afternoon.

Drugs

An 18-year-old Whiting Bay man was discovered to be in possession of drugs at Brodick Pier on Sunday afternoon.

Seatbelt campaign

Today (July 1) is national Seatbelt/Speeding Day and as a result local officers will be on the lookout for people either failing to wear a seatbelt while driving and catching those speeding in Arran's villages.



The local fire crew and trainers in Lamlash last Sunday; from left, volunteer leader Charlie MacAlister, volunteer firefighters John Fitzpatrick, Oliver Glister, watch commander Michael Welsh, firefighters Craig Hamilton, Chris Smith, Nina Smith, watch commander Gary McKay and group commander Murdo Henderson.
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All hands to the pumps for Arran's new firefighters

Arran has three new firefighters.

Oliver Glister and Craig Hamilton are joining the Corriecravie crew, and Robert McNeice will be joining Blackwaterfoot, all as volunteer firefighters.

Following a recruitment campaign in the Banner earlier this year, a number of volunteer applicants came forward.

Murdo Henderson, operations group commander for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue said: 'We were delighted with the response to our campaign. The three have been on an induction course for three weekends, based in Lamlash, with support from the other volunteer units on the island.

'Thanks to Lindsay and Robert at the Old Pier Café for keeping us all supplied with refreshments over that time.'

Michael Welsh, watch commander, Ardrossan, pointed out: 'Their training will be ongoing.

'Nowadays the fire crew are very well equipped, so we have got to train them very well. Rural areas like Corriecravie and Blackwaterfoot present a different challenge such as grassland and heath fires when we have to get all hands to the pumps.'

One of the new pieces of sophisticated equipment that the recruits will be getting familiar with is the Outreach

Trauma Training Pack, based in Lamlash.

This comprises two mannequins, one adult and one baby, plus a mass of resuscitation equipment.

Murdo said: 'This is to simulate casualties.

'Our crew are often first on the scene and need the knowledge and confidence to be able to deal with a casualty until specialised medical help arrives.'

When asked why they had come forward, Craig said: 'I live in the area; it seemed interesting and I could give something back to the community.' Oliver added:

'It's a different challenge and we'll meet new people.'

Walker airlifted from Glen Catacol

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team were called to an incident in the Glen Catacol area on Wednesday 15 June after walkers reported being in difficulty in the Loch Tanna region.

The party of six had got separated and one of them had begun to suffer from chest pains.

A search was made of the area and all walkers were accounted for in Glen Catacol.

The 74-year-old walker was airlifted to Crosshouse Hospital in Kilmarnock.

Eighteen team members were involved with a total of 26 man hours.

Tall ships festival comes to Arran

A three-day festival to celebrate the Clyde Tall Ships event will begin in Lamlash this Thursday (July 7).

Arran Yacht Club is hosting the event at Lamalsh Pier, which will feature stalls from various local businesses throughout the day.

There will also be a barbecue that will be extended throughout the day and in to the evening.

The yacht club members will be available to take people out on small boats into the bay to see the visiting tall ships at close hand.

On Friday there will be more events taking place at the pier and another opportunity to see the tall ships as they depart for the upper Clyde.



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Could this be the final call for PS Waverley?

The magnificent old paddle steamer Waverley made her first visit of the year to Arran on Tuesday. But this could very well be her last season.

She arrived from Ayr at 11.15am and picked up a small number of passengers to cruise up Loch Long and Loch Goil to view Carrick Castle, arriving back in Brodick at 6.20pm.

The grand old lady is the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world, and with rising fuel and maintenance costs it is becoming increasingly

difficult to make ends meet.

A trip on the Waverley is not cheap, but it is unique.

The future of the vessel has been in doubt for some years, but now charities that operate her have launched an appeal to raise the £500,000 needed each year on top of fare revenue to keep her sailing.

Arran residents have the opportunity of seeing or sailing on the ship on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Brodick, and on Sundays from Lochranza, but who can say for how much longer.



The Kilmory P7 pupils who will be moving up to the High School; from left, Matthew McAllister with Spotty, Charley Weir with Mischief, Zoe Clark with Specky, Alex Muir with Sooty, John Mulholland with Cupcake and Cameron Ross-Bain with Buddy.

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A bird in the hand for Kilmory youngsters!

When *The Banner* called at Kilmory Primary School last Thursday afternoon to take the traditional end of primary years photo, we got a surprise we had not bargained for. The P7 pupils were looking after the newest additions to their class.

To the excitement of all, the eight chicks as seen in the photograph hatched on 17 May from eggs brought in by teacher Mrs Alison Currie.

They were raised in an incubator that was kindly donated by Rosemary Glister of

Aucheleffan and despite the adversity of two power cuts, survived. The chicks have been entertaining pupils ever since in what turned out to be a useful educational exercise.

They live in the gardens of the school and somebody comes at the weekend to take care of them. Pupils are allowed to handle them and show great interest and enjoyment in doing this.

The project has really brought learning to life for the pupils and taught them about looking after chickens.

Skid resistant roads resemble dirt tracks

Some roads on Arran appear to resemble a dirt track rather than a carriageway this week after layers of rock were poured onto it.

On sections of the String Road and in Corrie a thick layer of yellow rock, designed apparently to make it more skid resistant, has transformed the road.

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'The work currently being carried out is required to seal the road surface – increasing protection from the elements – and improves skid resistance.'

He added: 'The carriageway is coated with a binder material and chippings are added to the surface. The surface treatment requires an amount of over-chipping to ensure the required skid resistance, however any excess chippings are swept up once the binder has set.'

'A 20mph speed limit is in place to ensure the safety of road users. This will remain in place until the excess chippings are removed.'



Paddle steamer Waverley arriving at Brodick on Tuesday for her first visit of the year. 02_b26pad01

Peter's prizes at Royal Highland Show

Peter Brown won the Reserve Championship in the Border Leicester sheep section at the 2011 Royal Highland Show at Ingliston last week.

Peter farms at Corriecravie in the Southend on the steading farmed for so long by his uncle,

the late James Brown, as well as having a holding in Lanark. Under the title of P M and N J Brown, he won reserve champion with a Border Leicester gimmer and took first prize in the ewe lamb class.

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Bob and Louise Nolan and their back-up team from Deafblind Scotland at Kilmory School. b26dea02

Epic 1,000 mile cycle ride for deaf and blind couple



Bob and Louise Nolan cycle past Lagg Hotel. 02_b26dea01

Bob and Louise Nolan have just cycled through Arran at the end of an epic 1,000 mile tandem ride through 22 Scottish islands to raise funds for the charity Deafblind Scotland.

Bob is chairman of the charity and he is deaf and is gradually becoming blind. His wife Louise takes the front seat on the tandem, and she is profoundly deaf. Their machine is fitted with special mirrors so that they can communicate by lip-reading.

Father-of-three Bob has Usher Syndrome, which means he was born deaf and developed deteriorating tunnel vision.

The Banner met the couple as they cycled past Lagg Hotel.

They stopped and Bob said: 'We wanted to do this now, partly to raise funds, and partly while I can still see something of the amazing scenery.' He added that highlights have been the landscape in Skye, and the excellent bacon butties in the Sandwich Station at Lochranza.

The couple called in at Kilmory and Whiting Bay schools to meet the youngsters who were all dressed in the Deafblind Scotland colours of red and white, and to give them information about dealing with sensory impairments.

Pair are 'Hitch Hopping' to Arran

Two friends aiming to set foot on as many islands as possible in the west coast of Scotland in the space of 14 days are expected to

visit Arran this weekend. Jim Campbell and Brian Ferguson are setting off on HitchHop - a hitch-hiking island-hopping challenge in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution - on Friday and Arran is hoped to be

one of their first destinations.

The pair will be setting off from Glasgow on the Waverley paddle steamer, bound for Rothesay, and will finish at the lighthouse at the Butt of Lewis, the most northerly point of the Western Isles.

Auchrannie Playbarn opens for youngsters

Arran's newest all-weather facility officially opens today (Friday 1 July).

The Playbarn at Auchrannie Spa Resort is designed to entertain youngsters, both those staying at the hotel and island residents.

It is aimed at children from

toddlers to 10 years old, although youngsters of any age up to a height of four feet 11 inches can join in. There are indoor and outdoor play areas in the £375,000 new building.

