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Yomping for Arran's military heroes

Arran's military heroes were recognised on Saturday when a sponsored 'yomp' took place across the island's hills and moors to raise funds for the military charity Help for Heroes.

Twenty-two people participated in the 15 mile walk from Brodick to Kilmory via the Windmill, Tighvein and Carn Ban and an incredible £1,700 has been raised so far.

Neil Gillies, whose son Stuart is currently serving with the Royal Highland Fusiliers in Afghanistan, organised the event for the charity which offers a network of support for wounded soldiers and their families.

Neil said: 'The weather may have been windy, but we had a little sunshine, despite a few heavy showers and horrendous midgies at times.'

'The terrain was mainly heather and bog which was heavy underfoot, and time-consuming so it took us over seven hours.'

'We have to say a big thank you to all of those who took part and made a donation; to Neil Frost for the transport and Kilmory Hall for the use of their fabulous pub and bunkhouse, and to the Kilmory community for their fantastic support.'



Children's Nursery forced to close

Falling numbers have forced the closure of Whiting Bay nursery this week, causing real concern about the future education of children in the village.

Whiting Bay is one of only two privately run nurseries on Arran and expensive running costs coupled with a falling school

roll have forced it to close its doors.

Parents were given the option of paying for the shortfall or moving the children to Lamlash and chose the latter.

They have since discovered that the cost of taxiing the youngsters to Lamlash could prevent them attending nurs-

ery at all.

It has been revealed that those living more than five miles from Lamlash - most of the children - will have to pay for the taxi service.

'Only those living within five miles of the Lamlash Nursery will get free travel,' explained John Inglis, chairman of the community

council, as the topic was discussed at their meeting on Tuesday night.

'Sadly this excludes most of the children and with taxi costs being estimated at around £5 a day per child, it is just not economically feasible for the majority of parents.'

'There is a real concern

now that many will drop out of nursery care altogether having a drastic effect on their education.'

There had been fears this week that Brodick Nursery was also being forced to close but local funding has ensured it will remain open for now.

The community council

will explore the possibility of lifting the five-mile limit to get free travel for all the youngsters or asking NAC to consider setting up a new nursery within Whiting Bay Primary School.

North Ayrshire Council were unable to comment as The Arran Banner went to press.

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Kilpatrick road reopens ahead of schedule

The road at Kilpatrick which has been closed for major roadworks for the past six weeks reopened ahead of schedule last week. NAC proudly announced on Friday night that it would be open again from 5pm for all vehicles. Work is continuing on the section but should be completed this week. 20_b26kil01

Great War tribute plans begin

As preparations begin nationwide to commemorate the First World War, Arran's community council are keen to hear from relatives of the island's men that tragically died or were injured.

Barbara McNeice, councillor for Shiskine, is working on a number of project ideas to mark the 100 years since the start of the Great War.

She said: 'To many the war is now simply a list of names on the war memorial but for older generations there is still a strong connection to the impact the war had on families.'

'We'd like to honour all the men from Arran who died or were injured whilst also making it relevant to younger generations in order that they too can connect with the memorial events.'

If you have a story about a relative from Arran that fought in the First World War please send it to The Arran Banner or e-mail editor@arranbanner.co.uk

MyBus reliability questioned

Continuing concerns about the reliability of the MyBus service were voiced at the community council meeting on Tuesday night.

Councillor Colin MacKenzie from Brodick said that those using the service were forced to book all journeys to Brodick pier as it is the only place on Arran the mainland booking system recognises.

'People simply book the bus to take them to the pier as they know the mainland bookers will at least know where that is,' he said. 'Once on the bus they then tell the driver where they actually want to go which adds to confusion when other people need picked up.'

He said that problems with the MyBus continually breaking down have added to concerns that the service is not adequate.

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Free summer swimming for children

Children and young people in Arran are being urged to grab their goggles, put on their swimming togs and take the plunge for free this summer, as North Ayrshire Council prepares to roll out free swimming sessions throughout the school holidays at the Auchrannie.

Eliminate boredom

From 29 June to 18 August, Arran residents aged 18 and under can benefit from free timetabled sessions taking place daily from 11am-4pm and 7pm-9pm at the Auchrannie Hotel, to help get them active and eliminate holiday boredom this summer.

The sessions form part of a pilot scheme taking place

across North Ayrshire, which will also see free sessions at KA Leisure pools on the mainland.

The scheme is being delivered in partnership with KA Leisure and the Auchrannie Hotel and forms part of the council's commitment to providing more opportunities for children and young people to participate in physical activity on a regular basis.

Commenting on the scheme, North Ayrshire Council's cabinet member for community and culture, Councillor Alan Hill said: 'We are committed to increasing opportunities for children and young people across North Ayrshire to get more active, more often,

to help improve their overall health and wellbeing.

'By providing free swimming sessions we hope to encourage more people to head to their local pool, take the plunge and get fit while having fun this summer.'

To access the sessions on Arran, swimmers will need to show their Arran Card as proof of residence.

Upgraded

Existing library members can have their library card upgraded to the Arran Card by visiting Arran Library.

This will allow the council to evaluate the scheme when considering the continuation of the programme in the future.

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Police officer faces charge over crash

A police officer has been charged with knocking down a young rugby player on Arran while answering an emergency call.

Constable Jennifer Sneddon, 32, allegedly exceeded the 30mph speed limit and failed to keep a proper lookout before colliding with Daniel Gallagher, 23, in Shore Road, Brodick.

Sneddon, of Brodick, denies driving without due care and attention and failing to see Mr Gallagher in April 2012.

She faces trial at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court next month.

Mr Gallagher, of Peterhead, is now confined to a wheelchair - but is training to be a Paralympian swimmer.

He survived critical injuries and was in a coma for two weeks after the accident but had to have both legs amputated.

He had been playing for the Buchan Broncos, an offshoot of Peterhead RFC, in the Arran RFC Easter Sevens tournament.

Mr Gallagher, who spent seven months in hospital, said earlier: 'I would love to go back to playing rugby, but that's impossible. I'm focusing on swimming. It was what I was most looking forward to when I left hospital. My main ambition is to make it to the 2016 Paralympics (in Rio) and win a medal.'

Appeal for stolen bike

Could the person who borrowed Saracen mountain bike from Montrose Terrace in Whiting Bay please find it in their good nature to return it to its own home so it can be reunited with its family.

Britain's oldest and best known circus to join Santa's Sparkle

The Glenisle Hotel, the organisers of the annual Santa's Sparkle, have scored a major coup in securing Chipper-

field's Circus for this year's event.

Chipperfield's Circus can trace its roots back to 17th

century London and during the 20th century was one of the largest circuses in Europe.

Chipperfield's will be set-

ting up its big top on Lamlash Green and will be doing four half-hour long shows on the second day of Santa's Sparkle (1 December).

The shows will include top-class aerial acts, one of the UK's top clowns, and more. An extra treat is that each performance will be followed by a 15 minute workshop for anyone who is interested in finding out more about circus skills.

Geoffrey Dallamore, one of the owners of the Glenisle Hotel said: 'We are very excited to have been able to secure a circus of the calibre of Chipperfield's for Santa's Sparkle.'

'Of course, Santa will still be coming and the Christmas Tree Lighting Show will be even more spectacular than ever.'

'This year's Santa's Sparkle will be the biggest and best

yet. We hope that everyone on Arran will enjoy it and that more people will come over from the mainland for this year's event.'

Santa's Sparkle will run over the weekend of 30 November and 1 December 2013 in and around the Glenisle Hotel and on Lamlash Green.

Saturday 30 November will feature a visit from Santa and the spectacular lighting of the Glenisle Christmas tree.

Sunday 1 December will feature Chipperfield's circus and, throughout the weekend there will be fabulous, Christmas food and drink, a whole range of games and events plus market stalls selling the best of Arran.

Tickets for the circus will be on sale from the beginning of August.

For more information see the Glenisle website at: www.glenislehotel.com/santa.



Whiting Bay Primary School's 'eco group' proudly unveil their mural with local artist Nickey Summer. 20_b26bay01

School mural brightens up playground

In a bid to brighten up a dreary corner of their playground, the children from Whiting Bay School have unveiled a stunning mural this week.

Colourful images of the Arran ferry, the night sky and the island's wildlife designed by the pupils themselves are centred around a mosaic of the school's emblem, a swan, made entirely of shells found on the beach.

Iona Summer, who is in primary six, enlisted the help of her mum Nickey to create the multi-coloured wall painting.

'We wanted to do something really eye-catching,' Iona told The Banner. 'Every pupil

in the school was asked to draw pictures of things related to life on Arran that they would like to see on the wall.'

Helped

'Myself and the rest of the school's Eco Group then chose which pictures we liked best and then the whole school helped to paint the wall.'

The whole project has taken around a year to finish but the pupils and teachers are delighted with the finished result.

Iona added: 'We have lots of other plans to brighten up other areas of the playground too.'

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Distillery to celebrate coming of age

The Isle of Arran Distillery is set to rock the island this weekend with a three-day celebration as the business celebrates its 'coming of age'.

The main event, taking place on Saturday, marks a landmark anniversary for business as it falls exactly 18 years since the first spirit flowed through the distillery.

The weekend is dedicated to malt and music, one of the key attractions is five different whisky master classes on offer giving people the chance to experience first-hand the delights of Arran.

