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Centenary celebrations for St Brides in Brodick

'We must be proud of the churches' past but also embrace a church of the future.' – Rev Angus Adamson

Around 200 people from Arran and the wider world gathered to celebrate the centenary of St Brides Church in Brodick on Sunday, for once bucking the national trend for falling congregational numbers.

The Rev David Arnott, the moderator of the Church of Scotland, attended the re-dedication service and said that such events make him feel 'very small' as he reflects on all those who have gathered in the building to worship God since 1910.

'We are going through a difficult period in our history but we must remember the people that stood here in very difficult times 100 years ago,' he told the congregation.

'They had the vision to build a church as a sign of hope for the future. Today we are standing in a monument to a wonderful heritage. And if it weren't for others standing firm then none of us would be standing here today.'

The first service was held in St Brides on 29 June 1910.

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The building was the result of a split in the United Free Church of Scotland, which saw members of the Brodick flock rebelling against then minister, the Rev J Kennedy Cameron.

Replicated

The service on Sunday replicated some of that initial gathering when the assembly sang the first hymn ever to be sung in the church 100 years ago, *All people that on earth do dwell* unaccompanied by the organ as it would have been in 1910.

Also as part of the celebration four Brodick youngsters were christened during the service.

Appropriately Abbie, Isla, Annie and Andrew are the great, great grandchildren of the first elder of Brodick Church – Alexander McKelvie.

In a time when the church was split by a terrible division in the Free Church, Rev Adamson said that Alexander McKelvie must have been 'quite a man' to stand up to church.

He along with others in Brodick spent 10 years raising money that allowed them not only to build the church we see today but also a manse.

'We live in their legacy of a united Church,' said the Rev Angus Adamson. 'It is now our duty to pass on this to the church of tomorrow. But we must not forget that Abbie, Annie, Isla and Andrew are the church of today and it is through them that the church will continue.'

He added that it was a delight to see the St Brides so full but that the only way forward is for it to be packed every Sunday.

'Goodwill and sentimentality are not enough,' he said. 'We must be proud of the churches past but also embrace a church of the future.'



Parish assistant Jean Hunter and the Reverend Angus Adamson with Rev David Arnott, the moderator of the Church of Scotland. 01_b27cen01

Arran represented at Monaco royal wedding

Prince Albert of Monaco married his bride Charlene Wittstock in a lavish £50million three-day ceremony last week, far outstripping the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

The guest list consisted of reigning and non-reigning royalty, other heads of state and government, ambassadors to Monaco from various countries, businessmen, entertainers, fashion designers, models, and sports personalities.

Among the illustrious guest list were Prince Edward and Sophie, Countess of Wessex, kings of Spain, Sweden and Belgium, French president Nicolas Sarkozy

and Charles and Lynn Ffordre of Sannox, underlining the links between the Monaco royal family and the Dukes of Hamilton.

Prince Albert and his future bride were guests of honour at the 90th birthday celebrations of Lady Jean Ffordre in Brodick last July.

Lady Jean's grandfather, William 12th Duke of Hamilton, had a sister who married Prince Albert I of Monaco in 1869.

Their son was Louis II, Prince of Monaco and his son was Prince Rainier III who married the American film star Grace Kelly.

They are of course the parents of Prince Albert who was married last week.

It was a delight to see St Brides to full



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Cash at last for all weather pitch work

The Isle of Arran Community Council has finally able to present the island's Sports Association with the money needed to repair the all-weather pitch in Brodick.

Two years ago the community council was awarded a one-off grant of £15,000 to spend as it saw fit for the benefit of their community.

At the time it was decided that the beneficiary should be one large project and the resurfacing of the all-weather pitch was agreed as a worthy cause.

However, the cost for the work was estimated at more than £20,000 and it has taken two years for the Sports Association committee to find match funding.

On Tuesday night the community council were able to

present them with a cheque, which will cover all the work.

A spokesman for the Sports Association said: 'The pitch is constantly used, especially in the winter, however, it is now at the end of its usable life and worn out.'

'By helping us with the funding in this way, the community council has helped to free up resources for routine maintenance to other parts of the complex, thus bringing it back up to an 'as new' condition.'

Without the Community Council's support, the Sports Association has estimated it would have taken them a further four years at least to be in a position financially to replace the all weather playing surface.



Community councillors Harry Davidson, Alison Prince and former council chairman Campbell Laing present the Sports Association's Kenny Morrison and Ian Small with the cheque for the all-weather pitch repairs. 01_b27comm01

Gold award for Apple Lodge

The Apple Lodge guesthouse in Lochranza has been awarded a prestigious gold award by VisitScotland.

Owners John and Jeannie Boyd were given the gold award at the end of last month in recognition of their high standard of customer care.

Jeannie said: 'This now means that we are a four star guest house. It was a complete surprise - we're absolutely delighted.'

A recent addition to the VisitScotland quality awards, the gold award has been introduced to highlight establishments that strive to exceed customer expectations.

Summer bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 4 July were: N/S 1 Jan Beattie and Janette McBride, 2 Roddie Thompson and Eendie McNiven, 3 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton. E/W 1 Helen Boyd and Jennifer Wales, 2 Winnie McCallum and Alan Dick 3 Donald and Ann Cattenach.

Constructive talks

Representatives from Arran attended the first 'passive house' seminar for construction companies in the region this week.

Argyll College and the Scottish Passive House Centre (SPHC) held the first ever seminar in Argyll and the islands to consider the rationale behind the passive house

concept.

A house built to passive house standard concentrates on the insulation and 'airtightness' of the shell combined with heat recovery ventilation. In a passive house, energy costs can be reduced dramatically with a corresponding rise in the feel good factor within the property.

Schooner master drowned after collision

As part of the 150th anniversary of The Oban Times we've been looking back at news reports from as far back as 1861.

Some reports come from Arran and in the coming weeks we'll be bringing you a few of them that we think might be of interest.

December 1866 Collision and loss of life

Between 12 and one o'clock on the morning of Friday last, a collision took place between the S.S Clydesdale and the schooner Samuel B. Johnston of Liverpool, off Deppin Point, Arran.

It is reported that the schooner was at the time standing towards the land closehailed, and that the Clydesdale was proceeding down the channel, and that the latter, in place of passing round the schooner's stern, attempted to cross her bow, but that failing to do this, caught the schooner on the luff of the starboard bow.

The schooner's crew believing, from the violence of the shock, that their vessel was going down, scrambled on board the steamer, in doing which, Hugh McGuire the master, fell into the water and was drowned.

The vessels got clear of each

other almost immediately, and shortly thereafter the surviving crew of the schooner, consisting of the mate and three hands, were put on board the steam tug Flying Spray, which happened to turn up in time to render assistance.

The Clydesdale proceeded on her trip, and the tug proceeded to look after the schooner, which was drifting towards the shore.

Captain M'Dowall of the tug and one of his crew got on board the schooner, backed her foretopsail, and hauled the mainstay sail with a view to keep the vessel off the shore.

In this they failed, however, for she touched a reef of rocks with her stern, and fell broadside on to the beach.

The tug hung on till daylight, when men were employed to discharge a portion of the schooner's ballast, and the same afternoon the tug brought the schooner into Lamlash, where she was beached, and early on the following morning was towed across to Ardrossan harbour.

The schooner was bound to Troon to load coals. The deceased master was a native of Londonderry, a widower with an only son, who is one of the crew of the schooner.

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Help shape the housing future for older people

Arran's residents are being urged to participate in an important survey which will help shape the future of the area's housing provision for older people.

Research Resource, have been commissioned by the council to conduct the door-to-door survey and will be seeking the feedback of 1,700 residents over the age of 50.

As part of the survey, which will take place during July and August, residents will be asked what they think about the current housing provision, as well as what they might want and need in the future.

The purpose of the survey, which will take around 20

minutes, is to help the council develop the North Ayrshire Older People's Housing Strategy – which will outline short, medium and long term housing goals.

Councillor Tom Barr, portfolio holder for the environment, said: 'It is important that people take part in this survey, as it gives our residents the chance to have their say on the area's housing both now and in the future.'

'In Arran in particular the population is made up of older people who are living longer and, in the coming years, we anticipate a significant increase in the number of older people who will require

housing.

'The ideas and feedback generated from this survey will help us to identify the key issues surrounding the current and future housing needs of North Ayrshire's ageing population to ensure we are able to meet those needs.'

Staff will be contacting residents from Saturday, 9 July and those selected are encouraged to take part if possible.

Those who take part will also be invited to take part in a series of follow up focus groups if they wish. All information provided by participants, through the questionnaire or focus groups, will be strictly confidential.



Local sculptor Tim Pomeroy begins engraving the commemorative seat that will be unveiled next week.

Final touches made to Lady Jean's community birthday gift

An elegant sandstone seat created to mark the 90th birthday of Lady Jean Fforde will be unveiled next Friday (July 15).