Charlotte Hook is the new manager of the facility, and

all week she and her three assistants have been entertaining children from Arran primary schools and nursery groups for a free trial run.

The overwhelming response of the youngsters was that it was 'great', 'cool', and 'exciting'.



Auchrannie Playbarn manager Charlotte Hook at the rear of this group of excited Brodick children on Monday. 02_b26play01

Looking for Arran forebears

A man from Cornwall is looking for help in tracing his Arran ancestry.

Mr I G Kendall is appealing to members of the Nicol family for help with his family history.

He said: 'I was able to obtain a considerable amount of information from a Mrs Galbraith on the McNeil side of the family and have received some Nicol details from Mr

Stewart of Slidery. Unfortunately a lot of the records are incomplete and in some cases records for several years do not exist.

'If you recognise any of the names below and can provide me with any information I would be most grateful.'

Mr Kendall would welcome information about Peter Nicol (b.1772) who married Janet McNeil. They had six children.

Alexander (b.1797) married Margaret Cook and they had one child, Catherine Murchie. John (b.1800) followed, then Catherine (b.1803), Janet (b.1805), Lauchlan (b.1806)

and Peter (b.1809). Lauchlan married Mary McNeil in Kilmory on 26 November 1833.

Lauchlan and Mary had two children. John, who was born in Ballymaenochglen and christened on 25 November 1833, was Mr Kendall's great grandfather. The second, called Lauchlan, was also born in Ballymaenochglen and christened on 9 October 1836.

Mr Kendall will be visiting Arran in July for a brief period. If you have any information you believe could help him, please contact him via email at ian.kendall@mordros.org.uk

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Wild campers leave rubbish in Brodick

With summer weather apparently finally arriving in Arran, we are also witnessing the return of wild campers.

Many of these individuals choose not to stay on a proper campsite, but to pitch tents near Brodick beach, light open fires, play loud music and leave piles of offensive rubbish behind them. This week we have received a number of reports of such undesirable activity, and photos of charred rubbish, cans and bottles left in Fisherman's Walk.

In the past, members of Brodick Improvements Group have said that they add nothing to Arran's charm and tried to move them on, but felt intimidated.

Banner Calendar in the shops next week

The 2012 Arran Banner Calendar will be available from local newsagents and other island outlets from next Tuesday 5 July.

Southend Christian Aid collection

During Christian Aid Week the total of £371 was raised by the residents of Kilmory and district, Sliderry and Corriecravie. Grateful thanks go to all who contributed and to all the collectors involved.

Summer Bridge

The results of the summer bridge tournament on 27 June were:

N/S 1 Helen Boyd and Liz Paul, 2 Sheila Logan and Michel Lemort, 3 Roddie Thompson and Eendie McNiven.

E/W 1 Peter Thomson and Jean Murchie, 2 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 3 Liz Robertson and Jennifer McArthur.

A special moment as new Corrie estate opened

'Red Quarry Road ensures the long term survival and prosperity of the village of Corrie'

This is a special moment for Corrie.'

John Sillars, chairman of Isle of Arran Homes, was speaking at the official opening ceremony for the 24-house estate in Red Quarry Road.

A collection of councillors, officers, staff and Kenneth Gibson MSP arrived by bus

from the 12.30pm ferry and were met in Corrie by local schoolchildren, teachers and residents.

The 24 houses have all been allocated from the housing list, and 22 of them have gone to people who were already living on the island. Contractors John Thomson Construction



John Sillars, chairman of Isle of Arran Homes, prepares to cut the ribbon on the playground. 02_b26cor01

Ltd finished the development 10 weeks ahead of schedule.

The completion of the Red Quarry development increases Isle of Arran Homes stock on the island to almost 300, with around 100 people living in the 24 new Corrie homes.

Before cutting the ribbon, John Sillars said: 'At the time there were cries of protest about developing this site for housing, but one man saw the potential, Andrew Martin of Isle of Arran Homes.'

'It was a huge challenge in very harsh weather conditions, but the finished article shows design, architecture and workmanship of a very high standard throughout.'

'It will help sustain the social structure of the village and already there are new pupils in the primary school and nursery school.'

Councillor Peter MacNamara called the development a real

celebration and commended the partnership between Trust Housing Association, Isle of Arran Homes, North Ayrshire Council and the local community. He also introduced a touch of humour when he mistakenly referred to the housing development as 'Red Gables' several times.

Kenneth Gibson MSP added: 'Red Quarry Road ensures the long-term survival and prosperity of the village of Corrie. This is a great week for Arran.'

The total project cost for the 24 houses was just over £4.2million with the bulk of that being met by a grant of £2.4million from the Scottish Government. NAC contributed £563,000 and the Trust Housing group £1.2million.

As soon as John had cut the ribbon, the new playground for the estate was declared open, and the youngsters raced in, eager to try out the facilities. The park is open to all children, not just those in Red Quarry Road.



Site managers for Red Quarry Road, Jamie Picken and Donald Bannatyne. 02_b26cor03



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Pirnmill is flying the flag for eco schools

'I am extremely proud of the children'

Pirnmill Primary has become Arran's first school to be awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag for its long running effort to protect the environment.

The young eco-warriors have been working for six years building insect hotels and numerous bird huts around the grounds of their school as well as planting fruit, herbs and vegetables to be enjoyed at lunchtimes.

They have also spent much of their time learning about key subjects like water shortages across the globe and the effect litter has on our natural environment.

School staff said they were delighted their efforts had been recognised and the children have thoroughly enjoyed tackling a number of eco projects and learning the importance of protecting the

environment.

Headteacher Hazel Gardner said: 'I am extremely proud of the children for their commitment to keeping the catchment area a beautiful, welcoming place to come and enjoy.'

'For many years the children have conducted beach litter cleans, a garden club, garden to plate initiative and global awareness activities with a recent focus on school grounds, litter and water.'

'We have completed the Eco-Schools Scotland Green Flag award which the children wish to dedicate to Mike Patterson who helped them so much on this journey.'

Mr Patterson was involved in the eco-schools project for six years until he sadly died in March of this year.

It was through his passion for horticulture and growing fruit and vegetables that the

children learnt to love gardening.

Paul Cortopassi, lead assessor of Eco-Schools Scotland, said: 'We were particularly impressed by the total commitment to environmental issues throughout the school and the way Eco-Schools experiences were integrated across all levels of the curriculum.'

He particularly praised the senior pupils and made special mention of Meagann Bennett whose 'walk and talk' around the school and gardens, was seen to be very well conceived and delivered.

He added: 'Pirnmill Primary School was a pleasure to visit and we enjoyed talking to everyone involved in the Eco-Schools work.'

The school should soon be flying their Green Flag from a flag pole in the garden.



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Arran post van on display at Glasgow Transport Museum

An Arran Royal Mail van is one of the latest additions to the newly opened Glasgow Transport Museum.

Postman Jim Young and his van used to deliver post around the north end of Arran in the 1960s. Now his van is on show for the public and his grandchildren, Kenneth Young and Eilidh Hustler, have been to visit it.

They went to the museum, which first opened on 21 June, with Eilidh's children

Evie and Rhys for a contributor's preview. After extensive work with the archivist, they were eager to see the finished result.

They searched high and low to no avail. In the end, museum staff told them the van was in a section of the museum still being built.

Luckily, they were allowed to don hard hats and high visibility jackets – and managed to see their Grandpa's van.

Kenneth said: 'The van is



Jim Young's postal van on display at the Glasgow Transport Museum b26van01

high on the wall. There will be an interactive history of each of the vehicles and you'll also be able to sound each of the horns.'

Jim was born on the island and started as a telegram boy with a bike. Apart from serving with the commandos during the war, he worked for the post office all of his life until his retirement. Jim stopped driving the van in 1967 when he moved to the mainland.

Subsequently it was driven by Ian McMillan and Neil McMillan, and in 1974 George McKechnie drove it around Brodick until the van was taken away. George is still the southend postman!

Arran Triathlon entries stand at 200

Plans for the Arran Encap Triathlon are now well under way, although less people than expected have registered so far.

The event is due to take place on Saturday 10 September and will be based in Lamlash.

Organiser Nick Scott said: 'We are progressing well with our plans, and now have approximately 200 people signed up from all parts of the UK including London, Brighton, Wales - and even a few entries from Australia, America and Poland!