Ranging from introductory tastings to samplings of old and rare whiskies, the master classes are led by Managing Director Euan Mitchell and the Arran team, and give visitors the chance to meet the people behind the whisky.

As well as tailored tastings there will be local produce on sale, a unique collector's edition of The Arran Single Malt for sale, a whisky bar and food stalls, as well as many

different family activities including archery, painting, bird of prey displays, storytelling and island crafts.

All this will take place to the sounds of local and regional bands including Scott Cowen and The Rowan Brothers who will entertain thirsty crowds from 11am -5pm.

Euan Mitchell, managing director at Isle of Arran Distillers, said: 'Our Malt and Music festival is always a highlight of the year and this year expectations are very high. We're all excited about our 18th birthday and we're inviting everyone to come and celebrate with us.'

'As well as being a great party, this weekend event gives people the opportunity to really get to know the team behind Arran Distillers, which is something that not many distilleries offer.'

A 'Survivors Hog Roast' on Sunday will see those who can't get enough of the good stuff bid farewell to the weekend in style.



Farewell to Whiting Bay Childrens' Nursery

Whiting Bay Nursery leaders Joanna McCallum and Maggie Dawson had to say a sad farewell to their young charges last Friday when the facility closed its doors for the last time. Pictured with the nursery children after their annual sports day, it was a sad occasion for them and the parents who have been involved with the group for many years. 20_b26bay01

Public discuss proposed Marine Protected Area

A proposed Marine Protected Area (MPA) at the south coast of Arran was discussed at a public meeting last Thursday night.

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) were delighted to welcome 60 people to the meeting and their manager, Andrew Binnie, began with an update about COAST's work over the last 12 months including developing marine campaigns, education and community outreach and scientific research with York and Glasgow University.

Details were then provided of the

hard work that has gone into developing the proposal for the South Arran MPA, which was submitted to Scottish National Heritage (SNH) in May last year, pending a consultation process starting this July. Andrew Binnie said: 'The consultation is a critical step on the way to creating a healthy Clyde that can support sustainable fishing.'

'In order to put together the proposal for the MPA, COAST identified several unique and important marine priority features round the south of Arran during the last year. 'These in-

clude vital habitats such as maerl (an algae that looks like a coral) and sea-grass beds which provide shelter and nursery grounds for species like the juvenile cod and sea cucumbers.'

Glimpse

The audience was able to gain a glimpse of the world under the waves during the following presentation of underwater video footage filmed in Arran waters by local diver and one of the founders of COAST, Howard Wood.

To protect these important features, COAST proposes the creation of

a MPA from Corriegills round the South of Arran to the north of Drumadoon point, reinstating the three-mile limit round the south of the island.

The proposal is for an area which will be closed to damaging fishing techniques such as bottom trawling or dredging.

This will protect important fragile habitats and fish nursery grounds.

However, the proposed area will not be a No Take Zone, activities such as creeling, sea angling, water sports or swimming will be allowed.

Help needed for anti-smoking video

An Arran man affected by the dangerous effects of smoking is making a film about it to warn youngsters about the dangers of the habit.

Mark Head from Whiting Bay is making the film next week and needs a dozen volunteers to help out.

Mark said: 'I recently gave a talk on the dangers of smoking to the first year pupils (now second year).

'They were a great audience and I am about to make a short DVD to be shown to the Scottish parliament and thereafter to schools and youth groups if deemed worthwhile.'

The DVD is to be filmed in Whiting Bay Lesser Hall on Wednesday 3 July.

If you are willing to allow your child to appear please let Mark know on 700666 or email head007@btinternet.com

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Team effort restores Lochranza path

Residents in Lochranza have been busy over the last few weeks helping to restore a much used village footpath.

The trail at the rear of the distillery gives access to Gleann Easan Biorach but also leads to a favourite viewpoint above the village.

It had deteriorated over time and locals approached Arran Access Trust for advice on how it might be restored.

Tackle

With funding generously provided by Lochranza Field Centre and permissions granted by the land owner, Charles Fforde, the volunteers teamed up with island based professional path builder Michael Brown to tackle the task of rebuilding the path.

The erosion has been halted and a secure, stepped path constructed.

Arran Access Trust chairman, Malcolm Whitmore, said: 'The Trust is delighted to see the village taking the initiative like this to improve access in the area.'

'The upkeep of paths in and around Arran's villages is im-



The path above the distillery has been restored by volunteers from Lochranza with path builder Michael Brown.

portant for residents and visitors but it's a huge job and we at the Trust cannot do it all ourselves.

'The enterprise of the Lochranza group and similar self help work parties in Whiting Bay and elsewhere

are definitely the way forward for caring for the miles of paths which give access to our beautiful island.'

Koffee for Kalimpong a huge success

A very successful coffee morning was held in Corrie Hall on Saturday in aid of Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong.

The fantastic turnout enjoyed delicious home baking and good company.

The Rev John Webster conducted the excellent raffle in raucous style and Mr James Simpson, Chairman of the UK, DGH, joined us, thanking the assembled company for their superb support. The wonderful sum of £766. was raised, enough to maintain a child at the Homes for one year. Many thanks to all helpers and of course all supporters who regularly turn out to show their interest in this worthwhile cause.

Duke of Edinburgh thanks

Arran's Gold Duke of Edinburgh participants would like to thank everyone for all the generous donations of raffle prizes we received towards their fundraiser on Saturday, especially from the local Arran shops and businesses.

Susie Mowatt, Sarah Jenkins, Sophie Corbett, Robert Ingham, Luke Cannon and Eilidh Blair managed to raise a large amount to go towards their expedition to Cyprus at Easter next year.

Thank you also to all who helped on the day and came

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Police files

Arran Police are now taking a new high visibility approach to policing on the island, according to Sergeant Allen Dodds.

The officers will be undertaking foot patrols throughout the summer and perhaps in to the winter if deemed to be a success.

Within the last two weeks the police have reported two people to the Procurator Fiscal for assault, one person for breach of the peace, another person for possession of controlled drugs and one male was reported for various road traffic offences.

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Bridging the gap in Pirnmill

Pirnmill's residents were delighted to re-open their footbridge in the centre of the village recently. The bridge was swept away during flash floods in early 2012 and it took a great deal of local fundraising and generous donations to get it rebuilt. 20_b24nac01

Eighties party for new look Ormidale

Dust off your deely boppers and add this date to your filofax - Friday 5 July.

The newly refurbished Ormidale Hotel in Brodict is hosting an eighties night, complete with live music from the decade's tribute band 'A Human Cell', eighties disco (unfortunately minus the roller blades) and all the Harvey Wallbangers you can drink.

Brodict's answer to Tom Cruise, Nigel Walker, will be mixing the drinks.

The bar has barely changed its appearance in 40 years, even after a fire in 2005, but now it would seem the time is right for some minor alterations.

On Friday 5 July Tommy,

Barbara, Laura and Trevor are inviting friends and customers along to help them celebrate. Enjoy a glass of bubbly from 5pm with 1980s mayhem commencing later on in the evening. Live music will start at 9pm.

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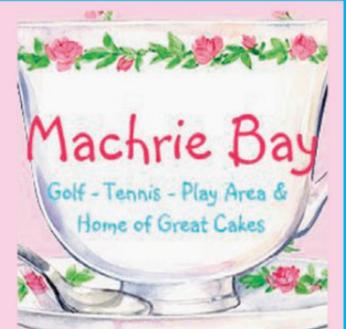
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Kirsty Macleod, Mrs Walker, Scott Barbour, Bethany Stone, Jenna Taylor, Ross Paul, Mr Bailey and Mrs Pennycott. 20_b26dan09

Arran High School's class of 2013 and their teachers. 20_b26dan07



Arran High School lea

School dress turns formal as leavers enjoy one last fling

They say that the 'prom' is often the pinnacle of your school experience.

With girls wearing beautiful colourful dresses and boys showing off slick suits and kilts, it is one of the most memorable evenings of the year.

And for the senior students at Arran High School, Saturday's leaving dance was no exception.

After months of organisation, the pupils enjoyed an evening that will live long in the memory.

Students and teachers joined together in celebration of a fantastic year of hard work and achievement at the school.

The sparking event was held at The Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot, where students sat down to a



Miss Nicol, Zoe Macabe, Lauren Burns, Mrs MacBeth, Pauline Robertson and Miss Heslop with Nick Relf and Ethan Small. 20_b26dan03

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formal dinner, with a photographer on hand to capture their special evening.

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



Georgie Wood and Lauren MacAlister organised the evening for their fellow senior pupils. 20_b26dan10



Mrs Toogood, Beau Gray, Anna Downard, Mr Stewart, Linzi Nicol, Robbie Bayne, Mrs Hogg and Mr McAllister. 20_b26dan08



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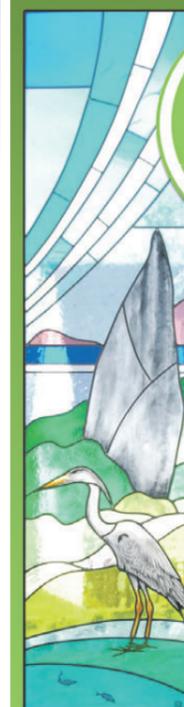
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Worrying trend as nursery closes

It was rather emotional to attend the last day of Whiting Bay Nursery on Friday, especially when faced with the gloomy faces of the two nursery leaders.