The bench sits beneath the imposing façade of Brodick Castle, Lady Jean's childhood home, and has been paid for by the community as special birthday gift to the much-loved doyenne of Arran.

It has been designed and crafted by local sculptor Tim Pomeroy, who put the finishing touches to the bench this week.

Ken Thorburn, property manager at the castle said: 'We are pleased to finally be able to unveil the finished article to the public.'

'We'd like to say a big thank you to all those who donated to the community gift for Lady Jean and a special thank you to

John Thomson Ltd and Arran Haulage for bringing in the materials at no charge.'

The unveiling of the seat will take place at 11am on Friday. All are welcome to attend.

Sharing and improving social work services across Ayrshire

A new service is on the cards for some of Arran's most vulnerable residents thanks to an innovative approach to providing the best possible support 24 hours a day seven days a

week, for children, adults or families who need support or protection.

North, South and East Ayrshire Councils and NHS Ayrshire and Arran are working

together to develop a pan-Ayrshire out of hours social work service for vulnerable people who need support.

This will be a 24 hour service with the councils and NHS working in partnership and with other agencies such as Strathclyde Police.

The new service will replace the current set up where Glasgow City Council operates a standby social work service on behalf of local authorities across the west of Scotland.

Alcohol information for young people

Alcohol is the most commonly used drug on Arran.

In a bid to educate youngsters of its risks, the local Alcohol Forum has issued all Arran High School pupils with leaflets that include guidelines for parents on how to stop their children getting drunk this summer.

The leaflet includes tips for talking to your children about the dangers of alcohol and also making sure that when they are staying with friends they are safe.

The Isle of Arran Alcohol Forum has produced the leaflet with support from local police, health and social services, the high school and various other services.

Marine project officer

Andrew Binnie has been appointed as COAST's marine project officer and started work on July 4.

Originally from Glasgow, Andrew has developed strong management skills working with a wide variety of community-based organisations in Scotland and as far afield as Tajikistan and Madagascar.

His key tasks will be to coordinate the campaign and plan for the establishment of a Marine Protected Area that includes Scotland's first No Take Zone in Lamlash Bay. Monitoring legal and, where necessary, reporting illegal activity within the No Take Zone will also be part of the job.

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Whiting Bay is preparing for a week of fun this summer from Friday, July 22 through to Saturday 30 July.

Instead of the usual day of fun, the improvements committee has decided this year to have a whole week of events instead.

On Friday July 22, you can test your putting skills on the spectacular links putting green and compete to win from 10am in the morning to 7pm at night.

Then why not join the 'Bay in Bloom' celebration on Friday evening while you are there.

On Saturday, the Fun Day includes a fun run for children and others beginning from the putting green at 1pm, pipe band, Crowning of the 2011 Bay Queen in the park at 2pm, dog show, tea tent, tombola, car boot sale, haggis hurl, barbecue, soft play and face painting, belly dancers, digger challenge and the unforgettable 'Bat the Rat' and lots, lots more to enjoy, so come and see for yourself.

On Sunday, Whiting Bay Bowling Club will host the Fun Week Shield competition. Monday evening is car treasure hunt night, followed on Tuesday by a family scavenger hunt and Whiting Bay Drama Club's Summer Play,

'The Farndale Avenue Murder Mystery'.

Express your artistic skills in the Beach Sculpture Competition on Wednesday July 27, then exercise the grey matter with a Family Quiz on Thursday, which will be fun for all the family.

On Friday join up with your mates to flex those pecs in the Tractor Pull or the Tug of War or, better still, both.

We know you have the muscle and the brawn, so come to the park and show them off from 5.30pm. To register your team, please phone Ian or Barbara on 700411.

Then celebrate at the dance and prizegiving from 8pm to 1am with two live bands. Dance your socks off why don't you?

Save a little strength for the memorable Raft Race on Saturday - start building your raft now!

If you want to help make the week go well, organisers would love to hear from you, or you can donate a miniature bottle for the bottle stall at the Putting Green, a tombola prize (phone 700666 and Jeanette will collect) or any old putters or golf balls you have cluttering up your shed/garage.

Phone 700552 or 700249 or call into MBS.

Graduation day for Lamlash toddlers



Proud parents and grandparents gathered in the community theatre last Wednesday morning to watch the older children from Lamlash Nursery graduate. In preparation for starting school in August Emma Girbow, Kiera Willis, Theo Nicholson, Oscar Inglis, Hamish Campbell, Isabella Reid, Jake McAlister and Leroy Jones had a graduation ceremony. Classmate Caitlin McGarry was unable to attend. 01_b27lam01

Splash of colour at St Bride's Festival

As part of the centenary celebrations at St Bride's Church in Brodick, a glorious flower festival was held over the weekend.

The remarkable displays of flora were all created by ladies of the congregation and centred on specific themes that saw some based around hymns.

One was named 'Moses and

the burning bush' and was a fiery collection of orange, red and yellow lilies representing the location at which Moses was appointed by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and into Canaan.

Arrangements

Other arrangements were based around the four seasons and visually depicted the move from the pastels of spring, bright colours of summer and autumnal reds and oranges to the deep reds and greens of winter.

The flowers were enjoyed by scores of visitors throughout the three day display as well as those attending the centenary service on Sunday morning.



Visitors flocked to the flower festival as part of the St Brides Centenary Celebrations. 01_27fes03



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Tall ships arrive in Arran ahead of schedule

Islanders are enjoying a unique opportunity to see the spectacular Tall Ships up close after the weather brought the vessels to the Clyde several days early.

The Rhona II – skippered by race captain Paul Bishop – was the first to arrive at Lamlash on Tuesday.

A number of other Tall Ships from across the globe are continuing their voyage in the Irish Sea, but may add to the Maritime Festival merriment taking place on Arran as the week goes on.

Tom Tracey of the Arran Yacht Club, said: ‘The idea started around attracting the Tall Ships Race to stop off in Arran on their way to Greenock.

‘The problem was we could not guarantee their arrival but we had started the idea of Festival and it caught on.’

As a result the Arran Maritime Festival began on Wednesday and will continue until Sunday 10 July.

The yacht club supported by VistArran, NAC and many others have developed a strong programme of water based activities and interests.

These include; power boating, kayaking and dinghy sailing.

In addition, there will be a chance to examine some live species from Lamlash Bay (outside the No Take Zone) and last but not least a raid on Lamlash from the Corrie and Sannox Vikings.



The Europa is pictured sailing into Lamlash Bay on Tuesday evening. b27ta01NO

Taste of Arran and the Arran Yacht Club barbecue will keep you well stocked up with food and ale and various local groups and the pipe band will keep your feet tapping.

‘We expect a few Tall Ships to join us from Wednesday departing on Friday morning for Greenock,’ said Tom.

‘On Saturday and Sunday the Arran Yacht Club will host

the Scottish Laser Grand Prix Series and Scottish 420 racing were we will see the best dinghy sailors in the country demonstrate their skills. Please come along.

Survey continues for early Sunday ferry

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

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

For those who do not have access to a computer and wish to complete the survey please contact Service Science by calling 0207 0600 722 and one will be sent to you by post including a reply paid envelope.

If more than one person in the household wishes to participate you can request further copies by either calling the above number or emailing enq@servsci.co.uk

The survey will close on Friday 15 July.

The island’s Community Council would also like to hear from locals about the plans.

They can be contacted via the website www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk

MP welcomes report on Coastguard Service

Arran’s MP has welcomed a report from the Transport Select Committee calling on the Government to re-think its proposals to reform the Coastguard Service across the United Kingdom.

The Government is currently consulting on proposals to close ten coastguard stations across the United Kingdom including MRCC Clyde based in Greenock.

The cross-party Committee indicated that the proposals in their current form will jeopardise safety due to the loss of local knowledge and have urged the Government to withdraw them.

Katy Clark MP said she

welcomed the report as staff at MRCC Clyde has contacted her over recent months highlighting the importance of local knowledge when co-ordinating coastguard services across the West of Scotland.

Not Listened

She added: ‘It is clear that the Government have not listened to their voices and have been more concerned with cutting costs than improving a service which is so important in protecting lives at sea.’

‘I hope the Government now

listens to very serious concerns raised by the Committee and withdraw their hastily prepared and poorly thought out proposals.’

The local MP has raised the matter on several occasions in parliament most recently in an adjournment debate that she secured on June 18.

‘Sea Sunday’ service from Lamlash

At 8.10am this Sunday morning BBC Radio4 will be marking ‘Sea Sunday’ with the broadcast of a service with Rev Gillean Maclean from Lamlash Church.

The programme will include interviews with some local people. Tim Pomeroy, Mairi McInnes and Liz Clarke.

The music and singing was

facilitated by Diana and Douglas Hamilton and was recorded in Lamlash with singers were from all over the island and included the Rowan Singers and Lochranza Choir.

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Fun for the kids – young and old!