'We are also very pleased that we have had a good number of entrants from those who live on the island.'

'This gives us a strong foundation to grow the event in years to come, and even in year one is likely to bring a new group of people to the island which is great.'

'We are still working closely with NAC to ensure all of their concerns are adequately addressed, and I would at this point invite suggestions from local people and businesses about the event.'

'Any ideas that we receive are carefully considered - and we have enacted many; for example the Arran resident who suggested we offer a shorter swimming option (500 metres) which has been popular among entrants.'

Volunteers

'We are also looking for volunteers to assist with marshalling on the day, so if anybody would like to help make this event happen please email enquiries@encapuk.com and we can discuss how you wish to be involved.'



Jim Young's grandchildren Kenneth Young and Eilidh Hustler with Eilidh's children Evie and Rhys b26van02

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Glen swims to glory in Leeds

An Arran swimmer picked up two medals at the British Gas Masters in Leeds recently.

Glen Sloss of Sannox swam in the Senior Age Group Championships (long course) at the John Charles Aquatics Centre.

The Masters championships are based on age groups, which means each swimmer is racing against people roughly their own age, so Glen was in the 25-29 year old category.

'During the weekend I swam six races, the 1500m (22:24.98), 800m (11:29.52), 400m (5:26.51) and 50m (28.97s) freestyle, and also the 50m (35.90s) and 200m (3:37.67) butterfly,' said Glen.

Medals

'I received two bronze medals, one in the 1500m freestyle and the other in the 200m butterfly.'

He added: 'For me, the highlight of the weekend was

breaking my personal best in the 50m freestyle by just over 3.5 seconds!

'I couldn't believe the time on the board, 28.97s, when I touched at the end.'

Glen told The Banner that the other competitors were amazed that he could even contemplate attempting two of the toughest events as he has no swimming coach, or even a team to train with.

'However in order to com-



Glen Sloss from Sannox won two bronze medals at the British Gas Swimming Masters in Leeds.

pete in these events I do have to be registered with a masters swim team, and after chatting with some of the swimmers from last years Lamlash

Splash I joined Ren96, who in April successfully retained their Scottish Masters champions status,' said Glen.

This Saturday (July 2) the

26-year-old will be in London swimming at the Great London Swim in the Royal Victoria Docks, hoping to beat last year's time!

Roots of Arran Community Woodland paths opening

The official opening of the new paths at Roots of Arran Community Woodland took place on Sunday 12 June.

This was a three-generations-born-on-Arran affair with octogenarian Mrs Mary Matchett (nee Buchanan) officiating with the loppers, joined by son Keith and grandson Eden Robertson and flanked by Devi and Shri, Kadampam Buddhist nuns.

Roots of Arran volunteer, Juliette Walsh, said: 'It was great to have the nuns visit and bless the path alongside Keith Robertson's mum who lopped it open with royal determination.' This path now gives access to the orchard from the

beech grove making the site easier to visit for volunteers who maintain the site and schoolchildren who can use it as an educational resource.

The site was used the following day (Monday 13 June) by Whiting Bay School for their John Muir Award which involved lopping back unwanted undergrowth in the orchard, measuring the age of beech trees, of which the oldest was found to be 265 years old, planting ash saplings and carrying out a flora and fauna survey.

On the bus home the children said they enjoyed climbing and playing in the beech grove the most.



Whiting Bay School pupils tree planting b26roots01

Green fingers at Whiting Bay

When the Banner visited Whiting Bay Primary School on 23 June, we found the pupils getting their hands dirty.

In a lesson quite different to what you might expect, the pupils were digging up the potatoes they had been growing for the last few weeks.

Classroom assistant Fiona Yates explained the group were taking part in a garden project, for which they had applied to be gardeners. The pupils planted the potatoes themselves and proudly presented the delicious looking spuds they had just dug up to us. And the final treat will be cooking and tasting them in a special lesson at school.



(Left to right) Laurie Miller, Susannah Subhash, Caoimhe McCallum, Naomie Provan and Amelia Kemp 02_b26pot01

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Thursday - General Knowledge Quiz - 9pm

THE ARRAN BANNER

Arran buzzing with energy

Arran saw two grand openings take place last week – an incredible number for such a small island – and another one will take place today.

The Auchrannie's brand new Playbarn will be officially opened today much to the delight of youngsters all over the island.

Last week saw the Red Quarry Road development opened in Corrie by John Sillars.

Two years we have waited for these 24 houses to be built and at last it is a delight to see so many local families settling in to their new homes.

Last Tuesday after years of neglect, The Douglas Hotel was officially opened after an £8million complete revamp.

It is marvellous at last for the island to have such a shining beacon of success perfectly positioned to welcome people off the ferry. There is a real buzz about the island.

It may have been quieter than usual during the cold days of May and June but as we enter July and the schools break up for the summer there is hope in the air.

With new businesses springing up all over the place and existing businesses expanding, there is a feeling that Arran is well and truly on the up.

It was revealed by the Community Council this week that the plans for 56 new houses in Lamlash may not be as straight forward as we thought.

They will only be built if Isle of Arran Homes can find people who are willing to buy the 40 shared equity houses.

If there is no demand for the houses they won't be built.

Shared equity is ideal for Arran as there are many people renting properties at the moment who could afford a 60 per cent share of new home. This would then free up other rental opportunities for those who would be unable to secure a mortgage.

And in the long run it would make it easier for young people to live and work here.

This time last year there were concerns that the sand on Brodick beach was slowly disappearing before our eyes.

But this week we finally found out where all the sand has gone.

It would seem that the council have been stockpiling the sand over the winter in preparation for road repairs this summer!

There's a section of the String Road and areas of Corrie that now feel more like driving along the beach rather than the hard tarmac that runs around the rest of the island.

The council assures us that this surface will be swept and that what will be left is a skid resistant road that is less likely to crumble.

But until then you may need to invest in a 4x4 if you're travelling on any of the roads north of Brodick.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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Letters to the Editor



Saving the planet?

Sir,
I have been following the wind turbine debate in the Banner with interest.

Whilst I applaud efforts to lower our carbon footprint, I question the principal method being advocated.

However, I wish to stress that I am not a wind turbine NIMBY, but a NIABY – not in anyone's back yard.

Small turbines on individual properties may have some (limited) use, but giant wind turbines are springing up everywhere as anyone who has travelled down the M74 recently will have noticed.

In order to provide power to even a modest urban area requires a forest of turbines and the wind does not blow h24, even on Arran; how often are the turbines above Ardrossan or Carradale stationary eyesores?

They also require a large maintenance infrastructure and have a relatively short working life.

However, one thing is a constant; twice a day the tide comes in and goes out.

Why do we shy away from tidal power generation, for which we have both the technology and expertise in this country to make it work?

Further, where this has been trialled, particularly in northern Scotland, it has been a success and with very little visual pollution.

The generator does not have to be a giant metal eel undulating on the surface; sub-service installations mean that the impact of the plant is minimal.

Yours,
P W Yates
2 The Row
Catacol

Road to the Old Byre saved

Sir,
The track up to the Old Byre Showroom and Coffee Shop has been of serious concern for some time and has been detrimental to business.

It does, however, pay to complain (a lot) and my heartfelt thanks go to those who supported us in our campaign to improve the road.

Those people include Mar-

gie Currie, Kenneth Gibson, Charles Currie, Gillian Bussell and all those who signed her petition, Laura Currie, nice customers who phoned and wrote to NAC, my staff for tolerating endless and often offensive customer complaints and Hamza and my friends for putting up with me moaning about everyone else complaining!

The top half of the track, which has now been resurfaced, is a joy to drive on and walks with the pushchair don't end up belly up, so thank you NAC and all concerned.

The other half is to be jet patched I believe and hopefully some ditching work will prolong the life of the track and NAC won't have to listen to me on the phone for quite some time.

Well done!
Yours with a sigh of relief,

Lorna Mansfield
Old Byre Showroom
Auchencar Farm
Machrie

Lacklustre and barren?

Sir,
I was surprised to hear that the southern hills of Arran 'are lacklustre and barren'. Frankly, I have rarely heard such uninformed nonsense.

Over many years, I have come to know the southern hills intimately and can confirm that they are everything the northern hills are not.