The children almost certainly had little idea that it was their last time meeting in the beloved church hall but the faces of the parents clearly showed what a tragic decision this has been for the village.

Falling numbers of children attending the nursery coupled with increased running costs meant that it was no longer a viable enterprise, and parents were left with little choice but to move their kids to Lamlash Nursery.

More than ten years ago the nursery groups on Arran were given the option of being run by North Ayrshire Council or operated independently.

Whiting Bay and Brodick - two of the island's biggest villages - chose to do it independently as they clearly had large numbers of children attending so it would be able to pay for itself in the longer term.

But as the island has welcomed more and more older people to its villages, school numbers have fallen dramatically and now there are only 10 going every week.

Since Lamlash also has spare capacity it made sense in the short term to move the children to there.

On Arran we are lucky that all the schools, until now, have had their own nursery.

This means that from the age of three the children are quickly able to bond with others which may be their classmates for the next 15 years and assimilate into the school community.

By moving the children from Whiting Bay to Lamlash it may mean that some will choose to go on to Lamlash Primary School when they turn five, rather than going to the village school, as Lamlash will be where they feel at home.

Arran's schools are quite unique in the sense that there is no 'big step-up' to school after leaving nursery and this is something that we should fight to maintain.

The community council want to change the rule which excludes those outwith a five-mile limit from free transport.

It would be better in the long-run if they fought to have the nursery reinstated, this time within the primary school.

School rolls fluctuate so there is a chance that there could be a surge again in a few years.

But sadly once the youngsters start going to Lamlash there is little chance of the decision ever being reversed.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'
(Romans 8:39)

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Letters to the Editor



Equal contribution

Sir,
Thank you for your coverage of the recent North Arran Responders 10th Anniversary dinner.

I cannot, however, take all the credit for starting the group.

I was one of 11 founder members who all played their part and without Jeff Dawson giving us the opportunity to form a group we would not have started at all.

I would also like to express my thanks to the other responders for the gift they presented me with on the night.

It is a pleasure to lead such an enthusiastic group of people and every responder, past and present, is due equal thanks for their contribution to this valuable service.

Yours,
**Fiona Laing
Pirnmill**

Myths and misconceptions

Sir,
I wish to highlight several areas of popular misunderstanding around the building of a biomass plant in the Dyemill forest by Northern Energy Development Limited (NEDL).

Firstly the misconception that the creation of the biomass plant will mean cheaper electricity for the island.

In fact the opposite is the case; NEDL stand to receive £32 million in public subsidies (additional to the cost of the electricity itself), paid for by the electricity consumer through higher bills.

Nor will this mean the island will have a local and secure supply of electricity given the biomass plant will export the electricity created to the national grid; so if a pylon collapses on Kintyre we will still be without power.

NEDL quote the plant will create four direct and 14 indirect jobs.

The indirect jobs are based on job creation around forestry operations, jobs such as tree felling, transportation etc.

These jobs already exist on the island; indeed the tree har-

vesting plans and associated jobs will not change whether this plant is built or not. The NEDL '14' is a myth.

NEDL have stated that the plant will save 20,000 kilometres of lorry transportation on Arran public roads per annum.

This is inaccurate; they have made incorrect assumptions which are documented in their submission.

At best it's break even, but if you do the detailed calculations based on the tree harvesting plans there is actually a slight annual increase.

Finally three areas of concern (there are so many!) regarding burning wood for electricity on an industrial scale.

Firstly at a global level it's not renewable, given the demand (for example the UK is on course to import - from countries such as Canada, America, Russia - 90 per cent of the wood needed for its biomass plants).

Secondly it's not green (forgetting the wood transportation impact on CO₂ emissions alone), indeed per unit of energy produced wood is twice as dirty as coal.

And lastly it's very inefficient at producing electricity, and the NEDL quoted 23 per cent efficiency is testament to that.

As we all know wood is excellent for producing heat, but in this particular application the heat produced (enough to heat 5,000 homes each year) is simply going to be radiated into the atmosphere.

Further details of other myths, inaccuracies and misconceptions can be found on the website www.arranenergy.org

Yours,
**Douglas Templeton
Whiting Bay**

Lifeline buses

Sir,
I feel sure that those people so opposed to the inconvenience caused by flattening the 'bumps' between Catacol and Pirnmill have never had a mobility problem and been dependent on buses.

They hold driver's licences, own cars and can af-

ford to run them. If this were not so, they might pause, reflect and realise that some short term inconvenience can have long term benefits for many people, not just those in wheelchairs.

Many older people, no longer fit to drive, find the steps into our current buses difficult or impossible to climb, and heaving a wheeled shopping trolley or suitcase up or down them cannot be done without assistance.

While most bus drivers and other passengers are very obliging, this creates a dependency and attention that some find very unwelcome. For people outwith the reach of 'My Bus' this causes further isolation in already isolated communities.

I fully appreciate the concerns of the community, and indeed share them, but feel that in years to come, some of the protesters may be glad these works have gone ahead. Anno Domine affects us all in the end!

Yours,
**Chris Black,
Seahome Cottage
Pirnmill**

Accommodate changes

Sir,
What a dilemma we face on this beautiful island. Do we continue to change the character and beauty of nature to accommodate modern needs and requirements or do we say no more changes? I have to ask the question why should a wheelchair user or person with mobility issues not be able to make the same choices I can?

If I want to leave the car at home I can catch the bus and go where I want, which I do. On the North, West and South of the island wheelchair users are not able to exercise this right, they can, and do, all over the mainland. When accessible buses were introduced to the North East of England the regional manager of Stagecoach told me that passenger numbers increased dramatically pushchair users, parents/grandparents were able to use public transport more easily. Just use the bus

to Kilmarnock from Ardrossan to see this in action. If the passenger numbers on our buses were to increase then would we be able to campaign for a more regular service? A lot of accessible coaches that come to the island experience difficulty on the humps, as we are aware there are fewer coaches coming now partly due to the roads. Road closures disrupt our lives greatly and does affect our businesses. But what is the alternative?

Three of my neighbours are wheelchair users why are they not able to have the same access to public transport?

Yours,
**Robin Bell
Shiskine**

Credit where it is due

Sir,
I am writing re the article/critique on the recent play 'The Steamie' - the article was written by Howard Driver, and I would like to comment as follows.

The quote 'and behind them another five women in non-speaking parts are washing on an upper level'....why were the 'other women' not named and complimented?

These women turned up for rehearsals and for every performance. I know because my sister, who is in poor health, was one of the women.

They did sing and speak in parts and without their contribution there would not have been a full play, just four women in overalls - try taking out the five women from the line-up in your picture and you'll see why I think it was rude and unprofessional not to name or acknowledge the hard work that the other actors put in, in addition to the lead actors - which Howard was 'fawning' over and 'over-the-top' with his praise.

Yes of course the play was excellent but it's not just down to the chosen few to receive a compliment.

The reason for the delay is that I had to wait for the article to be sent to my home address as I do not reside on the island, but I was so annoyed

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that I felt I had to express my views.

I know what my sister went through, skipping means and trailing out every night despite mobility issues and other health problems and I think that this article might prevent others from trying to be involved in future shows.

Yours,
Margaret E Allan
North Kenton
Newcastle upon Tyne

Pothole devastation

Sir,
My husband and I have been coming to Arran for 25 years, always with great pleasure and without any trouble.

However, when we came home from our holiday this year, our garage discovered damage underneath the car which has to be repaired and is going to cost about 165 Euros.

The garage people told us, that it has been caused by the bad condition of the roads on Arran.

It will not stop us going back to Arran next year (our 26th year) as we have booked already, but I can imagine, that people who are coming to Arran for the first time and discover the bad roads, will not come back.

Yours,
Anneke Vervooren
Krimpen aan den IJssel
Holland

Montrose House fete

Sir,
In Arran, as elsewhere, the seasons come and go.

Sometimes it is difficult weatherwise, to know which season we are experiencing.

However one thing tells us we are in summer, that is Summer Fetes.

This is the communities way of raising money for all kinds of causes.

The staff of Montrose House and the Friends of Montrose House are having their annual fete on Wednesday 3 July at 2pm.

The money which is raised goes towards providing 'extras' for the residents - such as outings, extra wheelchairs, updated televisions and equipment as well as plants to keep the gardens as a place for the residents to sit and enjoy the sunny days.

Montrose House is a care home for the whole island and sometimes it is felt that this is forgotten when help is needed.

Perhaps this weekend people throughout the whole island could look out some 'bric a brac', potted plants,

tombola and raffle prizes and above all some homebaking.

These gifts could be handed in to Montrose House ready for Wednesday 3 July.

And of course we will look forward to seeing you there and having, at least, a cup of tea.

Yours,
Evelyn Sillars
Brodict

Information sought

Sir,
Back in 1933, as a three-year-old child, I was sent to a children's home on Arran from Glasgow.

For several years now I have been trying to find out more about this institution to no avail.

I clearly remember a large detached building on a green slope but I have no recollection of where on the island it was as I was too young.

I have spoken to the Arran Heritage Museum and Glasgow Social Services and either of these places have any records of a institution of this kind on Arran. I am desperate to, not only find out more about this place, but also track down other people who were

there at the same time as me as I still have no idea why I was sent to the home.

Please contact The Banner with any information and they will forward it on to me.