Throughout the summer the Arran Heritage Museum mounts a number of special events by far the most popular is the Children's Fun Day.

This year it takes place on Sunday 17 July from 1.30pm.

This is one annual island event guaranteed to provide children with an afternoon of fun and games while being entertained and educated at the same time, so don't miss it!

The whole afternoon is geared to provide fun and it's free for children up to the age of 12 if accompanied by an adult.

For the very young there will be a soft play area, face painting and traditional games.

Treats in store include an ice-your-own cupcake stand, a chocolate fountain and a barbeque.

A treasure hunt and other games are planned and in ad-

dition there will be storytelling sessions, kids tombola, horse-shoe throwing, demonstrations of spinning and weaving, performances by the Isle of Arran Pipe Band and other musicians throughout the afternoon.

There is plenty for the grown ups to do too with many new and upgraded indoor and outdoor displays to see.

Exhibition

There are also trips around the museum storeroom and a special exhibition of tools and equipment of all kinds large and small has been set up for the day in the upstairs committee room.

Finally of course the famous Café Rosaburn will be selling burgers, teas and coffee and cakes all afternoon.

What more could you want other than perfect weather to make it all happen?

Don't miss a great day out for all the family!

Corrie Church prepares for summer fete

Here is a date for your diary! On Tuesday 12 July from 12.30pm until 3.30pm, Corrie Village Hall will host the local Church of Scotland Summer Fete.

This much anticipated annual event will be run along the usual lines.

Come along and browse through the white-elephant, tombola, book and silent auction stalls or merely catch up with your friends and their news over a cup of coffee or tea and some biscuits.

For the more adventurous there will be outside activities such as putting and bowls (always a great hit with the youngsters) and a garden plant stall.

Visitors and regulars will be very welcome.



The primary seven pupils from Brodick Primary School are excited about their move to the high school. 01_b26bro01

Saying farewell to primary school

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

Most of them have been classmates for seven years, and this

is their last real opportunity for a class photo before they leave to join a much bigger school.

This week *The Banner* is featuring the final three of these primary schools to record this new step in the pupils' lives.



Corrie has four primary sevens heading off to secondary school this year – Fiona Bulger, Saskia Thorburn-Eaddy, Ellis McKelvie and Lennon Ferguson. 01_b26sch01



Shiskine's primary seven class photographed on their last week before the summer holidays. 01_b26shi01

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ArCaS raised £81,000 for cancer support

The Arran Cancer Support Trust (ArCaS) raised more than £81,000 last year, according to the minutes of their AGM meeting on June 15.

The financial report showed that the money was raised primarily from the shop and donations.

The incredible sum of £93,572 was spent on charitable gifts, of which £24,000 went on the transport and escort service.

The relatives room at Arran War Memorial Hospital cost £9,500 to create and furnish and Crosshouse Hospital received a donation of £46,000 to purchase a laser diode endoscope.

Community nurses received almost £11,000 and £1,500

was spent on complimentary therapies.

Dr Elizabeth Guthrie, a GP from the Brodick practice, spoke to the meeting about cancer patients and their care.

She explained the many improvements in the treatment of cancer and how early diagnoses had resulted in many more young people being treated, how difficult it is to recover from the emotional effects of the experience patients endure and the efforts made to improve both treatments and support.

Mary Kirkwood then explained the availability and use of the ferry travel warrants, which are currently on a 12-month trial.

They are intended to benefit those patients who may find the cost of repeated journeys to the mainland a financial burden.

The new executive committee is as follows: Jim Henderson (chairman), Elizabeth Ross (treasurer), Keith Cheshire (transport coordinator), Ruth Devlin (shop manager), Janet Rawlin (secretary), Mary Kirkwood (deputy treasurer), Philomena Campbell (deputy shop manager), Anne Cheshire, Ted Godfrey, Nancy MacLeod and Helen Kerr.

The committee and the members of ArCaS thanked the generous people of Arran for their support as well as the volunteers that staff the shop and the mainland drivers.



As always the Rowan Singers will perform a varied and interesting programme of songs. Photo by Arran Photography

Summer delights from Arran's Rowan Singers

Summer delights is the happy title of the Rowan Singers summer concert this year, which will take place in the Community Theatre in Lamlash on Friday 15 July at 7.30pm.

Under the direction of their superb conductor Diana Hamilton, with her husband Douglas at the piano, the Rowan Singers will perform a varied and interesting programme ranging from a jazzy version of 'Blue Skies' through nostalgic Ivor Novello songs to a chorus from Haydn's Creation, with a lot more in between.

This will be augmented by solos, duets, and group songs by members of the choir.

John Cruickshank, a member of the choir, said: 'We even have a Barber's Shop quartet and our special guest is flautist Kerry Calder.'

'Kerry has played on the island before and we are looking forward to hearing her accomplished playing again.'

He added: 'The proceeds of our summer concert usually go to choir funds but this year we are hoping to contribute profits from this concert to

the Arran Baby Grand project which is raising funds to buy a top quality piano for the use of amateur and professional musicians on Arran.'

Tickets at £6 and £2 for children are available from choir members, the Book and Card Centre in Brodick and at the door.



Conductor Diana Hamilton has helped to put together a wonderful summer show for the Rowan Singers.

Photo by Arran Photography

Arran inspiration for young designer

Ali Lockhart has been working in the design world. But he remains true to his Arran roots using the island and the sea as his inspiration.

A recent graduate in Product Design from Edinburgh Napier University, Ali was

brought up on Arran and, after attending Lamlash Primary School, discovered his love of art and design whilst at the High School.

Influenced

Travelling far and wide for his degree, he completed a

placement in China and spent four months in the Far East before completing his honours year where his major project was influenced by the sea and its inhabitants.

Ali said: 'It is an unusual full-scale item of furniture intended for use in any way. It pushes the limitations of our perception of furniture and is a design statement.'

The piece was shown in his university degree show and has had increased interest from the media.

And whether you see the crashing waves or the basking seals in his work, you are sure to find a piece of Arran in his designs.

Ali added: 'I use my childhood upbringing and being involved with the sea as inspiration which informs many of my designs.'

You saw him here first!



Ali displays his unusual design piece b26ali01

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The swarms have arrived

Summer finally arrived at the weekend and with it came a swarm – not of midges – but of that other dreaded multitude, the cyclists.

I think most island motorists will admit that, apart from the blood-sucking insects that plague Arran in the summer months, their other most reviled horde is cyclists.

Even driving to Brodick early on Sunday morning for the rededication service at the village church – I had to pass more than 30 cyclists on my way over from Catacol.

It's not the cyclists themselves that I disapprove of it's the way some of them cycle. At one point I had to follow seven of them slowly down the Boguille, they were grouped in such a way that it was impossible to pass them.

I also find that there are times when they are travelling at such a speed down the hills you can't pass them but are forced to crawl behind them for the entire length of the journey. Another problem is that many of these bike-riders are people who don't normally cycle and have hired bikes just because they are on the island.

They don't wear helmets; they wobble around the potholes and generally seem oblivious to the fact that cars are using the roads too. On a daily basis I watch angry drivers taking immense risks to pass these two-wheeled fiends.

Last weekend I saw a tour bus overtake numerous cyclists on blind-bends because he was clearly sick of the fact he'd been following them all the way from Sannox, through Corrie and past Carlo.

He narrowly missed both cars and other cyclists coming in the opposite direction and I was very close to reporting him for his dangerous driving.

Everywhere you look on Arran's roads now there are road signs urging drivers to slow down, to be careful of the bends, to drive at 20mph to avoid loose chippings... the list goes on.

But nowhere – and I mean nowhere – on this island is there one road sign telling cyclists to travel in a safe manner.

I completely understand why bike-riders flock to the island – with its beautiful scenery and easy access from the mainland it isn't surprising the boat is full of pushbikes at the weekend.

And I do respect a cyclist's right to use the road just as much as I do in my car. But what they must remember is this – Arran may seem like a tranquil utopia in the centre of the Clyde but there are more cars on the road than ever before.

So cycle safely and be considerate to the motorists – it will make the whole experience much more enjoyable and less dangerous.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Galatians 5:14)

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Letters to the Editor



Ferry service discussed

Sir,
I write to concur with your recent correspondent Ian McCallum who outlined the huge differences in the timetables available to Millport, Dunoon and Rothesay.

All of these crossings have much more flexibility in timetables allowing day visits to the mainland to be a much more viable option both for personal and business purposes.

Given how busy the Arran route appears to be and the importance of the ferry for Arran's future prosperity, I do wonder why the Ferry Committee are focussing on Sunday sailings instead of pushing for earlier and later sailings throughout the week which would have clear business, tourism and commuting advantages.

I find it very hard to understand why Arran puts up with such a poor timetable and why relevant local groups aren't doing something to address the issue with CalMac who clearly aren't going to volunteer to change the timetable without some local lobbying.

