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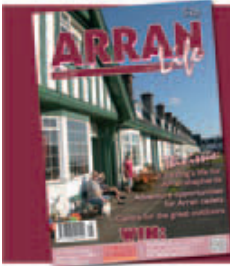
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Party balloons spark huge search and rescue mission

An innocent bunch of party balloons caused a huge search and rescue incident last Sunday.

Twelve guests at Catacol Bay Hotel saw what they thought was a paraglider plunging into the sea between Arran and Kintyre.

Chris Bond, son of hotel proprietor Norman Bond, said: 'Some of the locals were in for the regular Sunday buffet and they saw this coloured object falling into the water about half a mile out. It could easily have been a paraglider.'

Alarm

The hotel guests raised the alarm at 1.30pm and emergency services swung into action. The CalMac Lochranza to Claonaig ferry MV Loch Tarbert diverted to the scene and was joined by the Tighnabruich lifeboat and crew.

Another five vessels came to the rescue. However, when the rescuers arrived all they found was a large cluster of party balloons floating in the water.

A Clyde Coastguard spokesman said: 'The Arran coastguard was first on the scene and discovered the balloons.'

'Guests at the hotel had all seen what they thought was a paraglider fall into the water and were very concerned.'

Report by
HOWARD DRIVER

'It is vital that we investigate every call. This was a genuine call, but the man who contacted us said he felt a bit foolish afterwards.'

'You can't stop people letting off balloons but it would be better if they informed the coastguard beforehand. We have the same problem with Chinese lanterns. People see them and think they are distress flares. They burn for up to 20 minutes and can travel several miles before floating back down to earth.'

Another big search was launched at 11pm on Monday night when a man in the garden of the Ormidale Hotel reported seeing a red flare in the sky over Brodick bay near Fisherman's Walk.

Coastguards, police, mountain rescue team and the Boys Brigade lifeboat carried out an extensive search of the bay but found no trace. The lifeboat returned to station at 3am.

Police sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'It could well have been a Chinese lantern. If anyone is going to let one off they should alert the police by telephoning 302573.'



High has new school captains

Arran High recently elected its school captains for the 2009-2010 year. Pictured with the headmaster Mr Douglas Auld are, captains Anthony Tetlow and Hannah Dobson and vice-captains Zoe Tomalin and John Tilbury. 01_b27cap01

Council faces cuts of £30m

North Ayrshire Council may have to cut its spending by £30 million over the next three years as it faces up to reduced government grants and a tough economic environment.

The challenge facing the council was outlined by new chief executive Elma Murray in a paper put before the executive last Tuesday.

Ms Murray said: 'The scale of this reduction will require significant changes to be made to the way the council delivers its services.'

MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'Rather than wait to be struck by cuts which could have a relatively sudden impact on services and lead to significant job losses, the council's incoming chief executive Elma Murray is taking a responsible long-term view. The potential impact of this process on Arran cannot be predicted.'

Arran councillor Margie Currie added: 'There will need to be very substantial cuts. It's quite alarming.'



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Survey ship in Lamlash Bay

The Millport survey vessel RV Aora will be on duty in Lamlash Bay for almost a fortnight, from Wednesday July 1 to Sunday July 12.

Marine Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage have chartered the ship to continue baseline scientific research into the No Take Zone and surrounding area.

It will be conducting scallop monitoring using drop down pyramid cages and possibly towing other equipment.

Howard Wood of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) said: 'As the Aora looks like a large fishing boat to those who do not recognise the vessel from previous occasions COAST would welcome the Banner to publicise what is going on.'

'We also hope over the next seven days to be attaching the official signs in four places around the Bay.'

'This should make it easier for both visitors and locals to identify the area and what can and can't be done within it. If you would like any more information, please phone me on 700466.'



Survey vessel RVAora in Lamlash Bay in 2006. b27aor01

Police files

Out of date tax

A 60-year-old Glasgow man was charged with having an out of date vehicle excise licence in Shore Road, Lamlash last Monday morning.

Bench damaged

A bench outside Whiting Bay village shop was damaged last Friday night. Police are appealing for information.

Drinking in public

A 27-year-old Dreghorn man and an 18-year-old Brodick man were charged with drinking in public in Shore Road, Brodick last Saturday.

Injured in bike fall

A 38-year-old Linlithgow man fell off his bike at the Ballarie Farm corner approaching Lochranza last Saturday afternoon. He sustained a broken arm and dislocated shoulder.

Caught speeding

A Sussex woman and a Glasgow man were issued with tickets for speeding in Whiting Bay on Monday morning. A Lamlash man was given a conditional offer for not wearing a seat belt on the C147 south of Whiting Bay on Tuesday.

Man cleared of 'attack' on mother

An Arran man has been cleared of an alleged brutal attack on his mother.

Steven Shankland, 24, was charged after a clash with mother June put her in hospital with serious injuries.

Both had been drinking before the incident at her home at Aldersyde Cottage, Lamlash. Ms Shankland, 43, was said to have head-butted her son before

he pushed her away, Kilmarnock Sheriff Court heard.

But prosecutor Kim Philp said Ms Shankland was pushed several times by the accused who thereafter punched her repeatedly.

Peter Murray, defending, said a witness, Lachlan Robertson, 46, saw the accused push his mother but did not see an assault.

Mr Murray added: 'The victim accepted she squared up to her son.'

'June Shankland was said to have head-butted Steven Shankland and only at that stage did he push her away.'

Self defence

'Anything he did was acting in self defence having been assaulted by the complainer.' Ms Shankland was treated in

hospital for serious bruising and remained there for alcohol detoxification.

She had a 'history of alcoholism', the court heard.

Steven Shankland, described as a prisoner at Kilmarnock jail, had denied assault to severe injury on February 14.

He was cleared after a jury returned a majority not guilty verdict.

In a separate case, also at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court, Ms Shankland admitted an earlier public order offence.

She pled guilty to disorderly conduct, shouting, swearing, threatening others and breach of the peace at the rear of the Aldersyde Hotel in Lamlash last October. Sentence was deferred for background reports.

Lifeboat called out to yacht

Arran lifeboat crew and coastguards were called out in the early hours of Sunday morning to a yacht that had slipped its mooring.

The Bavarian 40 yacht with a man and woman on board was drifting towards the Cordon shore.

The Boys Brigade lifeboat towed the vessel into Lamlash bay and secured it to a mooring. The yacht tried to set sail later that morning but had a fouled propeller. Two lifeboat crewmen put on diving equipment and cleared a rope off the propeller.

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Her Majesty the Queen chatting with Arran High pupils on the cookery stand at the Royal Highland Show.
Photo Steve Garraway b27hmq01

Arran pupils chat with the Queen

Some lucky Arran High pupils were surprised when HM The Queen stopped to speak to them last Friday.

The youngsters were guests at the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh as a reward for being the top 33 performing pupils in a Promoting Positive Behaviour scheme at the school.

Home economics teacher

Emma Morrison said: 'The award winners were cooking at the Morrison's supermarket cookery area when Her Majesty the Queen visited with Princess Anne.'

'The Queen spent time talking with each of the groups who were making cheesecake, pork and apple stir-fry and pancake sandwiches. They had not been told about our special visitor

and could not believe their experience. As soon as they left the cookery area they were phoning home, but many of them were not believed. Now the photograph will prove it.'

Among the Arran youngsters meeting the Queen were Drew Ashley, Robbie Bain, Freddie Baumgartner, Ceile Swinton-Boyle, Rachael Mulholland and James Mowatt.

Kayakers plan island record attempt

Two young men from Clarkston, Glasgow will be attempting to kayak around Arran in three days at the end of July.

Roddy McAllister said: 'I'm kayaking around Arran for charity on July 26. It's a record attempt as we are aiming on doing it in three days. We have contacted the Guinness Book of Records and they are looking into it and letting me know in a few weeks time because it has never been done before.'