Yours,
Jim Daniel
Aberdeen

Oh deer!

Sir,
I took these pictures of deer just at the Whiting Bay side of the parking spot on the



Deer photographed in Whiting Bay this week.

main road above Trareoch last week.

This one in particular did not seem unduly alarmed when I reversed back to park and take a photo.

I have seen badgers in this area, but not deer, although from her (?) familiarity with the terrain and the nearest garden, I don't think she was lost.

Yours,
Jim Arnold
Whiting Bay

Residents urged to watch out for scammers

Numerous reports have been coming in this week of a telephone scam targeting Arran's vulnerable residents.

A number of readers have reported receiving a call in which they were told the man speaking was calling on behalf of Scottish Power, and two other energy companies. In Carol Burge's case none of these were her energy supplier but when she told him this, he said they were still eligible 'for the offer' without changing suppliers as she had 'recently retired'.

Carol said: 'What he was offering was a 'device' which was to be plugged into any socket in the house and kept on all the time...this would reduce my energy bill by 40 per cent!

'Who wouldn't be tempted?

He spoke very quickly and gave me my name and post-code then asked for my first name and date of birth.

'I put the phone down and immediately called Scottish Hydro, who told me that they have had several people reporting this and it is definitely a scam.'

Police advice is never to reply to unsolicited mail, email or telephone calls.

A spokesman said: 'Shut the door on cold callers, hang up on phone callers, forward emails to the fraud departments of the banks.'

'Do not get into conversations with telephone or door-step callers or give any personal information.'

If you have been a victim of any scam or fraud, please inform the Police on 101.

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Land purchase explored for community use

A new community charity has been set up with the aim of purchasing an area of disused farmland in Whiting Bay for public use.

Arran Community Land Initiative wants to advance public participation in sport and to increase education/training by making the area available to accredited training providers and educational establishments.

Funded by the Scottish Government and delivered by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and The BIG Lottery Fund Scotland, the Scottish Land Fund has already



Janice Miller, Ailsa Raeburn from the Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Juliette Walsh, on site visit above Whiting Bay, last week.

provided support for communities to buy a range of local assets to help regenerate the fortunes of their area.

Tim Allan, chairman of the Arran Community Land Initiative, said: 'This area of land up on the slopes behind Whiting Bay and before the Forestry lorry road is thought to be well-suited to creating a network of footpaths, mountain bike trails and pony trekking trails as well as being a useful area on which to run some 'land-based skills' qualifications which would range from first stage elements of horticulture through to agriculture.'

'It started off as an idea shared between locals in a pub which has then gathered momentum and the committee is anxious to be as inclusive as possible.'

The charity has just submitted an application to the lottery Investing In Ideas scheme to fund a feasibility study/business plan and some of the initial legal costs involved in the purchase.

If this is successful and the project proves to be feasible the committee will move on to the Scottish Land Fund application to cover the cost of purchasing the land.



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Montrose House sparkles for mid-summer

The friends and residents of the Montrose House Residential Care Home in Brodick were treated to a 'mid-summer sparkle' when four very talented musicians enthralled them with a wonderful evening of entertainment.

During the evening a raffle in aid of the Red Cross Transport Service was drawn and £137 was made.

Many thanks to Finlay Murchie, Fraser

Blain, Iain Clarke and Olivia Barker for making the evening so special.

Garden fete

The next fundraising event will be the Garden Fete on Wednesday 3 July at 2pm with the usual attractions.

All donations gratefully accepted for 'bric a brac', raffles etc.

All welcome.



Residents of Montrose House and their families enjoyed the 'mid-summer sparkle'.



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Banner on Holiday

This week we have another great 'Banner on holiday' photo - from somewhere very close to home.

Tony Wilson sent us this picture of himself and three friends, Andrew Baker, Charles Eickhoff and Kevin Bounds, after their recent visit to Arran.

'We had no idea about 'Banner on holiday' when this photo was taken just before we left on the ferry from Brodick,' said Tony. 'We had been on our annual pilgrimage to Arran where we have a barrel of whisky maturing at the Distillery.'

'The barrel was purchased at a charity auction in 2010 to raise funds for a church extension at Shirenewton, Monmouthshire, South Wales.'

'We had a fabulous time staying at Kincardine Lodge where we've already reserved our rooms for next year's whisky festival.' Please keep sending us your photographs of The Arran Banner on holiday - it can be from Butlins or Barbados, it doesn't matter - we'd love to see them. b26ban01NO

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During the past 25 years, the Auchrannie Country House Hotel has grown into not only one of Arran's biggest tourist destinations, but also one of Scotland's best holiday resorts.

Managing director Iain Johnston MBE was originally the island's tourism manager at the Tourist Board and had

long seen the need for a larger hotel on Arran.

He said: 'After working in tourism for a long time I recognised the demands of the sector on the island.'

'Our main vision was to provide leisure facilities for the wet weather. The site here was perfect for the extensions that we visualised.'

Present owners, the Johnston family, took over the hotel in February 1988 but Monday 10 June 2013 marked the 25th anniversary since the Auchrannie welcomed its first guests under the ownership of Iain and Linda.

On Friday 10 June, 1988 the 'Sneddons' checked in and

became the first of the many hundreds of thousands of customers they have welcomed to the resort in the 25 years since.

Executive director Linda Johnston explained: 'Within weeks of our take-over a large scale refurbishment of the old Country House Hotel was underway with the inside being reduced to a shell and completely rebuilt, refurbished and re-equipped.'

'The loggia was glassed in to form an indoor area, the Garden Restaurant and sun lounge conservatories were added and 12 en-suite bedrooms created.'

In 1991 the Country House

Hotel was extended once again this time to incorporate 16 bedrooms, laundry, snooker room, leisure club and Brambles Bistro.

Ronnie Mann, finance and development manager, has worked alongside the Johnstons since they opened in 1988.

He said: 'People were very sceptical about Iain's plans at first.'

'Many said that Arran wasn't a good place to build a leisure centre; that there was no market here for that kind of holiday.'

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Iain Johnston's vision for the Auchrannie has become a reality. b26his01

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With two swimming pools, three top-class restaurants, accommodation choices that range from cosy country house, chic and modern to self-contained lodges, the Auchrannie Resort has become one of the country's top holiday destinations.

Iain explained: 'The expectations of holiday makers are so much higher these days.'

'People don't just want an en-suite they want a trendy bathroom and a plasma screen television.'

'We constantly have to keep updating the hotel to meet those demands.'

An impressive list of awards

including four stars from VisitScotland and the AA and five-stars for the self-catering lodges have placed the resort among the top ten per cent of hotels worldwide.

With almost 150 members of staff today, the Auchrannie has been an important boost to the island's economy.

Annie Armstrong, regional Director of VisitScotland, said: 'Auchrannie Resort has been an inspiration to not only the local tourism industry but the Scottish tourism industry as a whole.'

'Their dynamic approach coupled with excellent customer service and staff training has meant that the resort is up there with the best of Scottish tourism providers.'

'The ongoing investment and developments at Auchrannie

Resort help ensure that the Isle of Arran has a year round product offering.'

Linda Johnston said: 'I think the Auchrannie has contributed a lot to the island.'

'We have increased tourism and provided large numbers of jobs.'

'Other businesses have benefited because we have rising numbers of visitors all year round.'

Plans for Auchrannie's future include extensions to the Spa to increase the number of bedrooms as well as expanding the resort into Glen Cloy.

Mr Johnston said: 'I think everyone would agree that 25 years have gone by very quickly.'

'When we started I think we were quite naive, but yes, I suppose, we have achieved a great deal in that time.'



The Auchrannie's original staff members opened the hotel for business in June 1988. b26his02



Iain Johnston, left, credits the success of Auchrannie to the management skills of Ronnie Mann and Linda Johnston. b26his03



Ian and Linda Johnston celebrate with staff at the opening of the Spa. b26ope01

The Arran Banner takes great pride and pleasure in supporting The Auchrannie Resort from its opening, until now, and into the future.

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From the first smiling faces on reception as guests arrive through the front doors, to the bar staff, waiters and leisure attendants and house-

keeping staff behind the scenes, each and every member of the team keeps the hotel running like clockwork.

'We owe a great deal of our success to the magnificent staff,' said Iain Johnston. 'We have been very lucky that for 25 years every member of our workforce has been dedicated and

hardworking and have helped to make the Auchrannie Resort a reality.

'The management team, led by Linda, has also done a remarkable job and Ronnie Mann and Richard Small have played a pivotal role in making Auchrannie one of the country's top hotels.'