They are neither as overgrazed nor eroded as their northern counter-parts.

They hold valued elements of the island's fauna, host a wealth of human history and are all the more attractive for being 'ignored'.

The countryside is so much more than 'eye candy' for human beings.

It is much more than a playground for the dominant species. It is also much more than an opportunity for development, merely because it does not rise to 3,000ft!

Yours sincerely,
John Rhead
Kilmory

Ferry times updated

Sir,
I noticed a recent article in the Greenock Telegraph announc-

ing the new passenger service between Gourock and Dunoon commencing on June 30.

What was particularly striking was the timetable.

Bearing in mind that Dunoon is not an island, CalMac – the same company that serves Arran and Ardrossan – provides a last weekday ferry from Gourock at 10.40pm.

At the weekend the last ferry sails at 1am.

Given Arran's current parlous state, a stagnant housing market and a diminishing tourist trade, it's perhaps now time to rethink the island links to the mainland.

It is quite ludicrous in the 21st century to consider that Arran residents visiting friends in the greater Glasgow area have to depart their friends' house at 4.30pm, at the latest, to ensure that they catch the last ferry.

It is quite plain that Arran is being left behind.

The earliest that we can reach Glasgow is 10.30am, yet our neighbours in Dunoon and Rothesay can do so at 8am and 8.07am respectively.

Millport residents arrive in Largs at 7.10am.

I'm not suggesting a boat from Ardrossan at 1am but rather a more appropriate schedule that would allow our young people in particular to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered by NAC and scope for general employment opportunities.

I now consider that it is time that the Community Council/Ferry Committee step up to the mark and begin constructive conversations with CalMac to advance the needs of this community and its future prosperity.

Yours,
Ian McCallum
Whiting Bay
Art in Mind
congratulations

Sir,
I'd like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to all those who are involved in Art in Mind, (Arran Visual Arts).

The recognition of the North Ayrshire's Arts and Culture Award of Civic Pride is a wonderful achievement and is testimony to the dedication of those who take part

every week in this creative activity.

May I offer a special mention and thanks to the group's long standing, excellent tutor, artist Felicity Walker and also to the late Ken Macgregor, without whose initial inspirational concept, none of this would have been possible.

All the best for the future,
Yours,

Alison F Bell
Cairndale
Kirkmichael
South Ayrshire

Young blood needed

Sir,
I would like to thank everyone who recently subscribed to the Lamlash Improvements Group 50-50 club.

Those of you who had supported us last year were again asked to contribute £20 to help finance our activities by joining the club whereby half the money is used for the Group and half is used to provide a monthly prize of £100 to a lucky member of the club.

The Improvements Group is really struggling at the moment for villagers willing to take an active part in the group, which exists to encourage and support village organisations, activities and events.

A number of younger people with drive and enthusiasm are required to breathe new life into the group and come up with ideas as to how Lamlash can be improved and developed in the future.

The contributors to the 50-50 club mean that we are able to buy the fireworks, lights for the Christmas tree, and to deal with other requests for help within the village.

The winners of the 50-50 draws for May and June were Linda Murchie and Marion McNicol, each receiving a cheque for £100.

My sincere thanks again to all who have contributed.

Yours,
Jim Stewart
Lamlash Improvements
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The guide, *Appetite for Adventure - A Gastronomic Guide to Scotland's Great Outdoors* encourages people to visit Arran and experience the 'jaw -dropping scenery, historical highlights, gourmet grazing and adventure activities'.

The Island Cheese Company, Arran Coastal Way, Arran Brewery, Wooleys of Arran and Creelers Smokehouse are just

some of the places mentioned along with the Arran Adventure Company.

Highlights

The guide, which is part of VisitScotland's UK Surprise Yourself campaign and highlights the year of Active Scotland, is available free from VisitScotland Information Centres and branches of Waterstones nationwide from today.

Written by freelance travel writer Lucy Gillmore, the 48-page colour booklet highlights ten outdoor pursuits along with lists of

cafés and tearooms at which budding adventurers can recharge their batteries along the way.

Anniqe Armstrong, regional director of VisitScotland, said: 'Arran has a magnificent landscape that makes it the perfect place to go for a walk, a bike ride or a paddle, and all that fresh air and exercise is bound to build up an appetite.'

'Good food and drink is an increasingly important part of the overall visitor experience and we are lucky that the island has such fantastic local produce readily available.'



Gavin Anderson and Anna O'Donnelly will be leaving Pirmill Primary School to join the High School. b26pir01



These P7 pupils will all be leaving Whiting Bay Primary School to join the High School this year. Rear, from left, Murdo McDonald, Cir Tulloch, Tom Mowatt and Katie Mowatt, front, Emily Hodgkinson, Joel Armitage and Bethany Walsh. 02_b26whb01



Lamlash P7 pupils moving up to the High School, rear, from left, Scott MacKay, Tilly Ford, Lori Young, front, Autumn Smyth, Reece Johnstone and Ella Johnson. 02_b26lam01

Primary children moving to the High School

The senior pupils from Arran's seven primary schools are getting ready to join the High School after the summer

holidays. Most of them have been classmates for seven years, and this is their last real opportunity for a class photo

before they leave to join a much bigger school.

This week *The Banner* is featuring three of these primary

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The other schools will appear next week.

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Young dancers light up the stage



Kirsty Crawford, Ineka Hogg, Emily Divine, Lucy Crawford, Jessica Demezeux, and Alison Provan doing the *Sailor Dance*. b26dan05



Little Yeshe Gautier was the ugly duckling in this dance while the other girls - Kirsty Morrison, Hannah Kemp, Isla McKelvie, Grace Crichton, Freya Campbell, Megan McCartney, Freya McNicol and Isla Agnew - were the swans. b26dan10

The show was well supported with an audience of over 150

Arran's enormously talented young dancers wowed the audience at the Lamlash Community Theatre with their incredible summer show.

After several weeks of rehearsing, Arran Dancers finally performed 'Dancemagic 2011' last Sunday.

The show was very well supported with an audience of over 150 in house to watch the much-anticipated show.

Undaunted, the youngsters entertained them with a selection of ballet, modern and street dance numbers, over the course of the afternoon.

In total over 50 youngsters

took part ranging in age from two to 16.

All the girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves, performing with great enthusiasm throughout the show.

Tiny Tots

The highlights of the afternoon included the 'Music Box Dancer', 'The Sailor Dance' and 'My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean' but as always, the two routines presented by Miss Dawn's pre-school tiny tots stole the show!

'As usual, the girls' hard work paid off and they gave a fantastic performance,' chairman Jill McKillop said.

'We were delighted to see so many people coming along to see the show and are very grateful to everyone for supporting the club.'

Arran Dancers meet on Saturdays at the High School in Lamlash and new members are always welcome to come along and try a class for free.

The new term starts after the summer holidays, and more details about the new classes will be available then.

However if anyone would like more information on Arran Dancers in the meantime please contact a committee member.



The primary school dancers (age six and seven): Freya McNicol, Hannah Kemp, Freya Campbell and Grace Crichton dancing *Sailor Moon*. b26dan06



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When You Sail



Kirsty Crawford dances with Dawn Ulivi's tiny tots while singing *Do-re-mi* from the *Sound of Music*. b26dan11



Ceile Swinton-Boyle, Eilidh Black and Rose McCormack danced *We've Got Magic to Do* as the fantastic opening number for the show. b26dan02



Ceile Swinton-Boyle Rose McCormack and Eilidh Black performing *Zombie*. b26dan08



The *Chinese Ballet* performed by Alison Provan, Emily Devine, Kirsty Crawford, Jessica Demezeux, Ineka Hogg and Lucy Crawford. b26dan07



The grade one dancers – age seven and eight - Mhairi Thomas, Amelia Kemp, Charli McKillop, Naomi Provan, Erin MacPherson, before performing *My Bonnie lies over the Ocean*. b26dan01



Left: Kirstie Kerr, Cara Crawford, Eilidh MacPherson and Anastacia Van Den Broek Dancing the *Music Box Dancer*. b26dan03



Left: The grade five dancers Rose McCormack, David Young, Eilidh Black and Ceile Swinton-Boyle performing the *Arabian Dance*. b26dan09

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Fanatic emerges clutching £100 note



The Fanatic football correspondent is back – at least for Shiskine Valley Sports.