'I work for Peter Vardy Ltd and our company aim is to raise more than £40,000 for Cambodian children to have an

education. Last year we raised more than £30,000 for water filters for Cambodia and flew a team of our staff out to help build the water purifiers.'

I've been coming to Arran for 30 years since I was a boy and my sister Vicky McAllister lives on the island.

'The Arran Adventure Company is kindly lending me and my colleague the sea kayaks and equipment. Our website is www.justgiving.com/rodandstu, I just thought some coverage may help raise some much needed money for people worse off than ourselves.'

Lone walker rescued

The Arran Mountain Rescue team (AMRT) was called out by local police last Thursday when a member of the public raised the alarm after finding a lone walker with a dislocated knee.

The 73-year-old man from Ayr was in the Fionne choire area of Glen Rosa.

Fifteen team members turned out and three made their way to the man by the team argocat. He was brought down and handed over to paramedics.

An AMRT spokesman said: 'If you do find yourself in trouble you should give accurate details of your location and your medical condition.'

'Riches' from Burkino Faso

Julie Graham of Lochranza is a very lucky person.

She has recently received two offers of huge sums of money just by replying to a couple of emails. Unfortunately the emails and the offers are bogus, and Julie wonders just why

she is being targeted. The first scam came on June 19 from a 'banker' in Burkino Faso in West Africa. The second one came four days later, from a 'director of finance', also in Burkino Faso.

Both promised wonderful

riches just by sending her bank details. One even said: 'We expect you to handle this transaction with utmost maturity by keeping everything secret.'

'They must think I'm barmy,' said Julie. 'I took them straight to the police.'

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Driver behaviour key to safer roads

A 30mph advisory speed limit was introduced on the road between Brodick and Lochranza two weeks ago, but cycle safety campaigners say this will make little difference unless driver behaviour improves.

Gerard Tattersfield of the Arran Bike Club was involved in the campaign to improve road safety for pedestrians and cyclists after two fatal accidents on this stretch of road in the past five years.

However, he strongly believes that the road signs are only a very small part of the solution.

'A common misconception is that roads are primarily for cars, the facts are that vehicles have taken over traditional highways that have always

been there for everyone's use,' said Gerard.

'Just reminding ourselves of highway laws could hopefully make Arran's roads safer for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders, and less stressful for motorists,' he said.

'Arran's roads are becoming busier, both with motorists, pedestrians and cyclists,' he said.

'For many visitors our roads are unfamiliar and very different from most mainland roads, and many of the cyclists are inexperienced riders.

'There are very few pavements or cycle paths on Arran so everyone has to share the highway responsibly with each other.'

Councillor Margie Currie

also believes that responsible driver behaviour is the key to safer roads. 'I completely agree with Gerard that these signs are just a small part of the process to make these roads safer,' she said. 'Responsible driver behaviour is very important. If every driver just slows down a little it will make such a big difference.'

A Scottish government produced document titled 'The Cycling Action Plan for Scotland' said: 'There needs to be a fundamental change in the attitude of the majority of road users to each other.'

'We all have the right to be on the roads, tackling attitudes and the conduct of all road users will help us understand each others' needs and priorities.'

Brian Allsop memorial cricket match

On June 26, 2005 Bryan Allsop, one of the founder members of Sannox Cricket Club died on the field of play.

The Allsop family together with the club he helped to form remember Bryan in the Bryan Allsop memorial match every year. The match that falls nearest to the time of Bryan's death, is designated the memorial match.

This year Sannox are playing, for the first time, Gargunock Cricket Club who hail from Gargunock Village about four miles west of Stirling. No strangers to plaudits, Gargunock will be coming from the 'third best place to watch cricket in Scotland' (Scotsman



The late Bryan Allsop.

newspaper) to Sannox 'one of the four most picturesque cricket grounds in the UK' (Wisden Cricketer magazine).

The winning team is presented with the Allsop Memorial Trophy which is Bryan's bat inlaid with silver shields each of which is engraved with the winning club's name. Sannox have won it for the past three years.

The Allsop family warmly invite islanders, visitors, crickets lovers alike to come to the match, meet the family and remember Bryan. Sadly Bryan did not live long enough to see the advent of the new pavilion which is now underway.

Visitors this coming Sunday July 5 can see it for themselves and help make a cricket match into a celebration of Bryan's aspirations for Sannox.



Janice Small, lone cyclist from Arran, taking a break at John O'Groats. b27jan01

Land's End to John O'Groats by bike

Former Brodick postmistress Janice Small has just completed a marathon cycle ride in aid of charity. She has already done the fund-raising bike ride from Kolkata to Kalimpong for Dr Graham's Homes and has now done the trip from Land's End to John O'Groats.

Janice said: 'Last month I cycled, on my own, from Lands End to John O'Groats carrying all my worldly goods in two panniers.'

'I had a wonderful trip and wouldn't have missed one moment of it. I cycled 981 miles over 18 days and had no punctures.'

'My chain came off twice but that was quickly sorted. I met wonderful people, saw wonderful scenery and had excellent weather. I cycled the whole way - even over Shap summit, which was one of the highlights of my journey. I managed 50 to 60 miles per day and had my B&B already booked.'

'Family and friends cycled part of the way in Scotland and

some offered excellent B&B for the night. I collected over £400 for Dr Graham's Homes, West Bengal and thank every one, from the road sweeper in England who gave me £1, to a landlady who waived her B&B charges.'

'These inspiring moments kept me going. I am returning to India next February cycling once again from Kolkata to Kalimpong in aid of Dr Graham's Homes. If you care to support me donations can be handed in to Brodick Post Office.'

Belly dancing in Brodick



Mandy Hunter led the Arran belly dancers in a display at the McLaren Hotel. b27dan01

The Middle Eastern and Greek night at the McLaren Hotel last Friday was a smashing success.

After dining on authentic Greek cuisine, the guests were treated to a virtuoso display of plate-smashing, Greek restaurant-style, and a flamboyant show from the Arran Middle Eastern Dancers. The extrovert belly dancers were ably led by Mandy Hunter, and attempted to get some of the customers involved. The next special event at the McLaren will be a Hawaiian and Jamaican night on Thursday July 23.

Photo Competition 2009

The closing date is Tuesday 15 September and the decision of the judges is final.

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Sponsored walk success for Lochranza Village Hall



A sponsored walk organised by the Lochranza and Catacol village Hall committee to raise funds for the National Association of Colitis and Crohns Disease has raised £800 for the charity.

The walk last Sunday took participants either along the path to the Cock of Arran and down along the shore or down the slightly shorter route to the Fairy Dell cottage and back to the hall.

Hall chairman, Kate Hartley, said: 'Although we had such miserable weather conditions on Sunday for our walk it appears to have been very successful.'

'So many thanks are due to Ian and his lovely daughter who made delicious burgers which were ready for all the hungry walkers coming back in, to Margaret for hot drinks, Vanessa for leading the Laggan walkers safely around while educating them on the

many points of interest as they walked, Chris who set up his equipment supplying musical entertainment for tired souls and most especially a huge thank you for the superb efforts of our walkers who braved the elements and raised more than £800 for the National Association of Colitis and Crohns Disease.'

Kate believes there needs to be more awareness of the two diseases which affect the bowel.

'Just by logging on to the charity's website you will discover what a horrid and antisocial disease it can be but many people are still unaware that NACC exists, said Kate.

'Help and advice can be sought confidentially from people who understand exactly their problems. Many sufferers are miserable because of the embarrassment of discussing their problems. NACC is there for them.'

Chamber enjoys day of Arran networking

Ayrshire Chamber members did not let the rain dampen their spirits as they enjoyed a day of visits and networking on Arran last week.

Mainland members, from Ayrshire and Renfrewshire Chambers, braved the sea swells as they boarded the CalMac ferry at Ardrossan with some of the Chamber team, who helped the journey drift along nicely with introductions all round and anecdotes of previous visits.