New recruits undergo intense training before the summer season starts. 20_b26auc08

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Above left: Manning reception in the country house hotel are Dani Whalley and David Elliot. 20_b26auc02

Above right: Chefs at Cruize Iain Hoey, David Kain and Michael Memia. 20_b26auc09

Right: Leisure staff Euan Stout and Fiona Rodriguez. 20_b26auc11



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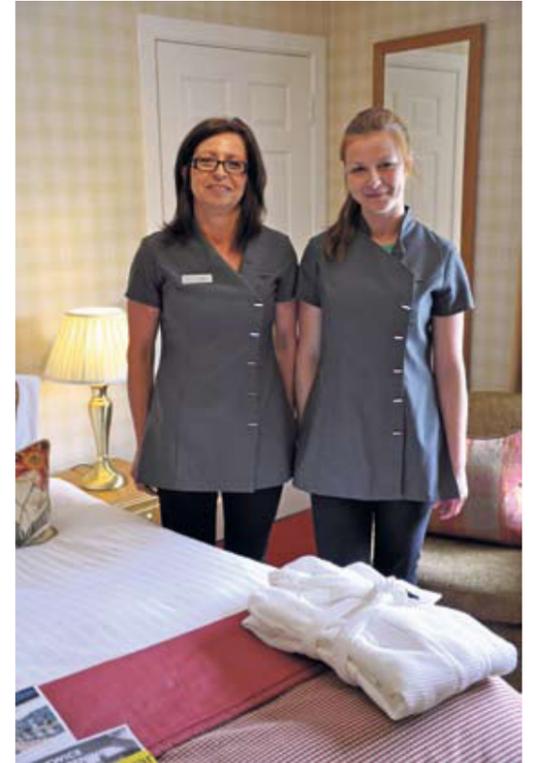
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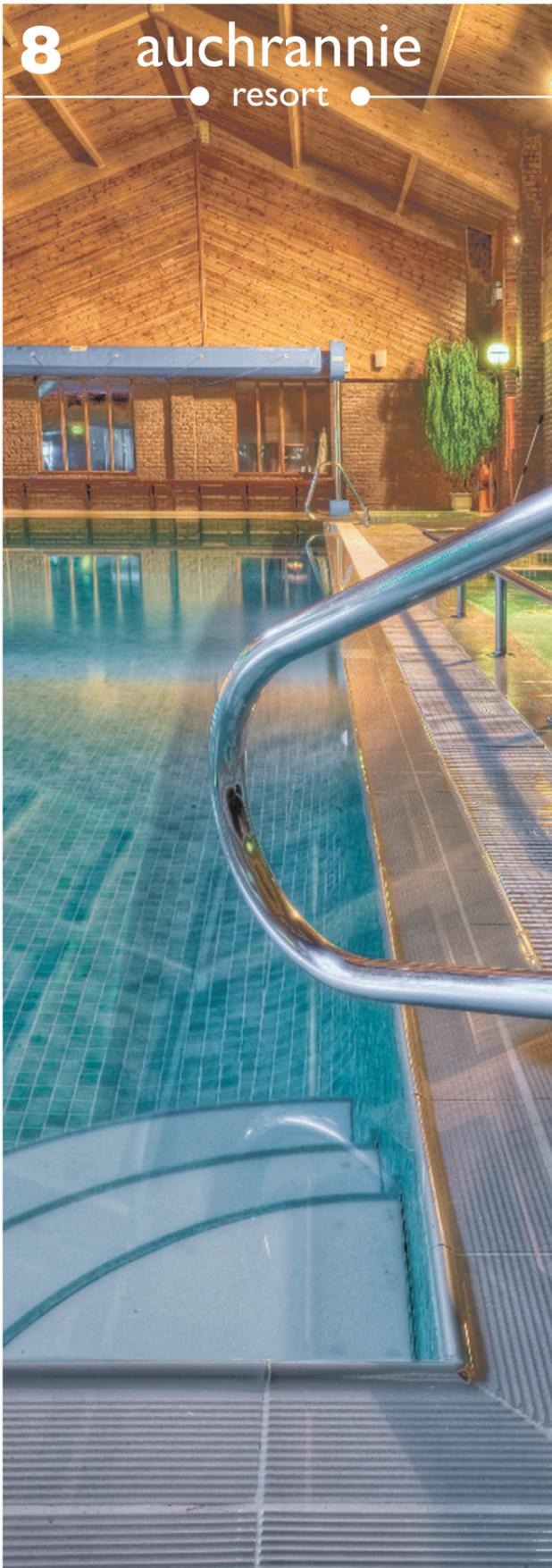
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Elaine Duncan, left, has been with Auchrannie for nearly 11 years. She is pictured with receptionist Hattie Ford. 20_b26auc07

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Award winning Auchrannie

In its 25 year history the Auchrannie Resort has accumulated a impressive array of awards - and they just keep rolling in.

The island received a massive boost at the end of April when Auchrannie and three other local hotels scooped over 20 awards at the tenth annual Scottish Hotel of the Year Awards ceremony in the Crowne Plaza, Glasgow.

The highlight of the glittering event was when representatives from all four hotels went up on stage to receive the top award of the night on behalf of the whole island, Destination of the Year.

At the same award ceremony Craig Beedie was named Executive Chef of the Year at the Scottish Hotel Awards for his exceptional work at the eighteen69 restaurant.

With his passion for traditional but elegant Scottish cuisine, Craig has firmly established the Auchrannie on Scotland's culinary map.

Earlier this month they won the prestigious Scottish Thistle award for 'Best Hotel' at a glittering awards ceremony at New Lanark Mill.

This year alone they have also been ranked number one family hotel in the UK in the TripAdvisor Travellers Choice awards as well as named as one of the Top Small Hotels in the country by the online review site.

Last year they won a LateRooms.com Best Kept Secret Award; one of only 11 British hotels to be nominated, celebrating their top notch facilities in an array of unique categories, including best breakfast, comfiest bed, best view and more.

Linda Johnston, executive director of Auchrannie, said: 'Awards of this kind mean so much to us because it is our guests that are voting which proves we are doing something well.'

The awards built on the success of 2011's Best Kept Secret Awards, adding another coveted category for 2012, Hotel of the Year, which placed the judging in the hands of LateRooms' 44,000 Facebook fans, who named the Auchrannie House Hotel in the Isle of Arran as their favourite place to stay.

Auchrannie Country House

Hotel also won the Laterooms.com 'Best Breakfast' Award in 2011.

The team at the hotel's flagship restaurant, eighteen69, beat off stiff competition from hotels all over the UK, from Cornwall in the south to the Scottish Highlands in the north.

And the accolades won by the hotel haven't just centred around their superior service on offer for guests.

They have consistently won gold awards in recognition of the continuous investment they have made in the training and development of their team.

Earlier this year Auchrannie Resort was awarded the prestigious 'Investors in People' gold status, the first time that a business on Arran has been granted the award.

It was also the first hotel in Scotland to be recognised at the gold level.

David Johnston, the hotel's deputy general manager and co-owner said: 'Being part of IIP is all about ensuring that we achieve best practice throughout the training and development of our team.'

'This ensures that we can deliver on our promise to

treat every customer as an individual and provide a unique experience with passion and personality.'

Linda Johnston added: 'Since

we first opened the doors 25 years ago we have always recognised that only by investing in our team can we deliver outstanding customer service.'

'Being awarded IIP Gold status is a reflection of this investment and one that every single member of the team should be proud of.'



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Gordon Hay, Linda Johnston and Richard Small with their array of Scottish Hotel Awards earlier this year. 02_b19hot02



Auchrannie Country House Hotel also won the Laterooms.com 'Best Breakfast' Award in 2011. b39auc01



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Looking ahead at Auchrannie

'Since 1988 Auchrannie has never stood still it's been a journey which I don't think any of us expected to go quite so far.'

These are the words of Auchrannie executive director Linda Johnston, as she looks back on her 25 years at the resort.

Becoming one of the country's most successful hotel's involved a lot of hard work, and that is set to continue as the Auchrannie looks to the future.

Linda said: 'We have succeeded in creating a resort that can appeal to the family, spa, corporate and leisure markets simultaneously without one compromising the other – we really are in a position now to offer a truly unique experience for so many different markets.'

'Arran as a tourist destination has changed significantly (for the better) over the last 25 years; of course that's down to a lot of hard work by a lot of people on this island, but we'd like to think that Auchrannie has played it's part in helping with that change.'

Whilst she admits it would be easy to sit back now and enjoy the successes, they are always thinking of what will come next.

'In the coming year we are looking at

the possibility of adding more bedrooms to the spa resort, however, beyond that nothing as yet is set in stone,' she said.

'What we do know though, is that any future expansion will carefully weigh up the balance of increasing island tourism and protecting our wonderful environment.'

'Whatever happens, Auchrannie will have

a great future, we have a passionate team who will continue to drive forward with innovative ideas and a commitment to deliver exceptional customer service.'

'It's impossible to predict what Auchrannie will look in another 25 years, however if can achieve a fraction of what has been achieved in the first 25 years we will be more than happy!'



Congratulations to Iain and Linda on Auchrannie's 25th Anniversary.

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We would like to thank Iain, Linda and Richard for their outstanding achievements over the past 25 years. Your contribution to increased tourism on Arran is second to none and has certainly helped the growth of this business.

Thanks again and best wishes for the next 25 years.

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Andy O'Brian, Waverley's Captain said: 'We are looking forward to welcoming our regular passengers from Arran onboard for a sail and hope to see some new faces this year. We are delighted to be able to continue offering sailings on the Clyde aboard a historic passenger ship.'

Waverley has excellent onboard facilities including a restaurant serving hot and cold snacks, two bars, heated lounges, engine room & paddle wheel viewing gallery and a souvenir shop.

'Steamie' success celebrated in style

The members of the Arran Music and Drama Club celebrated the success of their recent summer production with a social evening in Brodick Hall last week.

The cast of the extremely successful production of Tony Roper's hilarious 'Steamie' gathered to look back at the achievement of the recent show.

A superb cast for all of the roles, along with Lorna Buchanan's perfect interpretation of the song accompaniments, ensured that Sheila

Gilmore's production played to full houses every night of the week's run.