Why should Arran have such a poor service compared to the other Clyde islands and Dunoon?
Yours
Jane McCartney
Whiting Bay

Unendurable bus service

Sir,
I am writing to you to discuss the public transport on the island.

As a visitor to the island for many years I am totally disillusioned with the service.

In the height of the summer season one bus is totally inadequate to meet the ferry service.

The bus is pushing the boundaries of health and safety to the limits.

Not only do passengers clamber on top of one another to get on board luggage is strewn up the aisles.

The bus is packed to the rafters then stops to pile more people on like sardines in a can.

My pregnant wife and young son were trodden on several times as backpackers piled aboard.

The bus driver at no point cared as to how heavy his bus was becoming.

A first impression of the island for most the bus service is ridiculous.

On winding roads to have people clinging on for dear life is extremely dangerous.

The timetable reveals a bus every three hours that is totally inadequate.

Caledonian MacBrayne much maligned on the island at least has the right idea.

An additional ferry on the Ardrossan-Brodick route brings congestion down.

Maybe its time for stagecoach to address its timetable in busy periods.

If matters don't change it won't be long before there is a very bad accident.

Yours,
Jamie Bramley
Stockport

Art in Mind raffle

Sir,
We would like once again to thank everyone who voted for Art in Mind and helped us win the Provost's Civic Pride award.

Your article was a little misleading, in that some people thought we had won some money.

We want to clarify that the award was a beautiful glass trophy and certificate, but no money.

However we are endeavouring to raise some funds ourselves by holding a raffle and we would like you to know about it.

The art prizes, all very kindly donated by local artists, include art work by Josephine Broekhuesen, Nicky Gill, Marjorie McDougall, Ken MacGregor, Tim Pomeroy, Felicity Walker and Jim Williamson, a print by Nick Giles, Porcelain by Susie Thomson, and ceramics from Simon Thorburn. We also have a range of prizes kindly donated by local businesses, and these include local produce, cheese, toiletries, whisky, ceramics, chocolates, and vouchers for local activities, golf, reflexology, bus and ferry travel, Taste of Arran,

Auchrannie and more.

We are extremely grateful to all those who have donated prizes and supporting us so generously. Art in Mind started in 2004 and is an art group that meets weekly in The Brodick Castle Ranger Centre.

The idea is that through focussing on art and creativity, our mental health is improved and we nearly always go home feeling better.

Our amazing art tutor Felicity Walker is the magic ingredient, bringing new ideas for us to try and guiding us through, when we find it hard. Raffle tickets are available from Art in Mind members and in some local shops, so look out for them.

The draw will take place at the Arran Visual Arts Summer exhibition in Lochranza Hall on Thursday 4 August between 3pm and 4pm.

Yours,
Jan McGregor
The Art in Mind group

Remember the Countryside Code

Sir,
Many of you will already have seen our new leaflet style maps promoting the many walks to be enjoyed in and around Whiting Bay.

With the invaluable assistance of landowners, Arran Access Trust, and willing helpers we have been able to upgrade paths throughout the village.

Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that in certain areas the Countryside Code is not being followed.

Can we therefore remind everyone to keep dogs on leads and to ensure gates are closed at all times.

Thank you.
Yours,
Liz Kennedy
Chairman

Whiting Bay and District Improvements Association

CAB impartiality?

Sir,
Alastair McTaggart who is the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) area officer, makes the claim that the independence of the CAB service in Arran will not be reduced further by the proposal to

work in conjunction with Jobcentre Plus (letters June 17). Unfortunately, he fails to explain how the separation of interests will be achieved if the two organisations are to have an apparently cosy relationship. It is important that people have confidence in both the impartiality and confidentiality of the CAB.

Yours,
Albert Edward
Gloucester

Visitor gifting

Sir,
I read your article on the visitor-gifting scheme by the Arran trust charity and if my experience is in any way typical, the expected revenue targets will be reached very quickly.

I spent an Easter break at an island hotel and at departure was discussing some excessive charges on the bill with the receptionist when I noticed a daily charge of £1 for visitor gifting.

I concluded that this was a quaint expression for staff gratuities but the receptionist explained that it was for the Arran improvements charity, which I had never heard of but was told the owner was an enthusiastic supporter.

If I did not have reason to query the bill and had been staying for a fortnight, I could have 'donated' £14 and been blissfully unaware that I had so generous as at no time was any information given about the charity.

Whilst the charity is for a worthwhile cause, I think that the trustees should produce an information leaflet and give the visitors an opportunity to opt in or out.

It would also give them a chance to 'gift aid' the donation, thereby further enhancing

the final contribution to the fund.

Yours,
Alistair Fordyce
Giffnock
Renfrewshire

Editors note: As far as we are aware the Arran Trust operates an 'opt out' visitor gifting scheme which is fully explained in information leaflets distributed by the businesses taking part.

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Did he fall or was he pushed?

The 122nd anniversary of the infamous Goatfell murder

Arran's highest peak provides a spectacular setting for many a happy day out in the hills.

Scaling its lofty summit on a glorious summer day, as many will have done last weekend, few are aware of the sinister events that took place on the mountain almost a century and a quarter ago.

London clerk Edwin Rose was enjoying a summer holiday in Scotland, when he made friends with John Laurie, a pattern-maker at a Glasgow iron works.

They had met in Rothesay, and after a few days of exploring Bute together, caught a paddle steamer across to Arran.

Despite warnings from other travel companions, on 15 July 1889, Rose set out with his new acquaintance to climb Arran's highest peak.

Almost a month later, Rose's body was discovered hidden in the steep gully of Coire nam Fuaran below North Goatfell.

Several walkers stated afterwards that they had seen the pair on the summit in the early evening, but nobody had witnessed their descent.

Soon after, Laurie had left the island without paying for his lodgings. He was later spotted wearing Rose's cap.

After the discovery of the body, a man hunt for Laurie began. He was eventually tracked down and in a sensational trial that saw people queuing up for seats in the

public viewing galleries, John Laurie was convicted of Edwin Rose's murder.

On grounds of poor mental health, the initial death sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life.

Always insisting on his innocence, Laurie spent the last remaining 41 years of his life behind bars, making him the longest-serving prisoner in Scotland.

To this day, the truth of what happened on this fateful summer's day in 1889 remains a mystery.

John Laurie admitted to robbing Rose, but never to murdering the man. The evidence on which he was convicted was weak and huge contro-

versy surrounds the rushed trial. So the question remains: Was Edwin Rose pushed or did he fall?

To come to your own verdict, join the National Trust for Scotland's Goatfell Murder Walk on Friday 15 July, 122 years to the day after Edwin Rose's death - see advert on page 11.

Local historian Stuart Gough will set the scene with a fascinating illustrated talk, before we head out into the hills to retrace the victim's last steps.

Weather permitting, the walk will include a visit to Coire nam Fuaran, where Rose's body was found, and will end near his final resting place at Sannox.



The Clearances monument on Lamlash front green

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Arran Clearances memorial proposed in Canada

A fund-raising campaign has been launched in Canada to erect a monument in memory of the original Scottish settlers to the region of Restigouche in Northern New Brunswick.

James Thompson, President of the Caledonian Society of Restigouche, is passionate about promoting Scottish culture and wants to erect a monument marking the experiences of the people displaced during the Arran Clearances of 1829 - 1840.

Whilst researching his ancestors, Mr Thompson discovered that many of the settlers arrived in Canada by boatloads as a result of the Clearances when small farmers were forced to leave Arran to make way for larger farm units.

Similar monuments have also been forged in Lamlash (raised in 1977 with the help of the Caledonian Society of Restigouche), Megantic County and Quebec. In 2007, a sculpture 'The Emigrants' was

forged in Helmsdale, Sutherland, Scotland and duplicated in Winnipeg, Manitoba in honour of other Highland Clearances.

Mr Thompson has contacted Black Isle Bronze, the Scottish foundry that cast the Emigrant monuments, in the hope of having a reproduction made to be erected in Campbellton, New Brunswick. Anyone interested in supporting this venture contact: restigouche-caledoniansoc:live.ca



James Thompson, President of the Caledonian Society of Restigouche, and his son, Sean

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Peter Hanes and his 50-year-old bus. 02_b27bus01

From Germany, in a luxury old bus

A beautiful 50-year-old German bus was on the island last week.

The four litre diesel Setra coach was built in 1961 and owner Peter Hanes had driven it from South Germany, through France, across from Calais to Dover, and then all around Scotland, coming down the west coast through Fort William and Oban.

Peter stayed at Eleanor Hamilton's bed and breakfast at Strathwhillan, and she suggested that he call at the Banner office and tell us his

story. Peter is a commercial bus operator in Germany and he bought this old bus 20 years ago and restored it as a hobby.

The luxury vehicle has 21 seats and would have been hired out for special parties and weddings. It has an amazing 650,000 miles on the clock and Peter described it as a reliable old friend.