The day on Arran included a stop at the Duchess Court Visitor Centre, tours of the Arran Brewery and Island Porcelain, networking lunch at the popular Wineport, an afternoon of activities at the Balmichael Visitor Centre and the ever popular stop at Arran Aromatics.

Delighted

Members were delighted with the opportunity of an informal way to meet potential new clients.

Ann Cromack from Ikat Design said: 'It was a great day and I talked to many interesting people! I met a contact over lunch with the outcome of some possible photographic work of her rental cottages on the island.'

Deputy chief executive, Valerie Russell said: 'This is the fourth Overseas Networking we have arranged, their popularity confirms the need for strengthening links between the island and the mainland. Making that little extra bit of effort to meet and network face to face really makes a welcome change from online exchanges.'

Riding club show

The 2009 Arran Riding Club Showing Show will be held at The Mayish on Sunday, July 12.

Schedules are available from Liz Kennedy 700552 and the closing date for entries is Wednesday July 8.

Well-known local artist John Connolly with the portrait of little baby Sophie Clark. 01_b27bab01

Special portrait for baby Sophie

A very special painting has been commissioned for a little baby from Brodick.

Baby Sophie Clark was given the portrait of herself last Tuesday to mark her first birthday by her grandparents Linda and Stewart Clark of Lamlash.

Sophie's grandparents asked well-known local artist John Connolly to paint their granddaughter.

'I call it 'A picture of Innocence', said John. 'I think a portrait is very special because every time you look at it, it feels like the very first time.'

'Hopefully every birthday Sophie will look at the picture and remember her grandparents.'

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Ena feels the wind in her hair again

An energetic lady from Whiting Bay proved that you are never too old to have fun this week when she jumped on the back of a four cylinder, 900cc motor tricycle.

Ena Arnold, aged 89, first got a taste for motorbikes back in 1930 when her father had a bike

and sidecar. Her home-carer Nigel Taylor decided to take her for a spin on his tricycle to let her feel the wind in her hair once again.

'It can go faster than the bike and sidecar,' she said after a wee run. 'Thank you, Nigel.' Jim Arnold, Ena's son said

that in 1930 his mother lived in Dalmuir, near Clydebank, and that the family holiday in Maidens would be quite a distance for them to travel on the old bike and side-car.

'They visited Maidens a lot. In fact mother Bennett (Ena's mum) got to know a householder who allowed her to keep camping stuff in the basement,' said Jim. 'The house is still there, though the fields round about are now all built up.'

'Ena's mum was killed in the Clydebank blitz and the camping stuff was never retrieved!'

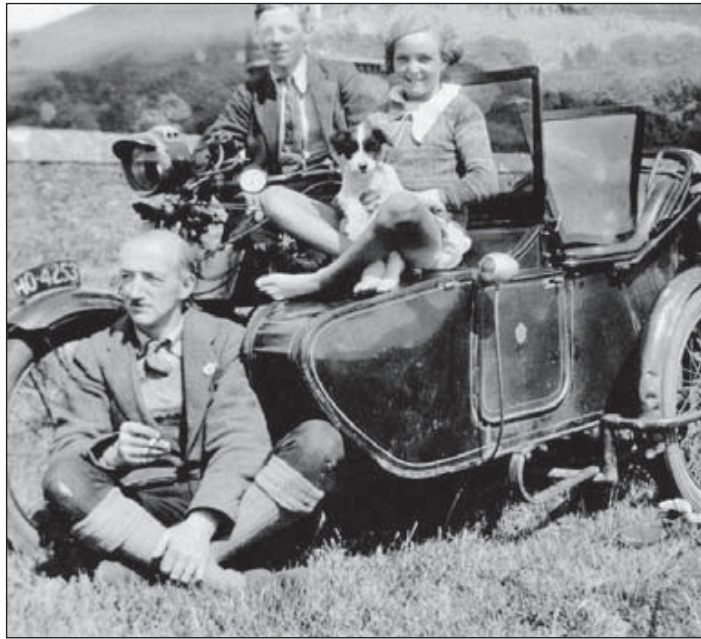
Jim added: 'We can see Maidens from Whiting Bay, where we live now. It was really Ena's mum who wanted to 'get away camping'.

'Grandad had the responsibility of the transport and was not so adventurous.'

'That spirit came out in both Ena and her brother George and in Ena's case it was her confidence that persuaded dad that they should buy a very old cottage in Whiting Bay in 1960 and eventually they managed to build the house that we are in now.'



Ena goes for a spin on a motor tricycle with her home-carer Nigel Taylor in Whiting Bay this week. b27arn02



Ena Arnold (then Ena Bennett) pictured sitting on her father's motorbike in 1930 when she was 10, with her brother and father. b27arn01

Visitor's flock to Lady Jean's garden open day

Local garden enthusiasts and visitors made a bee-line for Lady Jean Fforde's garden at Strabane last Monday.

It was an opportunity to see behind the scenes of one of the island's special gardens and the open day was in aid of the Arran Hospice Fund. Lady Jean

told the Banner: 'Everyone was very complimentary about the quality of the garden. They just couldn't believe that I only have two part-time gardeners.'

Amazing Sum

'Kathy Sayer comes in three mornings a week and Tommy Taylor comes on a Saturday

and Sunday. We raised the amazing sum of £405 in an afternoon.'

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Plea for lost bracelet

A lady from Lamlash has contacted *The Banner* to report a bracelet that she has lost somewhere on the island.

It is a gold chain bracelet with a three bar gate safety clasp and it is of great sentimental value.

If anyone has found the bracelet please telephone *The Banner* on 302142.

St Molio's church sale

The annual summer sale for St Molio's Church in Shiskine will be held in Shiskine Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday July 8.

Sussex man wins Red Cross summer quiz

From the four correct entries the lucky winner of the Arran Red Cross summer quiz was Geoff Gostling of Marlesham, Sussex.

The correct answers were 1 Nuneaton, 2 Basildon, 3 Dumbarton, 4 Lincoln, 5 Kilmarnock, 6 Glossop, 7 Barry, 8 Derby, 9 Skegness, 10 Durham, 11 Edinburgh, 12 Minehead, 13 Rotherham, 14 Didcot, 15 Montrose, 16 Broadstairs, 17 Sandbach, 18 Ayr, 19 Brighton, 20 Knaresborough, 21 Gloucester, 22 Colchester, 23 London, 24 Maidenhead.

Many thanks to all who entered the Red Cross summer quiz.

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The last Arran Gun Club shoot at Balnacool on June 7. b27gun01

Gun club open to new members

At the recent annual general meeting of the Arran Gun Club Allan Hollick was reappointed chairman and Henry Tait vice chairman. The treasurer is Jill Hollick and secretary Judy Draycott.

Judy said: 'We meet on the first Sunday of each month at Balnacool, weather permitting, and newcomers and visitors are welcome. We are a group of people from all walks of life and ages. Refreshments are available on site.'

'Tuition is available and you don't have to own your own gun to begin with. Our youngest member is Luke Cannon who had an excellent first shoot, beating the scores of some of the more experienced guns.'



Nancy MacLeod of Corrie with her daughters Elaine and Janice before their Moonwalk. b27pin01

Walkers are in the pink!

A number of Arran people took part in the annual Moonwalk charity event last weekend to raise funds and awareness of breast cancer. Nancy MacLeod and her two daughters Elaine and Janice did the walk along with several thousand others from midnight on Saturday in Edinburgh. She said: 'Many thanks to all who kindly sponsored us. We raised just over £700.'

Lesley McHale and friends opted to do the walk on Arran. She said: 'Congratulations to all the Machrie square Moonwalkers and supporters. The total raised was £380. Well done.'

Rum goings-on at Shiskine Fair (Faidhir an t-Seasginn)

A new CD of Arran music tells some tales of strange goings-on in Shiskine in years gone by.

Two weeks ago Gillian Frame's new CD of traditional music was featured in the *Banner*. Brodick girl Gillian is a seasoned performance and recording artist and teacher. The recording is the result of two year's research into Arran traditional music, and Shiskine Fair is one of the songs.