This proves that choosing a show to suit all types of audiences on Arran will be well supported in the future by locals and visitors alike.

Ideas for next year's musical will be suggested and eagerly discussed very soon so that we can announce in The Arran Banner.

Hopefully that choice will also prove to be the resounding success of 'The Steamie'. Watch this space!

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The Prisenadam passed by Lochranza on Monday evening. b26crz01NO pic by Richard Henderson



German-built Astor visited Brodick briefly on Sunday morning. Photo by John Barraclough

Huge ships spotted cruising past Arran

The waters around Arran were busy last weekend as two cruise ships were spotted in and around the island.

German-built Astor visited Brodick briefly on Sunday morning before heading off into the Firth of Clyde again.

A second ship, MS Prisenadam, passed by Lochranza on

Monday evening. The ship is owned by the Holland America Line and is currently on a cruise from Copenhagen to Amsterdam.

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The Importance of Being Earnest

Pupils astound audiences with perfect rendition of Wilde's play

Oscar Wilde's comic skewering of the British aristocracy, 'The Importance of Being Earnest' has not lost a whit of its charm in 118 years.

Wilde's wit and sarcasm is ageless, and Arran High School's staging of this classic was truly delightful.

First-class

Heather Johnston's direction was really first-class, and the entire cast was magnificent in each and every role.

There had been concerns that the departure from the usual end-of-term school musical would lessen its appeal with audiences but these worries were unfounded.

A sell-out on Thursday and Friday night, the classic tale of two wealthy gentlemen and their pursuit of love, was certainly one of the best productions the school has ever produced.

Starring Scott Barbour as the oh-so-earnest John Wor-

thing, Chris Jenks as the fey and jaded Algernon Moncrieff, Kirsty McAllister as the imperious Lady Bracknell, Catherine McEachern as the highbrow beauty Gwendolyn Fairfax, and Katherine O'Donnelly as the down-to-earth if insanely silly young ward Cecily Cardew, this version of 'Earnest' was masterfully cast.

With Iona Flewitt as the lovelorn governess Miss Prism and David Gillingham

as the clumsy Mr Chasuble, the ensemble cast really was incredibly good.

Brilliantly

Each and every one of these young actors delivered Wilde's barbed lines and witticisms brilliantly but Chris Jenks stood-out for his incredible performance that was worthy of a London stage.

An incredible production, well done to everyone involved.



From the opening scene to the last words uttered, the pupils had the audience spellbound by their professionalism. 20_b26osc01



Kirsty McAllister, centre, delivered Lady Bracknell's unforgettable lines fantastically well. 20_b26osc03



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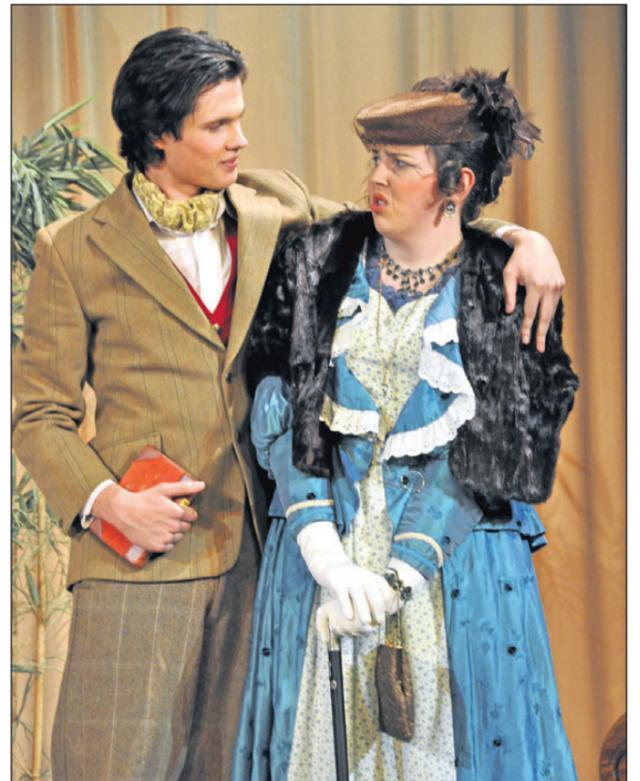




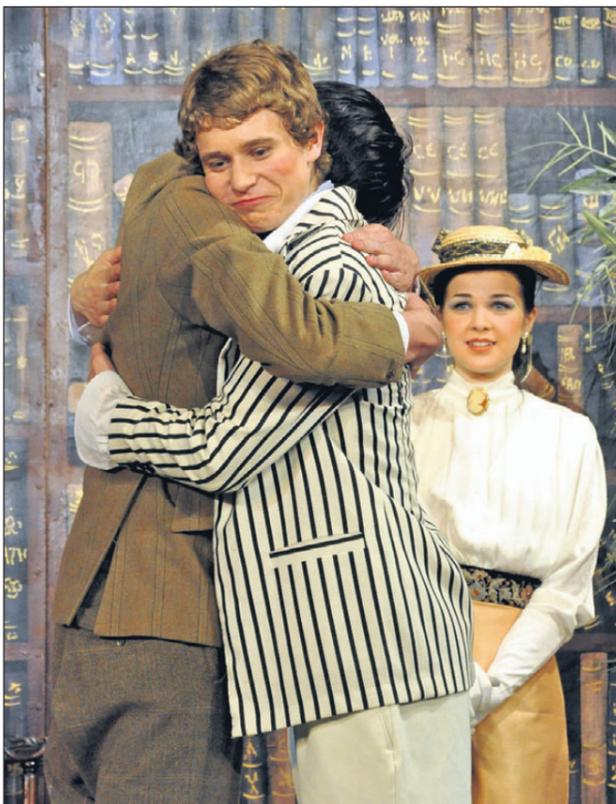
David Gillingham's Dr Chasuble struggles to subdue the passion in Miss Prism's heart. 20_b26osc05



'To be born, or at any rate bred, in a hand-bag, whether it had handles or not, seems to me to display a contempt for the ordinary decencies of family life that reminds one of the worst excesses of the French Revolution.' 20_b26osc08



Scott Barbour was outstanding alongside Kirsty McAllister's wonderful performance as Lady Bracknell. 20_b26soc10



The two long-lost brothers Algy and 'Ernest' are reunited after much hilarity. 20_b26osc09



Catherine McEachern's Gwendolyn, third left, and Katherine O'Donnelly's Cecily, sparred off each other wonderfully. 20_b26osc07



Iona Flewitt, left, was impressive as the capricious Miss Prism while Katherine O'Donnelly's Cecily was superbly acted. 20_b26osc04



Chris Jenks was absolutely magnificent as the loveable rogue Algy. 20_b26osc02

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Arran's junior water polo team are hoping to join the Scottish League next year but at the moment it isn't looking likely after a draw with Kilbirnie. b26twe02



A movement is gaining ground to try and save the former ticket office at Brodick Pier which is due to be demolished as part of ongoing work on the area. b26twe03

Knocked back

Despite keys being handed out next week to the second phase of 'low cost' housing at Benlister in Lamlash, a number of local people have been left disappointed.

Built as a move towards solving Arran's housing difficulties for young local couples, they are not necessarily being offered to local people.

Barry Watson was brought up in Lamlash and went to Arran High but had to leave the island to find work.

Despite returning to the island with his wife and daughter and securing a job at John Thomson Construction Ltd he was not considered a suitable candidate for one of the new houses.

Save the ticket office

A movement is gaining ground to try and save the former ticket office at Brodick Pier which is due to be demolished as part of ongoing work on the area.

Architect Ian Ferguson is fighting the demolition plans as is Lady Jean Fforde who told us she is considering taking out an injunction against the demolition.

The interest in saving the building stems from the fact that it was designed by John James Burnet.

Bus bonus

Arran Coaches has won a renewal of its Rothesay bus contract - this time for two years.

They have also won three school contracts in Dunoon which is significant given that exactly a year ago Arran bus transport was thrown into turmoil when Western Scottish were awarded the island's bus contract.

Memorial plans

A memorial may be put up on Arran in memory of all the men who died when the HMS Dasher sank off the coast of Arran in March 1943.

Money raised to put up a memorial in Ardrossan has left a small surplus and Mrs Ban Turner is investigating what might be the best type of memorial and where best to put it.

School dux named

Dux of Arran High School this year is fifth year pupil Pamela Ribbeck of Brodick.

Pamela's top subject is music - she plays the violin - although she has not yet decided if she should make that her career.

Her immediate plans are to work at the Kingsley Hotel over the summer and return to school for sixth year.

New boundaries

The Scottish Office is due to announce the new all-purpose local authority boundaries within the next two weeks.

This is of special interest to Arran since we could find ourselves within a region roughly akin with Strathclyde, a smaller authority similar to Ayrshire or westwards and lumped in with Argyll.

New ferry on schedule

The new ferry MV Caledonian Isles is still on schedule and due to be on the Arran run by the first week in August.

Before handover she must enter the dry dock and she will sail north from Lowestoft to Newcastle-upon-Tyne for this.

Farewell captain

CalMac staff put up bunting around Brodick Pier on Wednesday to say farewell to Captain Iain Walker who was leaving Arran in command of the ferry for the last time.

Sadly Captain Walker cannot be offered command of the new ferry as his qualifications do not permit it.