After he was locked away in a home for bewildered football pundits the Banner staff thought that they had heard the last from the eccentric buffoon, but no, we now find that some well-meaning idiot has taught him how to use the internet as a means of deflecting him from regaling them with tales of Eddie ‘Strawtop’ Picken, Beryl the Peril Mc-Nee, Arthur ‘Scargut’ Duncan, (Toosh) and thousands of other unbelievable players of yesteryear.

By some freak of nature he has found the Banner’s email address; in his day, copy was sent in by carrier pigeon, and he has sent us the following email.

‘Hello world, I hope that you can hear me as I send thoughts through the ether.

‘News has reached me of the massive disappointment in Shiskine after finding that when Stephen Thomson, (Rangers, Burnley, Cardiff etc) said that he was signing for his home town team, he meant St Mirren, not Shiskine, where he has a holiday retreat.

In another exclusive Fanatic interview I spoke to a distraught Shiskine player, in a downtown eatery who said that if I printed anything he said to me he would hit me with a super-injunction. I thought that a super-injunction was a picturesque spot where two roads met?’

Where are they now?

This is a brave feature for

me to tackle as I am not sure where I am myself these days, but here goes: George ‘Chops’ Lammie still holds the record for picking the ball out of the back of his own net in a game (33times) for the much lamented Southend United.

He eventually gave up football after being advised that the repetitive strain syndrome from constantly bending down to retrieve net-trapped spherical objects was doing his back in.

George has settled into the more leisurely pastime of garage owner and car hirer but he will forever be remembered for his undying, but misplaced, faith in the 10 men ahead of him to get a result.

But enough of my ramblings; nostalgia isn’t what it used to be. I have decided to put up a prize for the winning team at the Shiskine Valley Sports Day five-a-side tournament to be held on Thursday 7 July, at 6.30pm.

A £100 note will be presented to the winning team from the Fanatic with Kinloch Hotel putting up a runners-up prize of £50. Entry will be £10/team of five (with one sub also allowed).

Entries can be made on the night, so come along and do your best to take away the ‘Fanatic Ton’.



The Fanatic skulking behind his £100 note to be won at Shiskine five-a-sides. b26fan01



Balmichael Craft Centre showcases some of Arran’s most talented craftspeople. 01_b26bal02

Balmichael Craft Centre is well worth another look

From the Gordon Davidson paintings hanging in the Old Mill Coffee Shop to the bird boxes made entirely from Blackwaterfoot beach driftwood, there is a real buzz about the local talent on show at Balmichael Craft Centre.

By bringing together a number of the island’s most gifted craftspeople and artists, the old farm buildings just off the String Road now showcase some of Arran’s most exciting young talent.

There are sumptuous leather handbags and accessories for you and your home handmade by Nici Boni under her design title of Pooch.

And there is beautiful hand-crafted jewellery made by Assja Baumgärtner of Arran Gems.

In the workshop visitors can see Sheila Barr create her stunning glassware while Simon



There is a real buzz about the local talent on show at Balmichael Craft Centre – like Nici Boni and her amazing handmade leather bags. 01_b26bal03

Thorborn continues to produce his much-loved ceramics in the pottery.

Adults and children can also have a go at painting their own plates, mugs or bowls.

And then there is The Lemon Tree, a delightful shop selling hand crafted gifts for the home, made by owners Sally and Trevor Bambridge.

Sheila Barr said: ‘I think nowadays people love to see things being made.

‘It’s all about meeting the maker and seeing for themselves the hard work that goes into making a unique piece.’

Nici added: ‘They like to be able to say they bought something on Arran and they saw exactly where it was produced.

‘That’s very important to the idea behind Balmichael.’

Open from 10am until 5pm from Monday to Saturday and from 12-5pm on a Sunday, Balmichael is well worth another look.

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Jim reflects upon his school days

Jim Arnold of Whiting Bay has recollected his school memories in aid of the Lamlash Cubs.

His book, 'Big Hank and Wee Jim', recounts one man's memories of a senior secondary school in an artisan community before comprehensive education.

Jim takes us through the teachers he remembers - for good reasons and bad - and demonstrates the changes there have been in education.

He begins with a humorous memoir of a maths teacher, who harangued him for not knowing he had all the correct answers. Later is the tale of a technical teacher with bad jokes and a penchant for hitting children who were not so talented.

Jim said: 'Young readers will make comparisons between their secondary schooling and mine, and conclude (I hope) that schooling has become



Jim, aged 12, during his school days. b26jim01

much more pupil friendly.'

Jim went on to become a secondary school teacher himself and having retired volunteers at the Heritage Museum, works with young people and plays his accordion at various events on the island.

Of his work with the Cubs he said: 'I have met even more young people with whom it is a joy to work. For example, the behaviour of every one

of the Scouts on their recent visit to Holy Isle was obedient, friendly, and mature. Something that should not go unreported.

'Here on Arran, we have a lot of young people who have great potential. Arran is fortunate with its Cub and Scout leaders and in the support that parents are willing to give them. When you have the privilege of meeting these people, as I have had, you begin to realize that the world is really going to be OK.'

The book was written for four young people, whom Jim met in his voluntary work for the Lamlash Cubs. It is available from the Book and Card shop for £3.60 and income from its sale goes solely to the Lamlash Cubs.

Jim added: 'I wanted to give something back to the Cubs. Everyone who buys the book will be helping me to do that.'



Cubs and scouts at their recent camp b26scouts01

First ever District camp for Lamlash Cubs and Scouts

From 10 - 12 June the Lamlash Cubs & Scouts, part of the North Ayrshire & Arran District, held their first ever District camp at Lapwing Lodge in Paisley. 29 Cubs and Scouts plus five leaders joined with nine other groups for an action packed, fun-filled weekend.

Highest Award

Cub Megan McNicol worked hard to get her Silver Award, which is the highest award a Cub can achieve.

Receiving her award at camp was a big surprise for Megan, but very special too because the 350 cubs and scouts gave her a big cheer.

Rachel Armitage, Arkala at Lamlash Cubs and Scouts,

said: 'Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible and supported our fundraising

event. Everyone was very tired by Sunday but all agreed they'd definitely do it again.'



Megan McNicol receiving her Silver Award from the District Commissioner James Cumming b26scouts02

Bird Notes - Birdsnesting

Recently a friend gave me a book called 'Birdsnesting' by JG Black published in 1920.

It reflected a previous age in which little boys were encouraged to collect birds' eggs.

For example in the section on ponds he writes: 'Remember a pond is generally soft at the bottom and deeper than it looks, and if you feel you have to turn your trousers further up before you are half-way there, come right back and take them off....you may have to swim for some nests.... beware of the weeds that do not quite reach the top of the water...keep your legs up and you'll get through all right, but if you let them down you may easily get tied up'.

There is an introductory letter in the book to 'father or mother' from the author that states 'don't find fault with me for leading him into mischief...'

While this style is not appropriate in the 21st century, the book, with sections on where to look, when to look, how to look etc as well sections on the nests, eggs and breeding habits of every bird family, gives a pertinent summary of some of the field crafts for birdwatching.

While my own interest in birds started in that distant age

by Jim Cassels

when some wee boys collected eggs, my interest developed into a lifelong passion after an uncle gave me a loan of a pair of second world war binoculars and another gave me a good identification bird book.

Collecting birds' eggs is rightly now seen as criminal. Under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is being built or used.



It is an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is being built or used.

Whether your interest in birds is casual or more serious through photography, ringing, sound recording, scientific study or just the enjoyment of watching and identifying birds, please remember that the welfare of the bird must always come first.

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net

David Underdown's poetry book launch in Corrie Hall

This Sunday Arran poet David Underdown will be launching his new book in Corrie Hall.

Last year David won the Cinnamon Press Poetry Collection Award, and his book, Time Lines, gathers together poems that he has written since coming to live on Arran in 1998.

Cicely Gill of Whiting Bay writes about the new book: 'These poems took me to the heart of the poet's world.'

'Each particular gem cut from some aspect of what he has seen, heard and felt around himself.'