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Five star insect hotel for Lamlash youngsters

There's good news for bugs and beasties in the Lamlash area as the children at the village primary school have just opened a grand new five-star bug hotel!

Last Tuesday Rangers from Brodick Country Park descended on the school with a house-shaped wooden frame, a collection of tools, and some mysterious bulging bags.

They were there to help the children with one of their Eco-Schools activities – part of an international initiative that en-

courages children to do good things for the environment.

The Rangers set the children a mission – to build the best bug house in Lamlash.

The children began by cutting plastic bottles in half – each one becoming a room in the bug hotel.

Mysterious

It turned out that the mysterious bags were full of bracken, dead wood, bamboo canes, and a host of other natural and recycled materials.

These were stuffed into the

bottles, each one providing a habitat for different sorts of mini-beast.

By the end of the afternoon, every child in the school had built a room, and these were all put together in the house-shaped frame.

On Wednesday NTS rangers Corinna Goeckeritz and Reuben Brown visited the school to help the youngsters open their insect hotel.

Pupil Autumn Smyth had the honour of opening the ribbon and unveiling this interesting educational facility in the school garden while the whole school looked on.

Corinna said: 'The youngsters brought in plastic bottles that we cut in half and filled them with different materials to attract insects. The chambers are packed with bamboo sticks and hollowed Japanese



Ranger Reuben Brown shows the Lamlash primary children their new five star insect hotel. 02_b27bug01

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Knotweed stems.'

She added: 'I think it is important to educate children because so many insect homes like hedgerows are being lost with changes in the landscape.

'If people put something like this in their garden it would encourage friendly bugs that could control other pests.'

NEWS JUST IN: Children from Brodick Primary School have also built a bug hotel, and pupils from Whiting Bay and Pirnmill schools have built a collection of smaller bug

shelters. If you're a bug staying on the island, there's now no excuse not to live in luxury!

Build Your Own Bug Hotel

A bug hotel provides homes and shelter for all sorts of beasties, many of which are beneficial to plants and wildlife. There are many ways they can be built; here are some ideas:

- Build a 'tidy leaf pile': make a big tube of wire mesh, block the bottom with criss-crossed sticks and fill it with dead leaves, then add a heavy lid such as a sheet of wood.

- Build a dry home for solitary bees by drilling holes in a block of dead wood and hanging it from a wall. You could even add a roof.

- Fill a length of old pipe with bamboo canes or other materials and leave it in your garden. Even better: make a few and put them together in a frame.

- Stack pallets or build a wooden frame and fill any spaces with bug friendly materials (see below). These can be quite heavy so make sure they're secured well.

- Bug hotels with lots of nooks and crannies work well; ideally some should be dry and others damp.

- Use recycled or natural materials to make your bug hotel (top tip: make sure none of the wood has been treated with preservatives).

- Different locations, aspects, and heights above the ground will attract different beasties. It's good to put your bug hotel near to other wildlife features like ponds and trees.

- Good fillings for a bug hotel include: loose bark; snug materials like sawdust, straw and hay; pebbles; dead wood; corrugated card (when put inside dry bottles this is perfect for lacewings); old roofing slates, and many similar items – let your imagination go!

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Bird Notes for June

By Jim Cassels

June was cooler and wetter than in recent years. The mean temperature was two degrees lower than the last two Junes and there was five times more rain than June 2010.

Raising young is the priority during the long daylight hours in June, and despite the unsettled weather, there were many reports of fledged birds in gardens.

In addition, there was a pair of Shelduck with six young at Kilpatrick on the 11th, two young Great Spotted Woodpecker in Brodick Castle gardens also on the 11th, 14 pairs of Fulmar on Drumadoon cliff on the 12th, six young Long-tailed Tit in Glenkiln also on

the 12th, six young Red Grouse on Mullach Buidhe on the 23rd and two families of Bullfinch in East Bannan on the 28th.

The population of Arctic Tern on Pladda is the largest for some years. To prevent disturbance, visitors are asked not to enter the colony.

On the negative side, there seems to have been a reduction in reports of Stonechat and Grey Wagtail.

They may have been badly affected by the prolonged cold winter and I would be particularly interested in any records of these species.

Cuckoos, whose decreasing numbers are a cause for concern nationally, seem to be thriving on Arran. Throughout May and June there have been many widespread reports.

Most adult Cuckoos, taking no part in rearing their young, leave around mid to late July. Juveniles leave breeding areas soon after they fledge, quickly becoming independent of their hosts and disperse widely before also migrating south,

usually in late July and early August.

Other reports included: two Black-throated Divers off Thunderguy on the 5th, a Redstart by Corrie Golf Course on the 9th, a pair of Golden Eagles soaring over Lochranza also on the 9th, three Goosanders, a male and two females at Machriewaterfoot on the 11th, a Lesser Whitethroat at Auchenhew on the 14th, a pair of Hen Harriers over Machrie Moor on the 18th, a Puffin off Kildonan on the 21st, a Swift over High Kildonan on the 23rd and a rare summer record of a Merlin also over High Kildonan on the 24th.

Finally, Port-na-Lochan was the place for rare black and white birds this month.

Both Tufted Duck and Magpie, species which are common on the adjacent mainland but rare on Arran, were noted.

The Magpie, only the second record for Arran this year, was seen on the 10th and 11th while the male Tufted Duck, the first record for Arran this year, made a brief appearance on the 19th before it was chased off by the resident Mute Swans.



The Tufted Duck – a rare visitor to Arran – was spotted in June.



The population of Arctic Tern on Pladda is the largest for some years.

July is the time when many birds having raised their young, go about the process of renewing their feathers by moulting them. As birds are vulnerable when they are shedding flight feathers they are scarce. On any birding walk you may see fewer birds but

they are still around. Enjoy your birding.

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

I look forward to hearing from you.

Weather not great for butterflies

By Kate Sampson

The past months weather has not been great for humans, let alone butterflies.

However last week in Glen Rosa I saw my first small pearl-boarded fritillary on the wing. This butterfly is relatively common on Arran, but two years ago we spent a frantic hour catching fritillaries at the Goatfell hydro-dam and were rewarded by catching a single specimen of the much rarer pearl-boarded fritillary.

Telling the difference between the two species is pretty tough. Your best bet is to have a close look at the underside of the hind wing. Small pearl-boarded fritillaries have many silvery white spots, or 'pearls', underneath and a row of pearls along the edge of the wing,

boarded by black chevrons.

Pearl-boarded fritillaries have only two pearls on the back and the pearls on the edge of the wing are boarded with reddish chevrons. Both species are reliant on dog violets which grow abundantly under Arran's bracken. Also on the wing is the much larger dark green fritillary whose silvery white spots on the back of the hind wing are set in a background green colour.

Other Lepidoptera flying over moorlands at the moment are the chimney-sweeper (a small, black, day flying moth) and small heaths. Later in July the beautiful common

blues will emerge, looking for birds-foot trefoil to lay their eggs on. Towards the end of July Scotch Argus butterflies are on the wing for a relatively short time.

Arran's isolated populations of Scotch Argus may be genetically different from those on the mainland and this summer a university student is hoping to catch butterflies from around the country to assess their genetic variability.

Let us know at the ranger centre (tel 302462) if you spot some interesting Lepidoptera, especially if you know of any isolated populations of Scotch Argus.

Some butterflies that would be a real scoop for Arran as they are present on neighbouring mainland but never reported on Arran are; the large skipper, the northern brown argus, the wall brown and the ringlet. For any of these a photo would be helpful to confirm identification.



Small pearl-boarded fritillary. b27nat01

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(weather permitting) and parts of the Castle not generally open to the public.
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Free with entry to the Castle

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Adult £30/child £15

Booking essential, please phone 01770 302462



The Kilmory Kidz enjoyed a night out at the Auchrannie Spa.

End of term celebrations for Kilmory Kidz

The Kilmory primary sevens were each presented with a mug that had a photo of them all on it by the Kilmory Kidz Club last Friday.

Their end-of-term celebration was held at the Auchrannie Spa where the Kidz enjoyed a swim and a buffet.

Kirstin Weir was also given a voucher, as this was her last night as youth club leader.

John Mulholland, Zoe Clark, Charley Napier, Alex Muir and Cameron Ross-Bain were also taken to the Kinloch the week before as a special treat to mark their move from primary to the high school.

The money used for both these nights was raised by the children themselves through various fundraisers.



John Mulholland, Zoe Clark, Charley Napier, Alex Muir and Cameron Ross-Bain pictured at the Kinloch where they enjoyed a special end-of-term dinner.

Shiskine Valley Sports

Shiskine Valley Sports Day heralds in the start of the happy season with fun-goers letting their hair down and serious competitors flexing some muscle.

After a 30-year break, the Sports Day took place again in 1985 on a bright and sunny day.

Since then – and despite subsequently less than sunny conditions – the event has been providing fun and entertainment for all the family.