Shiskine Fair was a well-known and loved Gaelic song that was still being sung well into the 20th century. Liz Dale of Pirnmill remembers her father, Donald Craig, who was

one of Arran's last native Gaelic speakers, singing it to her when she was a child.

The subject of the song was the best known of a number of fairs that took place round the island.

What made this Shiskine Fair different was that it was a horse fair held at night, which led to some roguery and unscrupulous dealings. There was a story of one man who returned from the fair after several transactions with his own horse and an extra £5 in his pocket.

Unfortunately for Iain Carra (Iain Kerr), a crofter and weaver from Lochranza, and the writer

of the song, fortune was not so kind. Although he was confident he would get a good price for his horse, he was taken in by an Irishman who would hide his horses near the inn and take advantage of any innocents the worse for drink.

Iain returned home minus his own horse and with a wretched and untameable beast in its place. The poor animal ended its days when its owner realised its hide would be more useful turned into a weaver's apron.

It is a salutary little tale that should discourage Shiskine folk from over-imbibing nowadays.

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Future for agricultural shows is uncertain

The Royal Highland Show at Ingliston, Edinburgh has just set a new attendance record over its four days with more than 176,000 people coming through the gates last week.

Perfect weather helped the turnout, but all is not well in the farming world.

Many county shows and local shows are struggling to make ends meet. Costs have risen, sponsorship is ever harder to find, and the main income only comes in at the gate over the one or two days of the show. This makes it an increasingly fragile business to run an agricultural show.

The Arran Show is not immune from these problems. The show directors work tirelessly throughout the year to put on a day of family entertainment in the full knowledge that a really wet day, such as last year's show, could spell financial disaster.

The Royal Show held over four days at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire is closing for good next week. It opens next Tuesday and on Friday will finally close its gates. It is a massive event which was given a Royal Charter by Queen Victoria in 1840.

It regularly attracts more than 1,000 trade exhibitors but after 170 years it has come to the end of the line.

The Royal Agricultural Society chairman has expressed a wish that everyone will make a great effort to bid a fond farewell to the Royal Show. Among the reasons for its demise are the increasingly stringent rules and regulations and the cost of adhering to these.

The Moreton Show in the Cotswolds is reputed to be the biggest one-day show in Britain. But its future is hanging by a thread. Heavy rain caused a washout last September and the directors are seriously considering whether they can continue.

Agricultural shows have established themselves as the one time in the year when town meets country. They are a showcase for rural and agricultural products and skills.

The ones that are surviving have had to diversify to provide more entertainment for the crowds. Shopping malls and craft marquees have come in; so have demonstrations of traditional skills such as shoeing horses, shearing sheep, stick-making and drystone dyking.

At the same time, livestock numbers throughout the UK have fallen and many farmers have gone to the wall or had to take second jobs outside farming.

In August the 173rd Arran Show will be moving to a new location for the third time in four years. It is difficult to imagine the expense of holding an event for more than 3,000 people on a green field site.

It has become one of the focal meeting places of the year. Arran folk who have moved away will return for the show and the highland games, knowing that they will meet so many of their pals.

The Royal Highland Show describes itself as the greatest show on earth. It was formed in 1784 to promote the regeneration of rural Scotland.

If ever the countryside needed regenerating it does now.

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



Heartfelt thanks from Jackie

Sir,
I am writing to thank all your readers who have put their hands on their hearts and signed up to volunteer with British Heart Foundation (BHF) Scotland this June.

Volunteers play a vital role in the work of BHF Scotland and their dedication helps to save and improve the lives of those affected by heart disease.

There are so many ways you can get involved with supporting the lifesaving work of BHF Scotland - from placing collection boxes and volunteering in a BHF Scotland Shop to organising your own event, such as a coffee morning.

You only have to give the time you can afford - whether it's a regular day a week or a few hours a year. Whatever you choose to do, you'll be able to take pride in the fact you've taken time to help the charity's work in saving lives and fighting heart disease.

Giving a hand to BHF Scotland is a great way to support the charity and it can also be incredibly rewarding so if you haven't already got involved, why not find out more by visiting bhf.org.uk/volunteer, emailing volunteer@bhf.org.uk or calling 0300 456 8353, lines are open 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours,
Jackie Brambles
'Loose Women' presenter and radio broadcaster



Jackie Brambles, of Loose Women and Shiskine. b27jak01

Bad bag lady in the Co-op

Sir,
When at the checkout in the Co-operative I observed a woman fill about 16 plastic carrier bags.

The Co-operative's re-usable environmentally-friendly bags were pointed out to her but she continued to use the plastic ones.

Even though the plastic bags are biodegradable, that can take several years. In the meantime they end up on landfill or as litter. Some plastics find their way to the sea and have caused the death of marine turtles and other marine species.

How much easier and better for the environment it would be to use bigger reusable holdalls.

Yours,
Margaret Dunn
Whiting Bay

The elusive bat

Sir,
The following poem is inspired by the *Banner* story about the elusive bats at Brodick Castle.

The long-eared bat's a pretty thing,
Especially when on the wing.

So knowledgeable people say,
Though hard to find by night or day.

The search is on, but if you're right,
It will be clear to one and all,

He's not just difficult to find,
But, really, he's not there at all!

Yours,
John Cruickshank
Canberra
Whiting Bay

Shiskine Valley sports day

Sir,
Due to the success of last year's re-vamped format, Shiskine Valley Sports Day on July 11 will carry on with the 2pm start through to the Duck Derby finale around 5pm. We will have our Round the Square Fun Run, kiddies races, It's a Knockout (not to be missed - it's going to be very messy), Shiskine Sheepstakes and all the usual tea/beer tents and stalls.

Shiskine Hall is providing food in the marquee where Coco's Cocktail Bar will remain open for refreshments. There will be no live band this year.

Five-a-side football heats and finals will take place on the preceding Thursday starting at 6pm. New medals have been specially commissioned. Sunday July 12 is the Texas Scramble (phone Shiskine Golf Club 860226 for tee times). This year's theme is 'Favourite Fictional Characters'. Will Harry Potter outnumber James Bond and Spiderman?

Finally, anyone wanting to have a space to pitch a stall this year can contact Karen on 860246, if you haven't already done so. Fingers crossed for another dry day this year!

Yours,
Liz Kerr
Shiskine Valley Sportsday committee

Motocross magic

Sir,
I would just like to pass my thanks on to the Arran Motorcross Club.

I was on holiday with my family in Whiting Bay at the weekend and had contacted the club to find out about going on their track. Andy Surridge and Amanda Trotter were very helpful in passing on details and told us about the open track day on Sunday 28 June. The open track day was fantastic. Everybody at the club was very friendly and made us feel very welcome. I got some good tips and advice and will definitely be back for the next open track day. Thanks again to everyone at the club who made our holiday all the more enjoyable.

Yours,
Callum Baird
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Letter to council

Copy of a letter sent to Ian Snodgrass, chief executive, North Ayrshire Council.

Dear Mr Snodgrass,
I read in the national press that when the condition of an A road is categorised as red then it must be repaired immediately, and when it is categorised as

amber it should be repaired as soon as possible.

I wish to know who decides the difference between amber and red. What is the position regarding B and C roads?

Recent sections of the Brodick to Corrie road have been planed and resurfaced. I have witnessed that two inches of tarmac has been planed off the surface and the gravel base of the road exposed. Surely it is a waste of time and money to resurface with just two inches of tarmac when there is not a substantial base. How can subsidence be stopped by this inadequate method? The road will just subside again.

During the week of June 22 resurfacing and laying bitumen and chippings on the Brodick to Lamlash road took place. Less than a week later the surface on large sections of this road is smooth and shiny with a large ridge in the middle of the carriageway. Who signs off this shoddy workmanship to approve payment?