'What is special is the immediacy of the images. Whether it's frogspawn: 'the slop and tickle of pond-play\ in a thick broth of spring lime' or a tick: 'Braced on a green lance\ alert to the approach of flesh' or roadkill: 'teeth bared in an unflinching grin,\ paws poised to box the earth,' there is a felt authenticity in his observation.'

'On people, he turns a discerning but never clinical eye. We are taken into his stories. Someone on thin ice is like 'a blind lover sensing tension beneath bare\ skin:' a moment with lapwings on a

small holding - 'and I pause and rest my spade\ and open my heart to their wing-music': or insomnia - 'Those nights when sleep leaves you stranded, a sand-bound hulk on the bed\ of a long-gone sea.'

'Instead of lecturing, David

conveys ideas through a collage of word pictures which generate, layer by layer, a clear understanding of his view.'

'Taking a walk through his book, I felt a resonance between my world and his which has not stopped vibrating.'

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60 years of the Whiting Bay seaside mission

This July, the Scripture Union will be celebrating 60 years of holding a seaside mission in Whiting Bay, formerly known as the CSSM.

To celebrate this there will be a day of celebration in Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church on Saturday 30 July. The church will be open from 10.30am for tea, coffee and biscuits to allow people to meet and chat informally about their memories, and the Union hope to welcome many people from past and present years.

There will also be a display of photographs. Be sure to bring a packed lunch.

At 2.30pm there will be a service of thanksgiving, at which Scripture Union's Centres and Holidays Director, Christine Murison, will be the main speaker.

It is also hoped to produce a small leaflet of memories of the Mission over the years. These will be free of charge, but need to be ordered in advance so we know how many to produce.

Were you at the Mission, either as a child or a leader? Can you help by providing photographs or stories of the Mission?

If so, please contact James Gill, Scripture Union Scotland, 2 Oxbgangs Path, Edinburgh EH13 9LX, or e-mail him on james.gill@suscotland.org.uk. Leaflets can also be ordered from him.

If you were involved in the Mission in any way, we look forward to welcoming you.

Busy weekend for Arran Antiquarians

The beautiful, elegant house was well worth the visit

On Friday 17 June, 69 members of the Arran Antiquarians society visited Dumfries House following the March lecture by Charlotte Rostek, the curator.

This beautiful, elegant house was well worth the visit. Later, the party divided. The nautical group visited the Maritime Museum in Irvine whilst the ecclesiastical hardy souls visited the ruins of Kilwinning Abbey and climbed the 143 steps to the tower roof to survey a wet and dreich North Ayrshire.

Apparently you can see the mountains of Arran and Jura on a clear day.

At the monthly meeting on Monday 20 June 70 members were enthralled by Alastair Alexander of Glasgow speaking about U-Boat warfare on the Clyde. Alastair was born at Port Glasgow, within 50 yards of the river, and has lived on Clydeside ever since.

After 40 years as a BBC sports commentator he retired and wrote a book about naval warfare.

His research revealed that in 1914 Germany had 20

submarines. In the first week of the war five subs attacked the Home Fleet in Scapa Flow. All the subs were lost.

Only two further German attacks in the Clyde area were mentioned, in 1915 and 1917, off Stranraer. Both resulted in the sinking of British vessels.

Torpedoed

On 27 October 1939 with the Home Fleet again in Scapa Flow, the U-47 torpedoed the battleship Royal Oak which sank and 800 men perished.

Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, moved the entire fleet from Scapa Flow to Loch

Ewe or the Clyde. The U-33 was sent out again in February 1940 with a crew of 44 men, and the HMS Gleaner, on patrol near Ailsa Craig, detected submarine activity.

Alastair then read a gripping account of the Gleaner's pursuit of the U-33. Despite two separate depth charge attacks, power failure and the deep darkness of a February night, the sub was damaged and surfaced.

She was then fired upon and finally, as the Gleaner prepared to ram her, the crew surrendered and left the U-



Alastair Alexander being welcomed by the Arran Antiquarian chairman, Norval Murray, at the monthly meeting. b26antique01

Boat. The Commander stayed on board and scuttled the sub with explosive scuttling charges. She sank at 5.30am.

Threatened

Although the Clyde was subsequently free from underwater attack, the Luftwaffe still threatened. In April 1945, the U-218 based at Bergen in Norway, laid mines south of Ailsa Craig, resulting in the sinking of a Scottish trawler.

At the end of the war, the

Mine Sweeper station in Ardrossan was charged with clearing all mines in the Clyde, and by July 1945, all 500 square miles of the Clyde waters were clear. We shall all look at the area around Pladda and Ailsa Craig in a different way from now on.

Finally, Alan Milligan, of the Arran Branch of the British Legion, gave a moving and sincere vote of thanks to Alastair.

Arran boys success at inter school sailing event

Last week, Peter Gillson and Neil and Rory Hunter, all of Arran High School, took part in the Brown Cup sailing Regatta at Loch Earn.

The Brown Cup is a three-day event attracting schools from the whole of Scotland. Everyone camped at Loch Earn Sailing Club, making it a very sociable and enjoyable event.

This year, 95 boats took part. The first two days were spent with coaches fine tuning everyone's racing skills then on Monday a series of three races were due to take place. In the end, there were only two races due to the very windy conditions.

The racing was very fast and exciting and proved quite challenging for the less ex-

perienced sailors. Peter was sailing one of Arran Junior Sailing's Laser Picos and he found that his sailing skills were better than many of the sailors in his class.

Neil and Rory got a third in the first race and first in the second race in their 420 with some of the fastest sailing that the 420 fleet has seen.

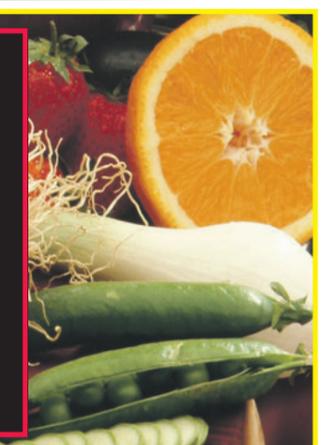
They finished second overall in their class.

It is hoped that next year more kids who attend Junior Sailing will go to this event and represent their school. Thanks go to Mr Auld for supporting Arran Junior Sailing and allowing Peter, Neil and Rory to attend.

Thanks go also to Active Schools and North Ayrshire Council for financial help.



Neil and Rory Hunter and Peter Gillson at the Brown Cup b26sail01



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Football kit binned

Arran's Cinderella team, Southend United, lost all their kit last week when 12-year-old Alan Picken took the strips that his mother Phyllis had just washed, and left them outside his uncle Eddie's house. Unfortunately the strips were in black bin bags. Before Eddie came home, local binman Tosh turned up and dumped them in the bin lorry where they were quickly mashed up.

Rosslyn's Gold award

Rosslyn Bailey of Lamlash went to Edinburgh last week to be presented with her Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. She completed an eight-day cycling expedition in the Hebrides, learnt to play the flute, took up aerobics and helped with Lamlash Playgroup to earn her award.

Arran Provisions move

Arran Provisions are to move some functions to their ware-

house and distribution unit at Hillington. Accounting and sales administration will move away from Arran to become more accessible to clients and buyers.

Arran Blue cheese

Cheesemaker Iain McChlery opened up at Home Farm just three months ago and has now produced his first Arran Blue cheese. He says that it is softer and creamier than Blue Stilton and milder than Danish Blue.

Willie wins handlers sprint

The annual sheep dog trials at Home Farm, Brodick were marked by the resurrection of the 'handlers sprint'. It turned out that a shoeless Willie McConnell was fletcher of foot than the other shepherds. Some sources observed that if fair play had been observed, then Geoff Brookes would have been the winner.

Lamlash trounce United

The referee ran out of room on

his notepad for all the scorers when Lamlash went to Bennan to take on Southend United.

Lamlash scorers were Bobby Sloss seven, Alan Miller four, Iain McConnell three, Addie two and a scatter of other players getting one goal each.

Greg nets four times

Arran United Boys Club under nines team had an emphatic win over Saltcoats last Sunday. They won by five goals to two, with Greg McCrae scoring four.