The events on offer range from serious to silly. Tossing the caber sits side by side with a pillow fight, first won by Pamela Grant in 1987.

Yet the duck derby is the climax of the sports and since

1991 the Texas Scramble has been entertaining the crowds. We can't rule out the rain.

The Banner has reported of damp conditions at the Sports Day since the year dot.

But the miserable weather has never deterred the event's cheer.

In 1992, in spite of the rain, £1500 was raised and the spectators made merry at the evening dance.

Laughter is guaranteed. At the new 'It's a Knockout' event in 2002, commentator Alan Johnston could hardly speak for laughing.

And this year promises to be even better.

Taking place on 9 July, with all the usual events and with a special 'sports' theme on the

Sunday, no matter what the weather, you will have the day of your lives.



Murray Picken has fun at Shiskine Valley Sports Day last year 02_b29shk16

Corrie Film Club

**Andrei Rublev
(1966 Cert. 15)**

This month, Corrie Film Club offers a cinema classic, which won the International Critic's prize in 1969 – *Andrei Rublev* – widely regarded as Russian Director, Andrei Tarkovsky's finest film.

This masterpiece, made on an epic scale, charts the life of the icon painter, Andrei Rublev, renowned for creating some of Russia's greatest frescoes, through a turbulent period of 15th century Russian history when the Mongol - Tartars fought rival Russian princes and the power of Byzantine Christianity in a savage power struggle from which, remarkably, the serenity of Rublev's art arose.

This is a film of extraordinary power and beauty described by one critic as 'a vast Brueghel painting come to life'.

Don't miss the chance to see this amazing film on Sunday 10 July in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall at 8pm. All welcome.

Perisher course revisited on the small screen

Television viewers may have seen some unusual views of Arran last Wednesday night.

The Channel 5 programme 'Submarine School - Perisher Course' showed part of the annual submarine commanders' training course which for many years was held in the Clyde and based at The Douglas Hotel.

The old pub downstairs in The Douglas was known as The Perishers Bar and many a trainee sub commander earned his stripes in Brodick.

Last week's programme showed a cat and mouse game between a trainee commander on submarine HMS Triumph and his adversary, HMS Iron Duke, a Type 23 Frigate trying to hunt him down.

Viewers saw periscope views of an incident off Pladda, HMS Triumph 'hiding' in Lamash Bay, then the submarine getting the Arran ferry MV Caledonian Isles in her sights as she entered Ardrosan harbour.

We have to wait until the following week to see if the commander passed his tests.

Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall 200 club

The winners of the June draw were: first prize - No 51 Catherine Milne and second prize - No 105 Joan Crawley.



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Inter-house football tournament raises vital funds for charity

Arran High School held their annual Clic Sargent inter-house football tournament last Wednesday with well over 100 pupils taking part.

As a result of fundraising by all the pupils, £888 was raised for the children's cancer charity.

Iorsa - who won every single one of their games - triumphed in the junior boys competition.

Meanwhile Iorsa, who again won all their games, were victorious in the junior girls competition.

The senior girls winners were Shuraig who again won all their games.

The senior boys was a much tighter competition with Rosa eventually taking the glory from Shuraig on goal difference.



Top:
The winners of the boys' junior football competition - Iorsa.

Above:
Iorsa also won the junior girls tournament.

Left:
The senior girls winners were Shuraig who won all their games.

Bottom Left:
Rosa were victorious in the senior boys competition.



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Search for community's grand piano

A search is underway for a grand piano that would ultimately be available for anyone on Arran to use.

After the highly successful Opera Gala run as part of The McLellan Festival last year, it was suggested that the community facilities provided in Arran High School would benefit from a first class piano.

Accordingly, musician Peter Alexander Wilson has set this idea in motion and has been searching for a top of the range new grand piano and sponsors for his idea.

The piano would be housed in the Community Theatre in Arran High School and be

available for use by any organisations in the community requiring such a facility.

This would enable, for example, The Arran Music Society to include piano recitals in their programme as well as allowing a first class instrument to be available for talented piano students in Arran High School and for accompanying other island musical events.

The cost of this instrument is estimated to be around £12,000 and Peter Alexander Wilson is already engaged in trying to find sponsors.

Meanwhile, The Arran Theatre and Arts Trust which runs the McLellan Festival

is helping to raise funds and has established a fund for the purpose.

Already, there have been donations and, so far, around £600 has been raised.

If any groups, organisations or individuals, think this is an idea they would like to support, donations can be received by Ian Watt, treasurer of Arran Theatre and Arts Trust or by going online to www.localgiving.com and entering the word 'Arran' in the search box.

This will bring you to the Trust's entry, where donations from £5 right up to £500 can be made.

Brodick Bowling Club results

Saturday 28 May: Tony Wood- en and Roger Peacock (+3).

Monday 30 May: Charles Hendry and Peter Lee (+4).

Saturday 11 June: Tony Wooden, Fiona Brown and Lavinia Hendry (+7).

Monday 13 June: Colin Hag- garty and Peter Lee (+9).

Wednesday 15 June: Charles Weir (+13).

Monday 20 June: Charlie Weir, John Lauder and Charles Hendry (+6).

Saturday 25 June: Tony Wooden (+12).

Monday 27 June: Colin Hag- gerty, Charlie Weir and Lavinia Hendry (+20).

Wednesday 29 June: Robert Crawford and John lauder (+10).

Saturday 2 July: Tony Wooden and Robert Craw-

ford (+7).

Monday 4 July: Robert Crawford and Iain Hendry (+7).

The unseasonable rain in June meant the cancellation of several rink nights.

Sadly this also meant the annual Brodick Centenary Trophy inter-green match, due to be played on Saturday 18 June was also cancelled due to the weather but will now be played - weather permitting - on Saturday 3 September, starting at 2pm.

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Junior show heralds start of the riding club season

Ten brilliant young riders and their ponies took part in the Arran Riding Club's Junior Show on Sunday.

After having to postpone because of poor weather two weeks ago, the sun shone and a light breeze kept the midges at bay, though, unfortunately, the clegs were having a party.

Handy pony obstacles included bending and trotting poles, stepping stones, post- ing papers, throwing balls in

buckets, dooking for apples and sweets, which gave an all round test for ponies and jockeys.

The winding little jumping course rode well and riders all came home safely.

Young Danielle Mutch and her pony Tilly were first in the ring against the clock and rode a very steady clear round to take fourth place in the small jumping class.

Fudge and his new partner

Mirren Ashley were slightly faster than Danni and finished in third, with little sister Lois and Jak just pipping her by a few seconds to take second place.

However, nifty footwork and corner cutting saw Emily Armitage and Georgie taking first place with an excellent time.

Very well done to our youngest competitor Lily Currie riding Harvey, who also jumped a clear round with the help of Auntie Jen!

In the bigger jumping class Gemma Bennett and her new steed Bonnie, on her first outing, had one refusal but were delighted with third place.

Clear rounds from Hannah Bone with Lily and Lori Young on Cleo forced a jump off against the clock.

Hannah was first in and rode a second clear to lift the red rosette, whilst Lori, unfortunate to have a refusal at the final fence, took second place.

Caitlin MacVicar and Tilly, and Eilidh Blair and Raffles did very well to get round most of the course and were unfortunate not to clear the last fence without it being lowered.

The bending race is the gym-



Champion point scorer of the day, receiving the Champion rosette and the Golden Rose Award for the third year running, was Hannah Bone and Lily (left) with Gemma Bennett and Bonnie, the reserve champions.

khana favourite, where the ponies have to weave between the poles.

This was followed by the flag race, with some of the ponies a little uncertain about these strange new sticks.

The dress up race saw riders having to dismount, don t-shirts and scarves, back on ponies and race for the finishing line.

Final race of the day was the pancake race with riders having to devour the whole pancake before re-mounting (riding with mouths full is not permitted).

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Very well done girls, and congratulations to everyone who took part in a great fun day and thank you to all who helped both before and on the day.



Lois Ashley is pictured scoffing her pancake in the final race.

Full results Handy Pony: 1= Caitlin (Tilly) and Hannah (Lily), 2 Lily (Harvey), 3 Mirren (Fudge), 4 Lori (Cleo). Jumping (mini): 1 Emily (Georgie), 2 Lois (Jak), 3 Mirren (Fudge), 4 Danielle (Tilly). Jumping (midi): 1 Hannah (Lily), 2 Lori (Cleo), 3 Gemma (Bonnie). Bending Race: 1 Hannah (Lily), 2 Gemma (Bonnie), 3 Lily (Harvey), 4 Danielle (Tilly). Flag Race: 1 Hannah (Lily), 2 Eilidh (Raffles), 3 Lily (Harvey), 4 Gemma (Bonnie). Dress Up Race: 1 Hannah (Lily), 2 Lori (Cleo), 3 Gemma (Bonnie) and Eilidh (Raffles). Pancake Race: 1 Gemma (Bonnie), 2 Eilidh (Raffles), 3 Mirren (Fudge), 4 Caitlin (Tilly).