In my opinion this has been a sheer waste of taxpayers money as it will have to be resurfaced again. On the same day the NAC Trading Standards officers were stopping vehicles of local tradesmen to check on their bona fides, stating that rogue traders were taking advantage of vulnerable residents on the island. I believe the road contractors should be questioned as to their workmanship. If a job like that had been done on my own driveway I would not have paid the contractor.

Finally, I wish to be told who decides where road repairs should be carried out. I wonder why Lamlash hill is chosen to be resurfaced and not the String, Low Kildonan, Corrie, the Boguillie, Machrie Moor or the switchbacks? I ask for a breakdown of the cost of major roadworks on Arran in the last five years. If you are unable to provide this information would you kindly tell me where I can obtain it?

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High School salon up and running

Hairdressing is one of the new vocational courses being offered at Arran High School and this week the pupils got to work in their brand new salon.

The six girls in third year are studying for an Intermediate One certificate in hairdressing and they now have a proper salon to work in.

Mrs Paul, the hairdressing teacher, explained that although the core of the class focuses around working in a hair salon, the course is more geared towards general work skills.

'The girls are learning lots of different skills on the course,' said Mrs Paul. 'It is important for them to learn how to conduct themselves in interviews, to know what to do when they go to do work experience, and just generally to have an idea what it is like out there in the working world.'

The salon inside could be mistaken for a proper hairdressers with it's specialised customised basin for washing hair and three separate areas for styling hair.

Mr Douglas Auld, headmaster of the school, said: 'When the new school was built we had asked for them to provide us with classrooms for more vocational style teaching.'



Bethany Stone blowdries Abbey Phelps' hair. 01_b27sa102



Toni Farrell gets to grips with Mr Auld's hair in the new school salon. 01_b27sa101



Jenna Taylor washes classmate Zoe McCabe's hair. 01_b27sa103



Toni Farrell straightening the hair of Islay Gerraghty. 01_b27sa104

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Trees ancient and modern

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The talk was in aid of the Red Cross Transport and Escort Service for the island and £168 was raised. The local Red Cross group is grateful to the Pier Head tavern for supplying the soup for lunch.

Ninna's bagpack

The coffers of Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church benefited by £360 last week thanks to a bagpack done by Ninna Crisp and her helpers. Ninna said: 'On behalf of the church, a huge thanks goes to all the shoppers and the Co-op.'



Mairi Christie, left, receives the Rotary chain of office from outgoing president Gillian Bussell. 02_b27rot01



Gillian Bussell presents the trio of Arran High School public speakers with a special shield in recognition of their achievements. 02_b27rot02

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Peter Gordon

Outgoing Rotary Club president tells of the highlights of her term of office

At last week's Isle of Arran Rotary Club meeting, outgoing president Gillian Bussell highlighted the interesting events during her term of office.

In particular, three events were very meaningful for her and the club. Firstly, the support of Arran Rotary for Maggie's Cancer charity and secondly the visit to the Garden

of Cosmic Speculation near Dumfries.

The other main highlight of the year was the excellent performance of the Arran High School public speaking team in reaching the finals of the British Rotary Club competition.

Chris Jenks, Kath O'Donnolly and Iona Flewitt did themselves proud.

Kath was the person to receive the award for being the best chairperson in the whole nationwide competition. Gillian presented shields to the team in recognition of their effort.

As the evening progressed, Gillian handed over her chain of office to Mairi Christie, who as the new president for the forthcoming session thanked Gillian for her work for the club.

Mairi then announced to the members her hopes for the next year.

She hoped that during her term of office the club would enjoy coming to the meetings where fellowship would be of prime importance.

Mairi's aims for the club are to continue to assist in the Rotary drive to eradicate polio, to put service before self both locally and nationally and to transmit the proper image of Rotary. Finally, she is determined to seek out talent and use it and get new members who are prepared to commit themselves to these aims.

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Mon 15th July	Junior Beach Treasure Hunt Come and find where the treasure is buried! 11.00am - £1 per child	Family BBQ & Japanese Drumming They're back! Extensive salad bar & vegetarian options available 6.00pm - Adults £4.00 - Children £2.00 (includes burger/hotdog)
Tues 14th July	Cake & Coffee Morning Homebaking - Tombola 10.30am	Round Kildonan Road Race 7.00pm Entry £2 adults £1 children
Wed 15th July	Bird Walk Buzzards, stonechats, warblers - all ages welcome. 2.00pm - Donations Cream Teas & Refreshments Available all afternoon	Family Bingo Eyes down look in... £££ Cash prizes £££ 8.00pm - £1 per card
Thurs 16th July	Children's Activities 11.00am - 1.00pm pre school 2.00pm - 4.00pm primary Beach & Hall Limited places please book on 400247	Car Treasure Hunt & BBQ How well do you know your way around Arran? Who will be back first? ££ Cash prizes ££ BBQ available 7.00pm - £5.00 per car
Fri 17th July	Here Come the Girls! Ruby, Dazze & Corrie are back with new doggie tricks and a brand new show! 2.00pm - Donations	
Sat 18th July	Mini Sports Day All your normal favourites - tug of war, plate smashing - pillow fights Craigend Stadium (by Silver Sands) 2.00pm - 50p entry	Grand Finale Dancing - Bar £5.00 per ticket

All activities are in or start at The Kildonan Village Hall unless otherwise stated

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Kildonan Hall - 9.30pm onwards
Tickets £5.00
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Last week Archie was sitting quietly outside Lamlash Post Office. Fiss was first with the correct answer, but some thought he was outside Brodick Post Office. This week he is next to a bridge, but where is that bridge going to? b27arc01

Pentathlon sports day at Arran High School



The start of the S3/4 boys 800 metres. 02_b27pen04



Senior boys winner Cameron Paul powers round the track in the 800 metres. 02_b27pen03

Arran High School sports day this year took the form of a pentathlon.

Pupils competed in five different events on a perfect summer's day last Tuesday.

The five disciplines were 800 metres, 100 metres, high jump, long jump and discus.

Winners were as follows:-

S2 boys: 1 Moir McCallum, 2 Euan Bone, 3 Connor Reid.

S2 girls: 1 Kristina Colwell, 2 Lottie Herbert-Lilley, 3 Eilidh Blair.

S3/4 boys: 1 Jack Barbour, 2 Peter Sell, 3 Miles Mallinson.

S3/4 girls: 1 Lynn Ramage, 2 Lauren McAllister, 3 Rachael Mulholland.

S5/6 boys: 1 Cameron Paul, 2 Sam Tattersfield, 3 Andrew Earle.

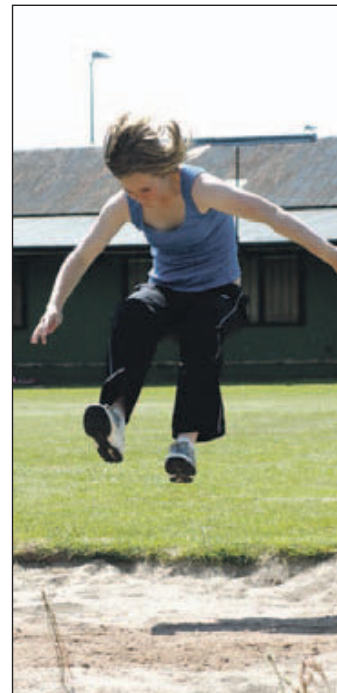
S5/6 girls: 1 Shauna Jameson, 2 Amy Downard, 3 Julie McDonald.