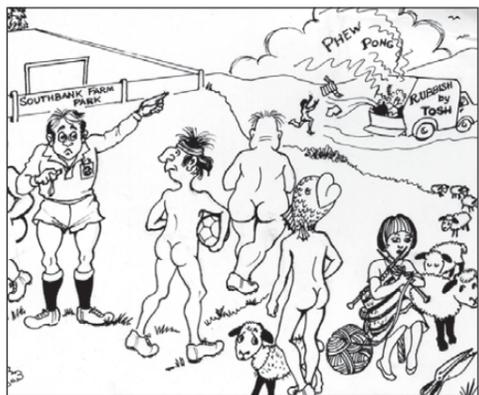
There will be junior football tournaments during Lamlash Gala Week and at Brodick Highland Games.

Shiskine Valley Sports

The famous barbecue and Duck Derby will again be features at the Shiskine Valley Sports next Saturday. Heats for the five-a-side football tournament will be held at Harbourview Field on Thursday evening.



Pupils from Kilkquhannity House School in Dumfriesshire visiting the Arran Banner office. b26twe03



Referee Charles Currie shows a red card to the Southend United players after their kit was mistakenly taken away by the bin lorry. b26twe04



Geoff Brookes with the Kildonan Hotel Cup and Alex Miller with the Maharannee Cup, Arran Cup and Kingsley Cup at Home Farm sheepdog trial. b26twe02



The local handlers at Kildonan and District Sheepdog Association's sheepdog trial. b26twe01

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Last week Archie was at the bottom of the steps down to the Silver Sands in Kildonan, one of his favourite spots. First correct answers came from Marta and Ian of Drymen and doggie pal Shep from Crewe. This week he is contemplating improving his handicap, but where is that golf course?



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SATURDAY 2nd JULY

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
 Flower Festival

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
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
 Brodick Church, 10am - 4pm

SUNDAY 3rd JULY

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
 Flower Festival
 Centenary Re-Dedication Service
 Brodick Church Centenary Gathering
 Jazz Cafe
 Poetry Collection

Church Hall, Brodick, 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
 Brodick Church, 10am - 4pm
 Brodick Church 10:45am
 Brodick Hall, 12.20pm onwards
 Ormidale Hotel, 12.30pm - 2.30pm
 Corrie Hall, 2.30pm

MONDAY 4th JULY

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

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, Brodick, 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
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm



Rink Game
 Quiz
 Zumba Fitness
 Coffee Morning
 Farmers & Craft Market

TUESDAY 5th JULY

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
 Lamlash Church Guild Summer Fete
 Motocross
 Tall Ships Festival

WEDNESDAY 6th JULY

Hockey
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Selt Making Class
 Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
 Yoga for Every Body
 Senior Badminton
 Museum, Archives & Genealogy Service
 Aquafizz
 Yogalates
 Circuit Training
 Rink Game
 Coffee Morning
 Rink Game
 Rink Game
 Dog Agility Classes
 Live Music Country & Western
 St Molios Church Sale of Work
 Family Ceilidh

THURSDAY 7th JULY

General Knowledge Quiz
 Lochranza Craft Club
 Coffee Morning
 Table Tennis
 Youth Club
 Senior Fitness
 Pilates
 Pub Quiz
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Jazz Cafe
 Shiskine valley Sports Five-a-side

FRIDAY 8th JULY

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

SATURDAY 9th JULY

Shiskine Valley Sports

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

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
 Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10am - 2pm
 Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
 Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
 Brodick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 12am
 NTS Shop, Brodick Castle, 2pm
 Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 High School, 2pm
 Southbank Track, 6pm (weather permitting)
 Lamlash Pier All Day

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
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm
 Lamlash Curch Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
 Sandbraes, Whiting Bay. 1pm - 2pm and 2.30pm -3.30pm
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm - 11pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Hall, 2pm
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 Lochranza, 9.30am
 Pirmill, 10.45am
 Shiskine Church, 12pm. A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

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 (SCO14005)
Sunday 3 July
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ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER
Thursday 7 July
 Taizé worship
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Janet Stafford
 Would like to say a big thank you to the special people who work in Arran War Memorial Hospital after my six month stay. Also a big thank you to Gail, Seonaid and Jean for the care in the last nine years. I am now at the Whiting Bay nursing home and would welcome visitors.

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Tony Brookes bowling at a Victoria opener with Colin Haggerty keeping wicket. b26crk01

Lack of batting edges Sannox out of the Small Clubs Cup

Sannox Cricket Club slipped out of the Small Clubs Cup last Sunday in a rain-shortened home match against Victoria CC from Pollockshields. Play did not start until after 1pm because of persistent and heavy rain. The visitors put the hosts in to bat on a second wicket - the umpire having deemed the chosen wicket unplayable despite the protection of tarpaulin covers. The match was restricted to 20 overs, so Sannox knew that it would be a dash from the off. And, despite their reputation as being one of the strongest clubs in the west of Scotland, Victoria bowling appeared relatively innocuous and their fielding slightly sloppy. Kemp and skipper Brookes opened again for the home team and the partnership was successful chalking up a rate of 4-5 runs an over before Brookes was caught off Khan. Laughlan Jones came in at number three and partnered the steady Kemp who notched up 27 before being caught off Bashir. Pomeroy stayed for 18 minutes for his five runs before an uncommitted off drive had him neatly caught in the covers. Marriott never found the middle before Bashir bowled

him for one. Dunn at number six managed a single before Quaduas bowled him. The last five wickets fell for no runs; a gift in a 20/20 match, as Sannox finished 80 all out. The match turned around quickly but Victoria showed their colours with 11 runs off Jones' opening over. Despite wresting the Victoria progress with Dunn's bowling of Quaduos for 10 and Muir's unseating of Shuga for five, Azeem at number two always looked like he wanted an early ferry home. There were five sixes and two fours in his undefeated 45. He finished with Ahmed, who also carried his bat for 15. Victoria were 81 for 2 after 12 overs. Sannox need to look to their batting and particularly their at-the-crease discipline to maximise the obvious talent they have at their disposal. The total should have been higher and the collapse at the tail was a morale defeat even before the hosts took to field. Next match is the Allsop Memorial Match away to Carradale on Sunday July 3. More information on www.sannoxcricketclub.com or phone 600287. Practise is on Thursday from 6pm at Sannox Oval.

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Lamlash golfers beat Corrie in gripping Hope Cup final

Everyone present enjoyed this year's competition

Lamlash won the 101st Hope Cup last Saturday 25 June in a tough final against Corrie.

The semi finals and finals of the Arran Golfers Association Hope Cup 2011 were all played on Saturday afternoon and evening at Whiting Bay.

The weather was dry for most of the day for the island's premier team golfing competition, with a few showers and midges thrown in.

First match out saw hosts Whiting Bay take on Lamlash. In the first game Lamlash finished two up, but with the back game two down the tie went to extra holes.

A lovely birdie from the first pairing put the Bay in the driving seat.

However, when Lamlash won in the second game it was up the second where Lamlash managed to hold off the hosts

and take the match at the second extra hole.

In the second semi-final Corrie took on Machrie.

This was a slightly more one-sided affair with Corrie playing steady solid golf to take the tie by the score of six-up overall.

Lamlash v Corrie final

The evening's final didn't disappoint the gathered crowd with some superb golf on display, as always in this competition.

Most people had Lamlash as favourites due to their defeat of the home team in the afternoon's match, but Corrie were to prove a tough nut to crack. The game was heading for a tense ending after lots of birdies in both matches. The first pairing halved the last to take their game two up, and with Corrie missing a horrible short

putt on the notorious 17th Lamlash pulled one back to go one down with one to play which meant a half on the last would be enough to win, both pairs were on in three, but with Euan only six feet or so away Dougie holed a 12 footer up the green to take the Hope Cup back to Lamlash by the score of one-up.

Thanks go to Whiting Bay for hosting the event; the course was in superb condition and the hospitality in the clubhouse through the day was enjoyed by everyone.

Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed this year's competition and the drinks were flowing for a while in the clubhouse afterwards.

The players are already looking forward to next years competition at Machrie Bay Golf Club.

Congratulations go to Lamlash and Corrie Hope Cup teams for providing us with a thrilling final.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 21 June, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Steph Hill 64, 2 Brian Sherwood 67, 3 Hugh McClelland 68 BIH. Scratch and Two Brian Sherwood 76. **Fixtures:** Saturday 2 July, Captain's Day, 1pm shotgun start. Tuesday 5 July, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary 12.30/5.30pm tee-off.