The club's youngest member, four-year-old Lily Currie on Harvey.

Lamlash Golf Club

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Way out

A proposal to build a new exit road from Brodick Castle is meeting rigorous opposition from Councillor Evelyn Silars because visitors would no longer enjoy the views offered by the present exit.

With the new visitor centre and car park complete, consideration is being given to a new exit road.

This will be a spur off the present north entrance road from roughly the position of the car park.

It will run back towards the Merkland Straight and thus vehicles will never go beyond the new car park.

Unfinished business

At a hearing at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court last week a date was finally set giving Kenny Bradford hope at last that he will finally be paid for the hotel he sold in October 1989.

John and Sharon Carpenter took over the PHT from Kenny and Sheena in October

1989 but since then 'he hasn't paid one penny'. All this time Mr Bradford has been waiting and is now having difficulty paying his own bills.

The ideal site?

It seems that rumours claiming the island's new coup is to be sited at Machrie are nonsense although the need to find a new site is becoming ever more urgent. A site must be chosen by the end of the year so that it can be prepared for use in 12 months.

Auchrannie manager

A general manager has been appointed to run the newly expanded Auchrannie Hotel in Brodick.

Jon Hill, who has much experience running similar establishments in the Lake District, has returned home to Arran.

And he shouldn't feel much of a new boy at Auchrannie as sister Kate already works

there in reception. And if that isn't sufficient he has brought his fiancé Zoe Hawgood who will be working on reception too.

Cow collision

A car was badly damaged when it hit a cow at the South-end last Saturday night.

The cow was unhurt.

Young athletes

Eleven athletes from Arran High School qualified to take part in the county championships in Ayr last week.

They returned to the island triumphant with four gold medals, one silver and a bronze.

The medal winners were Douglas Bell - golds in triple jump and high jump; Stephen Dalby - gold in the under 16 high jump; Robbie Cargill - gold in javelin; Jamie Lees - bronze in high jump; Mark West - silver in triple jump and Lorna Logan - bronze in the high jump.



The island's Girl Guides have a new tent thanks to the generosity of Gus McLeod of Mother Goose and Ian McFadzean of the Arran Licensed Trade Association. b27twe01



John Hill has returned to his roots as the new general manager of the Auchrannie Hotel. His fiancé Zoe Hawgood will be working on reception. b27twe04



Kenny Bradford has been waiting nearly two years for the money from his sale of PHT. b27twe03



The winning scratch team of the Shiskine Texas Scramble were Robbie Crawford, Liz and Gator Kerr and Robert Waine. b27twe02

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Last week must have been a tricky one as we didn't receive a single correct answer. Archie was preparing to tee-off at Machrie Bay Golf Club, one of his favourite spots on Arran's west coast. This week he's contemplating the view, but where exactly is that bridge behind him?

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SATURDAY 9th JULY

Karate
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Rink Game
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RNLI Shop Open
Shiskine Valley Sports

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

SUNDAY 10th JULY

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

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

MONDAY 11th JULY

Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games
Citizens Advice
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Badminton
Mums and Tots Swimming Lessons
Hatha Yoga
Summer Bridge
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Game
Quiz
Zumba Fitness
Coffee Morning

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 11am
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm
High School Cafe, 6.30pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Bar Eden, 9pm - 10.30pm
Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm
Whiting Bay Church Hall, 10.30am - 12pm



Farmers & Craft Market

Kilmory Hall, 10.30am - 2pm

TUESDAY 12th JULY

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

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm
Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Bar Eden, 9pm - 12am
NTS Shop, Brodict Castle, 2pm
Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Southbank Track, 6pm (weather permitting)

WEDNESDAY 13th JULY

Hockey
Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
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Yogalates
Circuit Training
Rink Game
Coffee Morning
Rink Game
Rink Game
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Family Ceilidh

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10am -11.30am
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Sandbraes, Whiting Bay. 1pm - 2pm and 2.30pm -3.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Hall, 8pm - 11pm

THURSDAY 14th JULY

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Table Tennis
Youth Club
Senior Fitness
Pilates
Pub Quiz
General Knowledge Quiz
Village Market
Save The Children Summer Fayre

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym
6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio
Kinloch Hotel, 9pm
Kinloch Bar, 9pm
11am to 2pm, Whiting Bay Hall
Brodict Hall, 10.30am - 1pm

FRIDAY 15th JULY

Arran Pipe Band Practice
Quiz
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Over 21's Disco
Arran Youth Foundations
Live music with DJ
Summer Family Ceilidh
Rowan Singers Summer Delight

Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm
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Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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This merger will greatly benefit our patients as they will have a wider choice of clinicians, services and locations.

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 Sunday School in the Church Hall
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 Brodick 7pm
 Mr John Murray, Dowanvale
 Free Church, Glasgow

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 10 July
 Holy Communion, 11am.
 Mr John Roberts
Wednesday 13 July
 Holy Communion, 12.15pm.
 All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 (SCO15072)
 Kilmory linked with Lamlash
 "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 10 July
 Rev Gillean Maclean
 Kilmory 10am
 Lamlash 11.30am
 In both churches
 All welcome, including families; children's area

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)
Sunday 10 July
 Morning Service 11am
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
 Evening Service 7pm
 5 Glen Road, Brodick
 Mr. I. Macpherson
 Prayer Meeting
 Wednesday 13th 7pm

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Sunday 10 July
 Brodick Church 10.30am
 Corrie Church, 12pm
 Lochranza, 9.30am
 Pirmill, 10.45am
 Shiskine Church, 12pm.
 A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 (SCO14005)
Sunday 10 July
 Family Worship will be con-

ducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship. There will be an opportunity to look at Traidcraft goods.
 In Kildonan Village Hall at 7.30pm, there will be a Songs of Praise for Fun Week. All welcome.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Vigil Mass 7.30pm
 Morning Masses 9.30am and 11am

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Sunday 10 July
 Ormidale Sports Pavilion
 Brodick
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 Speaker: Rev Noel McCullins (Tea and coffee is served from 10.40)
 Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm
 Everyone very welcome

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER
 the offering for Open Doors at the SONGS of Praise on 26th June amounted to £230

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Tricia Martin would like to thank the doctors and nurses of Arran for the exceptional care given to her beloved husband in his last illness. She would also like to thank Elizabeth Watson for the beautiful and comforting funeral service and both her and Gillean Maclean for ongoing support. Above all thanks to her friends and the people of Arran for carrying her through this difficult time.

PERSONAL NOTICES

RUBY WEDDING
Happy Anniversary
Moira
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Lochranza Golf Course

Summer Greensome Competition, this competition is open to all club members, male, female and juniors and invited guests. The winner is the individual with the highest number of Stableford points from his/her best six scores over a maximum of twelve games at the end of August.
 Latest scores: Thursday 16 June, Ian Buchanan/Douglas Coulter 14pts, Sinclair Macleod/David Creighton 19pts. Friday 24 June, Jack Ewing(Brian Lewis) 15pts, Ben Innes/Ian Buchanan 9pts. Thursday 30 June, Ethne Cumming/Ian Buchanan 18pts, Peter Mackay/Sean Bain 7pts. Saturday 2 July, John Hartley/(Charlie Newton) 20pts, Archie Cumming/(Ronnie Currie) 23pts.

Lamlash Golf Club

Juniors: Friday 1 July, Lamlash Golf Club held it's first Junior Golf Open for players under 17 who held a current junior handicap. Ten players ranging in age from nine to 16, completed the 18 holes in brilliant conditions, each group escorted by a senior. There was some great play as well as a few wayward balls, as is to be expected at this level, but all played in the true spirit of the game, with grit and determination and all finished in good time. Each player received a goodie bag for taking part.
 1 Jamie McLaren of Corrie 92-36=56, 2 and best scratch Steven Judge from Whiting Bay 73-14=59, 3 Michael Macfarlane of Lamlash 85-25=6.
 There were twos from Steven Judge, Donald Park and Ryan Armstrong.
 Youngest player of the day was nine-year-old old Dylan Smith of Lamlash who finished his first ever competition with a respectable net 80 (116-36).
 Congratulations to all who completed the course and played with good heart. They were a credit to themselves and to their individual clubs and the future of island golf will be safe in these young men's hands.
 Although not great in numbers of entrants, the event was considered to be a great success and captain Drew Wales thanked lady captain Sheena Murchie and match secretary Alan Smith for organising it and also the other volunteers for their assistance on the day.
 The club wishes to thank Barry Herberson of Beith Golf Club for his kind donation of golf balls for the Junior Open. This is much appreciated by all the recipients.
 We look forward to an even bigger event next year when we hope Jamie will be back to defend his title.
 Gents: Thursday 30 June, Summer Cup, 30 played, CSS 65. 1 Lee Girbow 68-5=63, 2 Douglas Macfarlane 65-1=64, 3 Crawford Duncan 83-17=66, 4 Euan Evans 69-3=66. Best Scratch D Macfarlane. Twos from Neil Cameron, Drew Wales, Jack Thomson, Steven Heaney. Seniors Medal, CSS 62. 1 Ken Barclay 81-21=60, 2 Ian Heron 80-18=62. There was one two from Drew Crawford at the 13th.
 Saturday 2 July, Tom Graham Trophy,

17 played, CSS 64.1 Crawford Duncan 79-17=62, 2 Raymond Burke 75-12=63, 3 Todd Jameson 71-8=63. Best Scratch Stuart Cameron 68 and also the only two.