Lynn Ramage with a leap of 3.5 metres, on her way to winning the long jump. 02_b27pen01



Junior boys champion Moir McCallum winning the 800 metres. 02_b27pen05



Rachael Mulholland came third in the S3/4 girls competition. 02_b27pen02

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 Tickets priced £10 are available at:
 KA Leisure office
 daily from
MONDAY 6th July 10 - 2pm.
Thereafter at the door before event
 NB Over 18's only as this event is licensed

Brodick Castle, Gardens & Country Park
 Tel: 0844 4932152

Monday 6th July 'The Secrets of Brodick Castle' (Adult Tour to include Battlements weather permitting) 2.00pm. Booking essential. 302202 Entrance to the Castle plus additional £3

Tuesday 7th July 'The Forgetful Princess'. A tour for 3 - 6 year olds. One adult only to accompany. 1.30 pm front hall of castle. Free with entry to Castle. Places limited. Booking essential 302202

Tuesday 7th July 'Castle Secrets' A tour for 7 - 11 year olds. 2.15pm front hall of Castle. Free with entry to Castle. Places limited. Booking essential 302202 No adult to accompany

Wednesday 8th July 'The Vile Victorians'. A tour for 7 - 11 year olds. 2.00 pm front hall of Castle. No adult to accompany. Places limited. Booking essential 302202 Free with entry to Castle

Tuesday 7th July Guided Garden Walk. Meet 2.00pm at Reception Centre. Entry to Gardens plus £2

Ranger Service
 Wednesday 8th July Guided walk Cir Mhor 9.30 - 5.00pm
 £20 Booking Essential 302462

Thursday 9th July Summer Wildflowers Walk in Country Park. 2.00pm - 3.30 pm. Meet at Reception Centre. Free with entry

Sunday - Thursday Castle Open 11 - 4pm
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Lamlash Church Guild ANNUAL FETE
 Tuesday 7th July
 2-4pm
 at Arran High School
 Various stalls, teas & home baking
 Everyone Welcome

Sannox Sixes - a big hit in Brodick

Sannox Cricket Club hosted the annual six-a-side competition in the Ormidale Park in Brodick, away from home, for the first time in three years.

The competition and fun-day is the club's major fund-raising event having lost its main sponsor to the recession earlier this year.

Eleven teams of six entered, including the ladies team, The Pussey Cat Trolls, the X men from the motorcycle club, the Poets knocked out in the first round, the Binmen, Sannox Juniors who put up a spirited show, The Jackson 6, Southenders with their fetching white boiler suits, the Brewery who fermented much attention and the High School teachers who were fielding a very strong side.

Shots were variously swiped, combed, howked, slammed and potted away to different corners of the Ormidale Park. 'Toddlers stopped play' from time to time as wayward small children took shortcuts from the skateboard park to the reclining and picnicking parents.

These same children were treated to the vagaries of the Beat-the Bat, the dunking machine, kindly manned by Arran Rugby Club, and the Sannox Coconut shy which, after the coconuts were exhausted, for a frenetic 15 minutes, became the Im-Bru shy.

A brisk trade in hamburgers was managed by Josephine Pomeroy ably assisted by Ed O'Donnolly.

Christian Pomeroy manned the coconuts while Jim Gourlay



shone in his role as the batsman every visitor wanted to beat. Eric Dunn, club chairman, again adopted his alter ego of Richie Benaud, legendary Australian cricket commentator and Robin Jenks fared unswervingly as scorer.

Other supporting roles were filled by club members and spouses and friends. Thanks go to all of them. Music from Gavin Dunn helped proceedings bowl along and for those live music aficionados, the Swamphill Mob provided live music in the beer tent.

Of the competition itself really only the result matters. The High School teachers who looked so strong won against the Binmen in a final that finished in a draw of 41 runs each and had to be decided with a nail-biting bowl off. The teachers, ably captained by Martin McCartney lifted the new Sannox 6s trophy. The change of venue has led to a much more successful event and club members are already talking about next years when it's hoped that visitor numbers can be at least doubled. For more news on the event phone 303810 or log onto www.sannoxcricketclub.com



Gregor Adamson batting for the Jackson Six, with Murray Boal of the Motocross Club keeping wicket. 02_b27six03

The winning Teachers team received the Sannox Sixes trophy from club chairman Eric Dunn. b27six01



Lewis Kennedy made a spectacular entrance to the cricket ground on Murray Boal's Montessa 250. 02_b27six04

ARRAN HERITAGE MUSEUM
Rosaburn, Brodick
SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC002089

Sunday 5th July from 1.30pm

HORSE-SHOEING DEMONSTRATION

The smiddy fire will be lit, and the blacksmiths will fit new shoes to a local horse. Join in the rest of the fun such as horseshoe tossing, tombola, and visit behind the scenes in the museum storerooms.

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Saturday, June 24, 1989

Hidden in the depths

Should Lochranza pier be completely demolished or not?

Last winter we printed a picture of it flying to bits in a storm and it is now a danger to anyone who ventures near it.

And now it has been revealed that in the sea underneath the pier there are explosives that could send it sky high without a moments warning.

And there is yet another aspect to this story as underneath the pier there is a myriad of rare sea creatures, soft coral, dahlia anemones and all sorts of sponges that have taken more than 100 years to grow there.

Blow up the pier and they will be lost forever but this is precisely what CalMac, owners of the berth, plan to do.

Lochranza residents are generally very sad to see the continued degeneration of the pier but Councillor Evelyn Sillars says she can see no argument for keeping it.

'One's got to be realistic,' she said. 'It would cost hundreds of thousands to restore.'

Unleaded available

We have been told that unleaded petrol will be delivered to Arran from the first week in July.

It will come by road tanker via the MV Isle of Arran and not the Claonaig to Loch Ranza run as expected.

BP have sent a letter to the Tourist Board saying unleaded petrol could be here by then providing there are no more than 300 passengers on the ferry which carries the petrol tanker.

New owners for the 'bread bin'

Two sisters, Yvonne O'Reagan and Diane Ord have taken over the Breadalbane Hotel, Kildonan this week.

Their first visit to Arran was last Easter when they came to look at the hotel and Mrs Ord's husband will join them as soon he is finished the construction job he is currently working on.

Although the Breadalbane apartments are well booked in advance and the bar is in

operation, they plan to open the doors this Sunday for buffet lunches.

Big roasts, salads and seafood will all be on the menu they say.

Long walk for Arran men

Four Arran stalwarts walked in the searing heat around the island last Sunday to raise funds for the Hospital Supporters League.

Local police officer Alan Hill walked anti-clockwise starting in Whiting Bay at 5am and reached Pirnmill where, unfortunately he was advised to retire with blistered feet having covered 28 miles.

Neilly McKechnie, John Penncott and Neil Gillies left Whiting Bay at 6.30am, walking in the opposite direction, and all finished together in a shared time of 12 hours 37 minutes, a remarkable 'feet' on such a scorching day.

The Fanatic Shiskine poison the rat

In the second clash of the current top two teams in the football league this week at the Tin Hut in Lamlash, Shiskine ran out convincing 4-1 victors over Lamlash in what was a mighty battle.

Lamlash have been showing signs of weakness in a few of their games this term but the superb form of Dougie 'black rat' Macfarlane has covered over the cracks up until now.

This week Shiskine waged warfare on the rat and he seldom got the chance to venture from his rat hole at the heart of the PHT White's defence.

All too often it is Shiskine who lose their bottle on the big occasion, this time their 'Bottle' was very much in evidence probing the Lamlash defence and creating space for his fellow Arran haulage Reds.



The Lamlash team, winners of the junior section in Barr's Irn Bru seven-a-side football tournament played at Sandbraes. b27twe03



Brodict painter Jackie Donaldson retired from the fire brigade after nearly 19 years of fire fighting with an average of one fire per week. He is being presented here by divisional officer Paraig McKay who, although from Ayr, was himself brought up on Arran at Glensherraig. b27twe01



Every Cub worth his salt is an expert at a sausage sizzle. Here some of the Lamlash Cub pack show how it should be done on the beach. b27twe02



Mrs Mary McDairmid presents a souvenir photograph to Mr Donald McNiven at the Kinloch Hotel in recognition of his long service to the Dougarie Sheepdog trials. b27twe05



Taking over at the Breadalbane Hotel, Kildonan this week are two sisters Diane Ord (left) and Yvonne O'Reagan from Doncaster. b27twe04

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Fri - Over 21's Disco - 10pm
Sat - Over 21's Disco 10pm
Sun - Country/Blues with string theory 9.30pm
Tue - Pop Quiz 10pm

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Arran Garden Club social evening

The Arran Garden Club held their annual social evening and plant sale at the National Trust for Scotland Rangers Centre at Brodick Castle on Thursday evening.