Speeders caught

Mainland traffic police visited the island last week to catch speeding motorists.

One of those caught was a Western Scottish bus driver who was given an 'on spot fine'.



Fifth year pupil Pamela Ribbeck of Brodick has been named Dux of Arran High School this year. b26twe04

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What's on

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Everyday

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

Loch Garbad, Boat and Bank fishing
Daily 9am-Dusk
10.30am - 4.30pm
Open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12.30pm-4.30pm
2pm

Saturday 29th June

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
Lawn Bowls
RNLI shop
Annual Over 30s Disco
Summer Ceilidh
The Arran Malt Whisky & Music Festival
Festival Ceilidh

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Brodick, 2pm
Whiting Bay bowling club 2pm
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Isle of Arran Distillery, 11am - 6pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm

Sunday 30th June

Alcoholics Anonymous
New AI-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Folk Music Session
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)
RNLI shop
Texas Scramble
'Survivors BBQ' and live music
Open Gardens

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
Call 601206 for details
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm - 3.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
Lochranza Golf Course, 9.30am
Isle of Arran Distillery, until 4pm
Dougario Lodge, 2pm - 5pm

Monday 1st July

Quiz
Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Senior Fitness
Breathe Walk Class
Table Tennis
Badminton
Volleyball Club
Arran Junior Football Club
Summer Bridge Tournament
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay rink games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
Yoga
WBay and Kildonan Church Coffee morning
Hospital Supporters League AGM
Kids Multi Sports Camp
Coffee Morning
Paintings Tour

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm for 6.45pm
Brodick, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm
Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12noon
Whiting Bay Church 10.30-12 noon
Modular Building, AWMH, 2.30pm
Arran High School, 10am - 3pm
Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - 12noon
Brodick Castle, 2pm-3.30pm

Tuesday 2nd July

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Streetly Dance pre school
Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7
Youth Club
Rowan Singers
Weight Watchers
Junior Hockey Club
Healthy Outdoors
Cricket Practise
Run Arran (intermediate)
Lawn Bowls
Quiz
Food and craft market
Garden Walk
Bronze age experience

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm - 6pm
Brodick Hall, 6.30 - 8pm
Lamlash church hall, 7.30-9.30pm
St Molios Church Hall, 7pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Ormidale Park, 7pm-9pm
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm-3.30pm
Brodick Castle 10.30am-12noon & 2pm-3.30pm

Summer Fete

Kids Multi Sports Camp

Arran High School, 2pm
Arran High School, 10am - 3pm

Wednesday 3rd July

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Run Arran (Advanced)
Northend Football Training
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Shiskine Tennis Club
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
AYF Film-making club
Kids Multi Sports Camp

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 5.30pm
Lochranza, 7pm
Brodick, 6.45pm
Juniors 4.30-5.15 P1-P3, 5.15-6 P4-P7
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm
The Cabin 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Arran High School, 10am - 3pm

Thursday 4th July

Senior Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Live Country/Folk music
Weight Watchers
Lawn Bowls
Shiskine Tennis Club
Lunchbox
Yoga
Kids Multi Sports Camp
5 a side football
Bronze Age roundhouse experience

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Lochranza Hall, 2pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Adults 6pm onwards
Ormidale Pavillion 12.30pm-2.30pm
Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Arran High School, 10am - 3pm
Harbour View field, 6.30pm
Brodick Castle, 10.30am -12noon & 2pm-3.30pm

Friday 5th July

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Brodick Farmers Market
Active Buggies (Parents & buggies)
Castle Secrets Tour
Arran Youth Foundations
Coffee Morning
Kids Multi Sports Camp

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Road, 8am - 6pm
Ormidale Pavillion 10am
Brodick Castle, 11.30am - 1pm
The Cabin, 7pm - 9pm
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 10.15am
Arran High School, 10am - 3pm

Saturday 6th July

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
Lawn Bowls
RNLI shop
Annual Over 30s Disco
Summer Ceilidh
AYF Strabane House Open day

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Brodick, 2pm
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Strabane, 11am-4pm



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Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm
In the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

The short business meeting (approx 15mins) will be followed by a general discussion of achievements, aims, plans etc, at which wine and snacks will be available.
MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ALL WELCOME

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

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13/00335/PP; Site to East of Channel View, Kings Cross, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Erection of one and a half storey dwelling house.

13/00353/PP; Banner Cottage, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ; Removal of condition 1 of planning permission N/04/00863/PP to remove holiday let use restriction.

13/00355/PP; The Old Coastguard House, Kildonan, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Erection of one and a half storey detached dwelling house.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 30th June
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Coffee after service.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER
There will be Taizé worship on
Thursday 4th July
at 7.30 pm, in St Molios' Church, Shiskine.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Parishes of North Arran:
Broddick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine
Independent but working together.
Minister: Rev Angus Adamson,
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter.
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited.
Sunday 30th June
Broddick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship
Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 30th June
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
In both Churches:
Mr. Alan Saunderson
All welcome, including families; children's area
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Sunday 30th June
Sunday Morning Mass 11am
Vigil Mass 7.30pm

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 30th June
Family Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.
Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall.
All welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship.
All most welcome.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 30th June
11 a.m. Morning Worship in The Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Broddick
Tea & coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
Contact phone no. 600222.
Everyone warmly invited.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Services as follows
Sunday 30th June
Shiskine 11.00am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Broddick 7pm (Church behind post office)
Rev William Paterson
All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(continuing)
Sunday 30th June
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge
Glen Estate, Broddick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Broddick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 3rd July
at 7pm
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Mondays 2.30pm.
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DEATH

MACLELLAN - May.
Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Friday 21st June 2013. May, beloved wife of the late David, loving mum of Fiona, beloved grandmother and sister. Sadly missed by all the family. Funeral took place on Thursday 27th June.

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Kids urged to join summer sports camps

A number of summer sports camps will be taking place on Arran again this summer to encourage the island's youngsters to get active during their school holidays.
Andy Barclay of KA Leisure is running two sports camps - a multi-sports one at Arran High School and a Tennis Camp in Shiskine and Lamlash.
The details of the camps are as follows: Monday 1 July to Friday 5 July, 10am to 3pm, Multi Sports Camp at Arran High School.
Monday 22 July to Friday 26 July, Tennis Camp, 10am to 12pm at Shiskine and 1pm to 3pm at Lamlash.

Summer Bridge

The results of the Summer Bridge tournament on Monday 24 June were as follows: N/S 1 Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie, 2 Tricia Martin and Brenda Livingstone, 3 Irene McMillan and Craig McMillan.
E/W 1 Janie MacLure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Jen Turnbull and Sheila Logan, 3 Margaret Bruce and Douglas Bruce.
The full results can be found on the club's web page at: <http://www.bridgewebs.com/arran>

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ENGAGEMENT

DUNSMUIR - MUIR
Stewart Dunsmuir and Shona Catriona Muir of Lamlash are delighted to announce their engagement, which took place on the 5/6/13! A march wedding is planned.

THANK YOU

BIRTHDAY THANKS
Hüseyin Ali would like to belatedly thank all his family and friends who made his 80th birthday such a success, cards & pressies were lovely.
Here's to his 90th.



Fraser Brown, Scotland's newest signing, was until recently working on the family farm in Kilmory. b26brn01NO

Scotland's newest rugby cap is Kilmory farmer

Scotland rugby's newest cap who came on as hooker against Italy on Saturday is Arran boy Fraser Brown.
The rookie Glasgow hooker whose family recently bought Clachaig Farm in Kilmory, joined up with Scott Johnson's battered and bruised squad on their tour of South Africa - coming in as a replacement for injured club-mate Pat McArthur.
Sheer Sheep
Fraser, who recently clinched a move to Glasgow Warriors, was helping Niall McMaster to sheer sheep on the family farm until two weeks ago when he got the call-up for his national team

and appeared on the bench for the South Africa game.
He said: 'I was working on my dad's farm when I got the call from Scotland.
'I have been with the Warriors pretty much full time since the Six Nations, so I've been in a professional environment for the past three months or so.
'It's really good to be called up to the tour. I was really surprised but I'm determined to make the most of this chance.'
Fraser's big-stage career almost hit the buffers before it had begun when he suffered potentially serious neck damage, so his first Test cap was

the perfect present as he celebrates his 24th birthday this week.
He said: 'I have been through a couple of shoulder problems and needed surgery on my neck after I joined Edinburgh.
Frustrating
'It was a frustrating time for me because I had been struggling with injuries for two-and-a-half years. That kind of gets to you.
'I had a couple of months away from the game and got myself 100 per cent. There was no question of me not coming back to rugby because it is something I enjoy so much.'

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Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 18 June, Captain's Prize, 22 played. This was a 14 hole stableford but to make it more light-hearted each player was given two jokers to cancel out her two worst shots. The scoring was remarkably high, several ladies thought jokers should be adopted in our regular games!

1 Heather Raeside 32 pts, 2 Susan Butchard 31pts. This was a particularly popular victory as Heather had missed the previous week's competition when her twin sister, Ann Hart, had a magnificent score. Both sisters, it should be noted, are pupils of Brodick professional James Browning.

Gents: Wednesday 19 June, Summer Cup, 44 played CSS 65. 1 B Jenkins (7)61 acb, 2 M Holmes (17)61, 3 A McNicol (9)64. Scratch E McKinnon 64. There were 13 twos; I Barbour and C O'Neill got two each.