Brodict Golf Club

Ladies: Helen's Vases: Greensomes 21 June, 16 played. Winners E Lawrie and M Roxburgh (19.5)63.5, runners up J McArthur and C Stewart (20.5)65.5.

Tuesday 28 June, Wilkie Trophy Stableford, 28 ladies played. 1 Ann Hart 35pts, 2 Margaret Roxburgh 33pts, 3 Heather Raeside 33pts. There were three magic twos from J

McArthur; M Roxburgh and A McVicar.

Gents: Sunday 26 June, Sweep, 13 played, CSS 64. 1 C Pattenden (10)63, 2 R McCrae (6)64, 3 J Armit (5)64. Scratch J Armit 69. There was only one two, from the usual suspect Jimmy Armit.

Fixtures: Sunday 3 July, first qualifying round of Club Championship, draw at 12noon on Saturday 2 July.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 22 June, Medal 5 and Red Cross, 8 played, CSS 63. 1 Ellie Jones 77-13=64, 2 Anne MacVicar 80-15=65, 3 Jackie Winship 99-29=70. Scratch Ellie Jones 77.

Please note that there are still spaces available for the Lamlash Ladies Open on Wednesday 20 July. Please contact Jackie Winship on 600330 for a time. There are also still spaces for the Island Mixed Fours on Monday



Lamlash Hope Cup finalists; Dougie Macfarlane, Iain Murchie, captain Ian Bremner, Euan Evans and Neil Young. 02_b26hop03



Corrie Hope Cup finalists; John Adams, Rob Logan, Steven Beardsley and Euan McKinnon. 02_b26hop04



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 22 June, only seven played on a day when torrential rain in the evening made play impossible, CSS 63. 1 John Dick (13)64, 2 Eddie Hope (13)65, 3 Bob Hastings (17)72.

Sunday 26 June, poor weather and Hope Cup hangovers made for a poor turnout, with both players guaranteed a top two finish! 1 John Penncott (12)65, 2 Markus Kroner (11)67.

Fixtures: Sunday 3 July, Morton Quaich. Wednesday 6 July, Cancer Relief Open Charity Competition. Sunday 10 July, Whiting Bay Improvements Trophy.

25 July - please contact the Starter on 600196.

Gents: Thursday 23 June, Summer Cup, 30 played, CSS 64. 1 Scott Campbell 80-22=58, 2 Iain Murchie 63, 3 Euan Evans 66-4=62, 4 Colin Richardson 78-15=63. Best Scratch Iain Murchie 63. There were twos from Dougie Macfarlane, Bill Young and Iain Murchie. Seniors Medal, CSS 64. 1 Jim Templeton 90-23=67, 2 Edward I Cannon 84-17=67. There were no twos.

Sunday 26 June, Summer Stableford. 1 Craig Maceachen 37, 2 Lee Girbow 35, 3 Drew Wales 32.

Congratulations to the Lamlash Team in winning the Hope Cup. There was some terrific and exciting golf played. Well done boys!

Thursday 7 July, Summer Cup, make up own fours and see starter for times.

Juniors: Monday Junior Golf has now stopped for the summer so get out and

practice ready for starting back when the schools go back in August.

Fixtures: Saturday 2 July, Tom Graham Trophy, open competition, make up own threes. Sunday 3 July, final round of Hamilton Bowl, 9.30am and 1pm starts.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 23 June, Ladies 18 Hole Medal Winners, 12 played. 1 J Nugent 83-14=69, BIH, 2 C Stewart 87-18=69, 3 E Kelso 89-18=71. Scratch Jean Nugent 83. Elizabeth Kelso wins the 18 Hole Medal Winners - congratulations.

Sunday 26 June, Gents 12 Hole Medal, 18 played. First Class: 1 D Price 54-7=47 BIH, 2 S Black 52-5=47, 3 J Morrison 54-6=48. Scratch S Black 52 BIH. Second Class: 1 J Clark 52-8=44, 2 D Urquart-Dixon 54-8=46, 3 C Rutterford 58-10=48.

Only magic two of the day was from W Kelso!

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 22 June, 13 played. 1 A Napier 63-5=58, 2 S Beardsley 66-6=60, 3 R Logan 68-5=63.

Best scratch A Napier 63. There were 14 magic twos recorded from J McGovern, A Napier, S Beardsley, B Rooney, D Logan, R Logan and M Elliot.

Saturday 25 June, Hope Cup at Whiting Bay. Well done to Euan McKinnon, Stephen Beardsley, Rab Logan and John Adams in reaching the final against Lamlash.

Excellent final game and only lost by one hole overall.

Fixtures: Friday 1 July, Corrie Hotel Cup at Machrie. Saturday 2 July, Commemoration Shield and Lorimer Rose Bowl (open competitions) at Corrie. Draw at 8.30am and 1pm and 1.45pm.

Names on sheet at clubhouse for Crawford Cup Matchplay 'members only' to be played in July.

Southend cruise past Select to lift the Ann Miller Cup

Funds raised for meningitis research

Ann Miller Memorial Cup
Southend 6
Arran Select 1

Southend won their first silverware of the season at Ormidale Park last Saturday.

They beat an Arran Select by six goals to one in the 24th annual fixture of the Ann Miller Memorial Cup. The trophy was presented to Jamie Picken, captain of Southend, by Ann's mother Sheena.

Ann Miller of Brodick died

tragically and suddenly, aged 22, in March 1987 after contracting meningitis. The family has held the memorial match between the league champions and an Arran Select each year and raised funds for meningitis research.

Sheena's husband Ian was in hospital and unable to be at the match. She said: 'Ian is upset at not being able to be here today, but Alan (son) has gone over to be with him.'

'Some of these boys would not have been born when Ann died. It is good to see them playing in this match, and particularly pleasing to see so many of the older players turning out.'

Southend's goals were scored by Euan Ingram, Fraser Barr, Nicky Emsley, Lewis Kennedy, Ben Tattersfield and Alan Dillon, with the Arran Select reply coming from Stewart Trampnau.



Sheena Miller presents the Ann Miller Cup to Southend's captain Jamie Picken.
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Bryan Allsop memorial cricket match

The annual Bryan Allsop memorial cricket match will be played in Carradale this Sunday 3 July.

In June 2005 Corrie and Sannox cricket club lost one of its

founder members.

Bryan Allsop had helped form the club in the late 1990's. He enjoyed several years of actively playing for the club and it was during a

match against Mid Argyll, one of Arran's nearest cricketing neighbours, that Bryan collapsed on the wicket after delivering a ball.

Despite brave attempts by his team members Bryan died. It was a traumatic event for all those present, not least of all the Allsop family members David and Audrey.

Since then every year, the club has played matches in memory of Bryan for the Allsop Memorial trophy - Bryan's bat emblazoned with silver shields. This year Sannox travel to Carradale to play a league match against the Kintyre fishermen. David and Audrey Allsop will be present to arrange a raffle, short speech and the presentation of the trophy.

It's hoped that this most Sannox of trophies will come back to the island. All friends are warmly welcomed to the match in the centre of Carradale on Sunday 3 July. More information from Tim on 600287.



Lamlash win Hope Cup

Lamlash won the 101st playing of the Harry Hope Cup competition played at Whiting Bay Golf Club last Saturday.

They beat Corrie in a close match having despatched the host team in the semi final. From left; Dougie Macfarlane, Iain Murchie, captain Ian Bremner, Euan Evans and Neil Young.

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Fixtures

Arran football league fixtures for next Monday July 4:

Brodick v Shiskine, Southend v Lamlash, Bay FC v Northend.

Shiskine Valley Sports five-a-side:

Thursday 7 July 6.30pm at Robertson Field, Blackwaterfoot.

League Table

Arran football league table positions at halfway stage 2011 season

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Southend	5	5	0	0	15
Lamlash	5	3	1	1	10
Brodick	5	2	1	2	7
Shiskine	5	1	1	3	4
Bay FC	5	1	1	3	4
Northend	5	1	0	4	3

Half marathon from Kinloch on Sunday

The annual Isle of Arran Half Marathon will take place this Sunday 3 July at 12noon.

The start is from the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot.

Entries can be made on the day or by logging on to www.sientries.co.uk



Bobby Sloss challenges Southend's Alan MacLeod.
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