Organised each year as an informal get-together, members of the club can bring along plants from their own gardens to sell.

Judy McAllister, chairman of the club, said: 'It's just a nice relaxed evening where everyone comes along and enjoys a glass of wine and mingles

around the plant stall.

'It is also an important night for us to raise funds for the club through the plant sale and the raffle as we need money to pay for the speakers throughout the rest of the year.'

One of the highlights of the evening was a very unusual hanging basket that had been created by Mairi Thomson of Lamlash.

It was a large pink ladies bra planted-up with dainty little flowers.

'At a recent meeting of the

Garden Club in Kildonan, Jim Jack the local horticultural expert, told us that you can literally plant-up anything, so I thought I'd put his theory to the test,' said Mairi. 'I used one of my daughter's bras.

'I sewed the bottom parts together and inserted a bit of wood at the back to give it some support. It has worked really well.'

The 'hanging bra' was auctioned at the plant sale and the money raised will be donated to Marie Curie Cancer Research.



The committee of the Arran Garden Club prove you 'can plant-up anything'. They are, from left to right, Judy McAllister, Bill Kinnaird, Mairi Thomson (the creator of the hanging basket), Carol Vella-Boyle, Derek Jarvill and Jim Jack. 01_b27soc08



Bill Kinnaird manning the plant stall. 01_b27soc03



Fiona Tait, John Gray and Elinor Kinnaird. 01_b27soc01



Marion Gentleman of Lochranza. 01_b27soc02



May Hamilton with Judy McAllister, chairman of the Arran Garden Club. 01_b27soc04



Terry and Jackie Rowe with Jim Jack. 01_b27soc05



Derek Jarvill and Mairi Thomson were selling the all important raffle tickets.

01_b27soc06



Carol and George Davis with Margaret Mackay. 01_b27soc07

BANNER**WHAT'S ON...****EVERYDAY**

Brodick Castle, Gardens & Country Park 11am - 4pm
Trout fishing Loch Garbad, Boat or Bank
Hawk Walks Lamlash
Fitness Assessments, Gym Induction, Personal Training Auchrannie Spa & Gym
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick 10.30am - 4.30pm

SATURDAY 4th JULY

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football Coaching, 10.30am - noon
Karate Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Learn to Salsa KA Campus, 9.30am - 10.30am
Family Games Kids & Adults Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the Spa Pool Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Over 21s Disco The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game 2pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 2pm
RNLI Shop Open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm

SUNDAY 5th JULY

Alcoholics Anonymous St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
Family Games Kids & Adults Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the Spa Pool Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes Library Annexe, 1.45pm
Folk Session Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
RNLI Shop Open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Horse Shoeing Demonstration Heritage Museum, From 1.30pm
Lamlash Beach Clean and BBQ From 2pm
Cricket Match - Sannox v Gargunnoch Sannox Oval, 11am
Arran Motocross Fun Day 10am - 2pm

MONDAY 6th JULY

Senior Fitness Auchrannie 10am & 11am (Gym)
Over 50's Badminton Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Cardiac Rehab Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm
Circuit Training Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
Citizens Advice Open 10am - 2pm
AB Attack KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm
Aerobics Class KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm
Weight Wise Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
Netball High School Sports Hall - Seniors 8pm - 9pm
Folk Session Kildonan Hotel, 9pm
Summer Bridge High School, 6.45pm
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game 6.45pm
Kilmory Wildlife Viewing Camera Kilmory Hall, 10am - 5pm
Lamlash Rink Bowling Game 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm
Country Dancing Brodick Church Hall-
Community meeting Kildonan Hall, 7.30pm
Summer Coffee Morning Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am - 12pm

TUESDAY 7th JULY

Lochranza Swimming Club Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Pop Quiz The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran Civic Trust Ormidale Pavillion 7.30pm
Legs Bums & Tums Auchrannie Spa 6pm - 7pm (Studio)
Army Cadets Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Pop Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Alcoholics Anonymous Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
Citizens Advice Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)
Pulmonary Rehab Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)
Open Music Session Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Indoor Bowling Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

Brodick Toddler Group
Body Conditioning Class
Youth Club
Senior Fitness
Rotary Club
Kilmory Wildlife Viewing Camera
Open Folk Session
Whiting Bay Drama "Secondary Cause of Death"
Lamlash Church Guild Annual Fete

Church Hall, 10am - 12pm
 KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm
 Kildonan Hall - 6pm
 Auchrannie, 10am - 11am
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
 Kilmory Hall, 10am - 5pm
 Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 9pm
 Village Hall, 8pm
 Arran High School, 2pm - 4pm

WEDNESDAY 8th JULY

Hockey
Core Strength
Jnr Rugby Training
Aquafizz
Circuit Training
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy
Kickboxing
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game
Kilmory Wildlife Viewing Camera
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game
Family Ceilidh
The Waverley "Lochs & Carrick Castle"

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm (Games Hall)
 Auchrannie 5.30 - 6pm
 P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm- 7.15pm
 Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am (Hotel Pool)
 Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
 10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm
 KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm
 Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
 Ormidale Park, 7.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
 Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
 6.45pm
 7pm
 Kilmory Hall, 10am - 5pm
 7pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm - 11pm
 Sails From Brodick Pier, 11.30am

THURSDAY 9th JULY

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

Auchrannie 10am - 11am
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Open 10am - 2pm
 Hall, 2pm
 St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
 Auchrannie Gym 2pm - 3pm
 Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
 KA Leisure, front reception 5.30pm
 KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm
 Whiting Bay School 6.45pm
 Auchrannie Hall 7pm
 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5pm - 7pm
 Sannox Oval, 6pm
 Kilmory Hall, 10am - 5pm
 Sails From Brodick Pier, 3pm

FRIDAY 10th JULY

Arran Pipe Band Practice
Aquafizz
Citizens Advice
Quiz
Adult Tennis
Over 21's Disco
Foundations at the Cabin
Kilmory Wildlife Viewing Camera

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
 Open 10am - 2pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 4.00pm - 6.30pm
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Brodick, 7pm - 9pm
 Kilmory Hall, 10am - 5pm

SATURDAY 11th JULY

Holy Isle Garden Party
Shiskine Valley Sports Day

Continuous Sailings from 11.30am at Lamlash Pier
 John Robertson Memorial Field Shiskine, 2pm

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Applications for planning permission - Notice to be published in accordance with Article 12(5) Written comments to be made within 14 days.

Application No: 09/00407/PP Address: Manitoulin, Claulands Road, Lamlash, Brodick Isle Of Arran KA27 8LH. Proposed Development: Erection of replacement double garage incorporating bridge to rear of detached dwelling house.

Application No: 09/00398/PP Address: Site To West Of Ardmhor Cottage, Ardmhor Road, Whiting Bay Brodick, Isle Of Arran. Proposed Development: Erection of single storey detached dwelling house.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTRARY TO DEVELOPMENT PLANS) (SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 1996

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Application No: 09/00398/PP Address: Site To West Of Ardmhor Cottage, Ardmhor Road, Whiting Bay Brodick, Isle Of Arran. Proposed Development: Erection of single storey detached dwelling house.

Ayrshire Structure Plan Policy(s) :-
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Application No: 09/00396/PP Address: Bay House, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8JN. Proposed Development: Erection of dwelling house to form semi-detached property.

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Sannox league chances evaporate in Oban



Scott Weir did some snappy running between the wickets to put on 24. 15_t27sannox03

Last Sunday saw an early start for the Sannox cricket boys as they headed off for Oban for an important match in the Argyll league calendar.