Sunday 23 June, Marchioness of Graham Trophy (Bogey), 23 played CSS 64. 1 I Macdonald (8)3up, 2 J Armit (7)2up, 3 B Smith (11) all square. There were two twos.

Tuesday 25 June, Wright Trophy, 14 played, CSS 67. Winner Susan Butchard (12)40pts. Runner-up Elizabeth Sinclair (17)38pts, 3 Lesley Murray (25)37pts. Well done Susan! Nine-hole Stableford, 7 played. 1 Elizabeth Lawrie (13)14pts, 2 Jennifer McArthur (12)13pts, 3 Pam Holmes (13)12pts.

Fixtures: Sunday 30 June,

McCarfrae Trophy Round 1 and Brandon. Draw at 12noon on Saturday 29 July. Thursday 4 July, McCarfrae Trophy Round 2. Draw at 9pm on Wednesday 3 July. Sunday 7 July, McCarfrae Trophy Round 3. Draw at 12noon on Saturday 6 July. Tuesday 9 July, Stronach Foursomes, draw for partners on Sunday 7 July.

Shiskine Golf Club

Ladies: Thursday 13 June, Ladies 18 Hole Medal Winners & Flag Comp, 13 played.

Silver 1 E Kelso 88-19=69, 2 and Scratch F Crawford 86-14=72.

Bronze 1 S Brookes 93-24=69, 2 L Murray 101-25=76. Sally wins the medal and Elizabeth got the flag furthest - congratulations to both!

Thursday 20 June, Nancy McCutcheon Trophy, 19 played, CSS 43. 1 Pat Adamson 27 pts, 2 Heather Raeside 26pts.

Gents: Sunday 23 June, 18 Hole Medal, 14 played. 1 T Mitchell 83-6=77, 2 J Culpan 93-15=78, 3 P Bryceland 95-16=79. Scratch T Mitchell 83.

Fixtures: Monday 1 July, Centenary Putter (Ladies and Gents). Thursday 4 July, Vice Captain's Prize (Ladies). Saturday 6 July, Victory Shield and Kay Maxwell Trophy (Ladies and Gents). Sunday 7 July, Shiskine Valley Sports Texas Scramble.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 19 June, Stroke 3 Competition, 10 played while another three ladies played the nine hole competition. The weather was perfect and June Richardson took advantage of the excellent condition of the course by returning a fantastic 56, eight below the CSS, cutting her handicap to 23. June's 82 also won the scratch.

Stroke 3, CSS 64. 1 June Richardson 82-26=56, 2 Jo Hastings



Pat Adamson proudly displays the Nancy McCutcheon Trophy which she won after beating off the competition at Shiskine Golf Club.

86-20=66, 3 Jean Barclay 87-17=70. **Nine Hole Competition** 1 Morag Gardner.

In the quarter finals of the Championship, June again played very well taking holder, Sheena Murchie to the 19th before losing.

Kate McAdam also won on the nineteenth, beating Jo Hastings. Jean Barclay beat Yvonne Brothers with the final semi finalist being Morag Gardner. Ladies are reminded that the semi-finals of the Championship will be played on Monday 1 July beginning at 5.30pm.

There are still places available for our Ladies Open Day on Wednesday 17 July. Forms can be picked up in the clubhouse.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Sunday 23 June, 12 ladies turned up for the Wolfi and Gege Trafalgar Stableford. What a great turn out, thanks to all for making the effort. We played 15 holes and the weather was fine and very windy. 1 Sheena Murchie 26 points, 2 Christine Macleod 25 points BIH and 3 Liz Sinclair 25 points.

Gents: Wednesday 19 June, 33 played in the ninth round of the Summer Trophy, CSS 63.

1 John Pennycott (13) 60, 2 Gus MacLeod (11) 62 acb, 3 Tam Young (27) 62, 4 John Simmons (11) 63. Malcolm Pennycott won scratch with 68 and he also had the only magic two of the day.

The Eclectic scores have now been updated for all nine rounds of the Summer Trophy so far, with Pete Smith leading on 45, two ahead of Wolfi Kroner on 47, with Danny Head and Adam Kelso one more shot behind on 48. Check the website and the Notice Board for the full list.

Sunday 23 June, 28 played in the Wolfi and Gege Kroner Gents Stableford from the yellow tees. Many thanks go to Wolfi and Gege for their hospitality throughout the day, their generous prizes, and the kind words of 'encouragement' from Wolfi at the prize giving! Scoring was tight with the top three split only on countback. 1 Jamie Ainsworth, 39 pts acb, 2 John Simmons 39 points acb, 3 Tam Young 39 points, 4 Gus MacLeod 38 points. Ryan Armstrong had two magic twos and Adam Kelso had one.

Fixtures: Sunday 30 June, Morton Quaich. Wednesday 3 July, Cancer Relief Open Competition. Sunday 7 July, Whiting Bay Improvements Open Competition.

Lochranza Golf Course

Cabrach Net scores: Sunday 16 June, 1 Ross Trail 36, 2 Ben Innes 37, 3 Bryan Lewis/ Ian Buchanan 39, 4 Tony Baboolal 42, 5 Shaun Bain 45.

Sunday 23 June, 1 Ar-

chie Cumming 40, 2 Alastair Innes/Ian Buchanan 41, 3 Jack Ewing 44, 4 James Leech 45, 5 Ross Trail 51, 6 Ben Innes 55.

Monday 24 June, Lochranza Studio Gallery Cup. Six teams enjoyed a fine sunny evening on a beautifully prepared course contesting the Cup for the first time at its new venue. 1 Betty Buchanan, Scott Thomson 29, 2 Denise Lewis, Bryan Lewis 30, 3 Ross Trail, Tony Baboolal 31.

Fixtures: Sunday 30 June, Lochranza Distillery Texas Scramble at 9.30am.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 18 June, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary. 1 Willie Kelso 64, 2 Ron Woods 68, 3 Hamish Bannatyne 69 BIH. Scratch Willie Kelso 71. Twos Campbell Laining.

Fixtures: Tuesday 2 July, Lady Mary/Peter Sutton tee off 12.30/5.30.

Please note fixture change - Captain's Day is now Saturday 13 July tee off 12.30pm.

Arran Golfers Association

This year's Hope Cup compe-

tion started at Lamlash Golf Club on Saturday 22 June.

The course was absolutely superb, thanks to Jim and his boys on a tremendous job setting it up, thanks also to Lamlash for hosting and to all the referees.

Whiting Bay, Brodick and Shiskine all came through their matches to play again next week when hosts Lamlash enter the fray, if you want to see the cream of Arran golf compete in the island's premier competition be at Lamlash on Saturday from 1pm you wont be disappointed.

Saturday 29 June, semi-finals and finals day. Semi-finals: Lamlash v Whiting Bay 1pm, Brodick v Shiskine 1.15pm. Final 6pm.

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



Sgt Allen Dodds, left, and PC Stevie Young cycled from John O'Groats to Lands End.

Bobbies on bikes raise money for charity

Arran's very own police sergeant, Allen Dodds, has just completed an epic cycling challenge that took him from one end of Britain to the other.

Sgt Dodds left John O'Groats on June 8 and cycled the 874 miles to Lands End in eight days.

He said: 'I cycled with my colleague PC Stevie Young and we were raising money for Care of police Survivors (COPS).

'To date we have raised approximately £1,400 and are still fundraising for the next few weeks.'

He added: 'It was very challenging given that the Scottish leg which lasted three days was bathed in glorious sunshine but the English leg was wet and windy.

'The last three days involved 8,000 feet of climbing with the mileage ranging from 108 to 123 miles per day.'



Heather Raeside is presented with her prize by Brodick's Lady Captain Tricia Martin.

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Lamlash's football team really upped their game on Monday night when they took on Shiskine in a thrilling game of football.

Shiskine opened the scoring early on with a headed goal from Fraser Anderson.

On the stroke of half time Michael Jenks then swung in a free kick which was met by the head of an unmarked Iain 'Ugg' McDonald to double the lead.

The second half kicked off and it wasn't long before

Ben Tattersfield fired in a well struck half volley from the edge of the box to pull one back.

Lamlash were upping the pressure now and Chris Marriot was forced to make a top save from a one on one with Ben.

As the game edged into the 90th minute it was looking like Shiskine might hold on but then the ball came to Grant Adamson who powered the ball into the net.

Deep into injury time Lamlash were rewarded with

a free kick and Jamie Sillars stepped up to float the ball in and Grant Adamson was there once again to flick the ball into the net to snatch the three points with a final score of 3-2.

Fraser Thomson of Lamlash was Nick Emsley's man of the match after a great defensive performance.

Meanwhile on the same night Northend travelled to Brodick to take on the league leaders.

Adam McNicol scored early to put Brodick one up but it wasn't long before Northend scored through a Stuart Lawson free kick was headed in by Jean Demazeux.

Coming out for the second half Brodick upped their game with Archie McNicol scoring twice to bring it to 3-1 before Euan 'Smithy' Smith fired in a cracking volley from the edge of the box.

Archie then beat the offside

trap to score his hat-trick and a fifth for Brodick to make the score 5-1.

Referee Danny Head gave Smithy man of the match

after some solid running and great goal.

On Monday 1 July Southend play Lamlash at 6.30pm and Northend take on Shiskine at 7pm.

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