Sunday 3 July, Hamilton Bowl (Bogey) final round, CSS 63. 1 Lee Girbow 2, 2 Euan Evans 2, 3 Craig Maceachen 0. Best Scratch Euan Evans 64. Winner of Hamilton Bowl - Euan Evans +6 to Bogey (+4) + (+2). Runner up Lee Girbow +1 to Bogey (-1) + (+2).
 Fixtures: Sunday 10 July, final Round of Jamieson Cup, 9.30am and 1pm starts. Thursday 14 July, Summer Cup, make up own groups.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Sunday 3 July, Alice Toomey Trophy. The weather was gorgeous and we mustered 2 groups of 3. 1 Gege Kroner 87-26=61, 2 Jean Davidson 91-24=67. The second group, Susan Butchard, Doreen Mainds and Gege Kroner all had magic twos at the 17th. Now that really is magic!
 Gents: Wednesday 29 June, 28 played for the Ballantyne Cup, one of our oldest cups, on a day when it looked as if the summer might actually be coming after all! Scoring was very good although the CSS remained at 63. 1 Dave Hackett (16)59, 2 Malcolm Pennycott (1)60, 3 Nicol Auld (1)61 BIH, 4 Corey Allan (13)61. Malcolm had the only magic two of the day and he also won scratch with 61.
 Sunday 3 July, 27 played for the Morton Quaich in glorious conditions. Scoring was



Young Jamie McLaren of Corrie was the winner of the first ever Lamlash Junior Open last week.

very good with the CSS dropping to 62. 1 Alasdair Kelly (9)57, 2 Frazer Barr (10)59, 3 Gordon Provan (10)62 BIH, 4 Dave Hackett (14)62. There were magic twos from Alasdair Kelly and Gordon Provan and Nicol Auld won scratch on the better inward half with 65.
 Fixtures: Sunday 10 July, Whiting Bay Improvements Trophy. Wednesday 13 July, Summer Trophy. Sunday 17 July, Raymond Curtis Salver.

Shiskine Golf Club

Ladies: Sunday 26 June, Stableford, 16 played. 1 C Maxton 24pts, 2 A Anderson 23pts, 3 M Tod 21pts. Scratch C Maxton 48.
 Gents: Sunday 26 June, 18 played. First class: 1 D Price 54-7=47 BIH, 2 S Black 52-5=47, 3 J Morrison 54-6=48. Scratch S Black 52 BIH. Second class: 1 J Clark 52-8=44, 2 D Urquart-Dixon 54-8=46, 3



The Shiskine junior golfers had great fun at their end of term family day and barbeque.

C Rutterford 58-10=48. There was one two from W Kelso.

Saturday 2 July, Vice-Captain's Prize, 28 played. First class: 1 A Howie 42-3=39, 2 D Pilkington 45-5=40 BIH, 3 A Miller 45-5=40 BIH. Scratch A Howie 42. Second class: 1 C McGlone 48-8=40, 2 B green 55-14=41, 3 A Malcolm 56-14=42. There were magic twos from S Black, K MacFarlane, I Davidson, A Howie, M Ker, A Malcolm, S Ker and J Morrison.

Sunday 3 July, Victory Shield, 36 played. First class: 1 J McNicol 46-6=40, 2 A Miller 46-5=41 BIH, 3 A Howie 48-7=41 BIH. Scratch M Ker 43. Second class: 1 B Green 49-14=35, 2 A Chalmers 51-11=40, 3 C McGlone 50-8=42 BIH. There were twos from B Green, A Chalmers, M Ker, A Gallacher and I Davidson.

Monday 4 July, Gents Centenary Putter. First class: 1 G Gillespie 25pts, 2 J McNicol 24pts, 3 A Gallacher 23pts. Second class: 1 G Gillespie 24pts, 2nd C McGlone 22pts, 3 B Green 21pts BIH. Gordon Smith wins all the twos money as he had a hole in one at the 12th hole. Congratulations!

Ladies Centenary putter: Silver: 1 L Howie 24pts, 2 F Crawford 22pts BIH, 3 F Miller 22pts BIH. Bronze: 1 M Cameron 23pts, 2 E McMillan 22pts, 3 D Macfarlane 21pts.

Juniors: The junior members at Shiskine took part in a family day and barbeque to round off the Clubgolf programme for this Spring/Summer. The senior trophy went to Kerr Rankin and the team winners for the younger members went to Adam Brown and his team. Longest drive was won by Adam Brown with a fantastic tee shot which nearly reached the green and Emily Devine won the longest putt sunk with a wonderful 35 feet putt.

New to the scheme and passing the first Clubgolf targets this year were Rory Currie (also this year's most improved starter), Molly McNiven, Scott Fotheringham, Malley Robertson and Louie Urquart-Dixon.

Stage 1 certificates which are awarded to those who have completed successfully 20 different challenges were awarded to three members - Katie Murchie, Adam Brown and Cameron Thomson who also won the most improved player of the year.

Everyone had a great time and we look forward to all the children taking advantage of the children's hour (Monday- Friday) when the course is reserved for them as long as they are accompanied by a non-playing adult!

Machrie Golf Club

Tuesday 28 June, Gleneagles Medal, £250



Machrie's team - David Price, David Jeffrey, David Wilkinson and Campbell Laing - won the AGA Corrie Hotel Cup. b27aga01NO

THANKS
 Dorothy would like to say a huge thank you to her patients, friends and colleagues for their very kind expressions of gratitude, good wishes and gifts.
 I will miss you all

THANK YOU
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Sannox success in Bryan Allsop Memorial match



Arran's cricketers retained the Allsop Memorial trophy at the weekend after travelling to Carradale for the fixture.

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

Man of the match, Tony Brookes, victoriously holding the Allsop Memorial trophy bat.

form remember him each year in the Bryan Allsop memorial match.

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 batted first and got 123 all out with Tony Brookes on 37 and Scott Weir 38. Tony Brookes was judged man of the match not least of all because of his inspired captaincy.

The exact figure for Carradale is a bit hazy but it was around 65 all out.

Sannox presented the bottle of malt Tony won for man of the match to the opposition for their hospitality and support of the Allsop family.

A raffle, run by Audrey and David, and much supported by players from both sides, raised £78 for the Sannox club funds.

Next match is an important league match against Oban next Sunday at home.



John Pennycott receiving the 2011 Dougie Macfarlane award. b26pen01

Lyle competes in nationwide championship

A keen young Arran runner took part in the Scottish Interdistrict Championships at Grangemouth stadium recently.



Lyle Bunyan of Brodick represented the Ayrshire Under 15s team in tournament by running the 400m and relay as well as competing in the long jump.

Lyle continues the tradition of Arran High School athletes representing Ayrshire at Grangemouth.

Left: Lyle Bunyan of Brodick is pictured in his Ayrshire Athletics vest.



Connor Smith is making a name for himself on the Scottish Motocross circuit.

Championship motocross success for Connor

Sixteen-year-old Connor Smith of Machrie has had more success on his motorbike.

In three races at Dalry Motocross Track last week he won one and came second twice in the fifth round of the Scottish Championships.

Murray Boal of Arran Motocross Club said: 'Connor is competing against adults in the seniors class now.'

'It was a fantastic achieve-

ment; he won three firsts in his class. He started the second race in last place, but ended up winning by half a lap.

'I hope this will encourage more youngsters to take up the sport.'

The races are over nine laps and last 20 minutes.

Connor's bike is a KTM 450cc, and next week he will be competing in the British Championships in Northern Ireland.

John wins special golfing award

This years recipient of the Dougie Macfarlane Golfing Award was the very popular choice of John Pennycott of Whiting Bay.

Dougie said: 'Thanks go to Nicol Auld for the eulogy and for Ronnie Mann for reading

it out. Its not until you hear about someone in detail that you realise just what that person has achieved and done.'

John thanked everyone present and received his award in front of a proud wife and son.'

Football season continues

Shiskine FC beat Brodick 5-2 at the Ormidale Park on Monday night while Bay FC beat Northend 3-0 in Lamlash.

At Sandbraes in Whiting Bay Southend beat Lamlash 3-2 On Monday 11 July, Southend play Brodick, Lamlash take on Bay FC and Northend take on Shiskine.

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