Oban, last year's league winners, had been rumoured to be strong, having beaten both Mid Argyll and Carradale to be rightly favourites to win the cup again this year. Arran, at one time Oban's main competitor for the title, travelled to Taynuilt in convoy in the sun.

Sannox won the toss and skipper Chris Marriott elected to bat in sunny and dry conditions. He could not have anticipated what both the weather conditions and Oban's skipper Isaac Forster would do with the ball. Tony Brookes and Jonny

May took to the crease to face arguably the best bowling they have faced all season. Forster's mixture of straight pacy balls interspersed with very late swing took its toll of the Sannox vanguard. Brookes fell for only three after a controversial LBW call. Rightly aggrieved Brookes said very little at the scorer's table for the next half hour.

May limped back after a demon ball that hugged the line of leg until the last six yards when it swung sharply and removed his off stump. Tim Pomeroy and Marriott fell for ducks leaving the visitors looking decidedly shaky. Steven Beardsley never looked happy but Sam Thornlie, playing for



Sannox skipper Chris Marriott, left, and Oban captain Isaac Forster. 15_t27sannox01

Sannox for the first time this season, put on 19 very disciplined and needed runs.

Even down one gear the Oban attack felt it was driving on cruise control. Leach and Campbell Brown and Carre all forced catches or LBWs. The Sannox juniors Michael Jenks and Jake Leese put on late runs to great huzzahs from the boundary. Arran finished on a

very unsteady 77 all out.

With such a small total to attack Oban knew they could go at it with gusto, which they did in the shape of Forster whom Sannox knew from previous encounters as a real danger man. He put on 19 quick runs before being caught by Eric Dunn at mid-on off Brookes' bowling. Alan Laycock put on 21 by the time Brookes

caught him square off Marriott's medium pace. Leach was an irritant for nine but when he and Campbell fell in rapid succession there was a sudden glimpse in the Sannox ranks of a remote win. The Arran boys closed in but by this point Oban were well within sight of the summit. Carre at number five, intent on sealing the job, swashed and buckled

his way to a quick 26 not out and, partnered by Mackenzie, both saw their team to a well-deserved win by six wickets. The return match with Oban is on July 12 at Sannox. Next home match is the Bryan Allsop memorial match this Sunday at 11am. For more information phone 600287 or log onto the spectacular Sannox website. <http://sannoxcricketclub.com>

Willie Innes rewarded for contribution to golf

This year Dougie Macfarlane has presented a new award to the Arran golfing calendar, the Dougie Macfarlane Award for Outstanding Contribution to Arran Golf.

Here he explains a little more about it.

'The Award is for someone who has contributed a lot of time and effort into golf on Arran, either in a playing sense or for green keeping, secretarial etc, there really is no limit to who can receive it.

Summer bridge

Results of the tournament on 29 June were: N/S 1= P Thomson and A Carr, E McNiven and R Thomson, 3 T Martin and D Hamilton. E/W 1 M Dick and J Dick, 2 M Bruce and D Bruce, 3 H Boyd and M McGill.

'I will be putting up the trophy each year and this year it was a nice whisky decanter ready engraved for the occasion with the person's name on.

'It will be presented at the Hope Cup finals night and the person chosen from the host club each year so that it does the rounds of the island clubs as each club has many deserving members. Along with the award the Arran Golfers Association has kindly agreed to give an honorary life membership to each winner for which I am very grateful, so no more green fees which is a nice touch.

'This years recipient was chosen from the Hope Cup host club Brodick and there was only really one person who could receive it in its first year and that was Willie Innes who has been an inspiration to many golfers over the years and won everything there is

to win on Arran. In a packed clubhouse Willie received the award which he accepted to a huge round of applause and a standing ovation.

'Next years Hope Cup is at Corrie so the nominee will be from there and I'm sure whoever gets it will be as deserving as Willie was. Hopefully its something different from the sometimes monotonous competitions that seem to be never ending at this time of the year, and as the years go by a popular presentation on Hope Cup day which is without doubt the biggest and best day in the Arran golfing calendar.'

Dougie Macfarlane, left, presents an engraved whisky decanter to Willie Innes. b27inn01



Times are changing at Brodick

After a quiet few years on the social front, Brodick Golf Club committee is making a real effort to re-ignite club spirit and make use of their attractive clubhouse facilities.

To this end they have drawn up a calendar of events; examples are monthly themed suppers with quiz, fun Texas scrambles, a barbecue, Hogmanay party and Burns supper. So far, the committee is being very well supported by the members and has been receiving encouraging feedback for their efforts. The next social event is on Saturday 4 July 2009, when there is an Italian Night with a quiz, which is open to members and their guests. The Club welcomes membership applications from both experienced golfers and beginners, they also have a limited number of social memberships available. Telephone Douglas on 302349, or Aileen on 860564, for more details.

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Whiting Bay lift Hope Cup for second year running

Whiting Bay retained the Hope Cup on Saturday. As 2008 winners, it was the first time since 1936 that they have retained the island's most prestigious team trophy.

This year's semi-finals and final day were held on a dry, sunny midge-free day and the golf played was as usual of a very high standard.

First semi final was between hosts Brodick and Lamlash, first game was between Neil Young and Iain Murchie against Derek Roxburgh and Jimmy Armit. Steady golf from both pairings saw the match all square going to the 16th where Neil pitched in off Iain's drive for a wonderful eagle 2 to go 1 up where they stayed till the match ended at the 18th.

Second match was Dougie Macfarlane and Lee Girbow against Alistair Dobson and Gordon Hendry, a couple of loose tee shots by Lamlash gave Brodick a 3-hole start but the Lamlash boys rallied and got the game back to all square after 11, a great birdie 3 for Brodick at 17 saw the overall match score all square going up the last where a lovely chip by debut boy Lee from an awkward position saw Lamlash sneak a 4 and just edge out the

Brodick team by the smallest of margins 1up.

Second semi final was Shiskine and Whiting Bay, and first out were Willie Kelso and Stuart Black against Jamie McPherson and Davy Morrison. Whiting Bay came out of the traps running and soon went 6 up, the match ending at the 15th with the score still 6 up. Second game was Nicol Auld and Malcolm Pennycott against Joe Faulkner and Jamie Stewart, an up and down game that saw Whiting Bay take an early lead but Shiskine rallied to go 1 up after 9, Nicol and Malcolm stepped up another gear after the turn winning 3 of the next 5 and the game ended at the 14th with the Whiting Bay boys 2 up and the match overall 8 up.

Lamlash faced last year's winners, Whiting Bay, in the final. First game off was Iain and Neil against Nicol and Malcolm, a stunning display of golf from the Whiting Bay lads saw them 6 up fairly quickly and although Neil and Iain got 2 back they lost the next 2 to go back to 6 down where the match stayed till the end. Nicol and Malcolm would probably have beaten any pairing as they were well under par.

Second off were Dougie and



Whiting Bay, winners of the 2009 Hope Cup. From left, Nicol Auld, Malcolm Pennycott, Sandy Pringle, Jamie MacPherson and David Morrison. b27hop04

Lee against Jamie and Davy. Lamlash got off to a slow start and went down early on but rallied to square after 9. A great 3 at 13 followed by a stunning pitch in for a 2 by Jamie at 14 saw the boys go 2 up and the match quickly ended after that with the combined score a comfortable 8 up to Whiting Bay.

Whiting Bay thoroughly deserved their second Hope Cup triumph on the bounce. Thanks to Brodick for the superb condition of the course and the excellent hospitality. The way the golf was played and the manner in which it was played was a credit to the clubs.



Hope Cup runners-up, Lamlash. From left, Lee Girbow, Neil Young, Miller Crawford, Iain Murchie and Dougie Macfarlane. 02_b27hop02



Sandy Kerr heads the ball clear in Shiskine's defence at last Wednesday's home match against Lamlash. The Kinloch Hotel boys beat a youthful Lamlash side by six goals to two. b27fo01

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