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No school houses for new teachers

REPORT
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Staffing levels at Arran's schools have been called in to question by the High School's Parent Council following concerns that a lack of suitable housing on the island is driving away new recruits.

As the school summer holidays begin there are currently five empty school houses on the island that have been deemed unfit for rental or sale, and have also been deemed unattractive to buyers.

At a meeting of the Parent Council earlier this year it was revealed that previous assurances that new properties with short-term lease arrangements would be purchased by NAC have not been fulfilled.

The five properties owned by North Ayrshire Council have been empty for some time despite an urgent need for homes to house new teachers.

Tricia Jenkins, chairman of the Parent Council told The Banner that they have been extremely concerned about the lack of suitable housing for the past five years.

She said: 'Given the new staffing positions at all of Arran's schools this is a very serious situation.'

'We need a guarantee that the council are dealing with

the school housing problem on Arran because at the moment there is nowhere for any new teachers to live.'

When the new term begins Brodick Primary School will have an entire new staff of teachers and Arran High School is also welcoming new recruits but there is nowhere for them to stay.

A spokesperson for North Ayrshire Council said: 'Recruitment of teachers to rural and island schools is an issue across Scotland, and although accommodation can be a factor, it is not the only one.'

'The council has supported recruitment to Arran High through a range of measures, including increasing the number of promoted posts.'

'Two of the Arran school houses are up for sale and have been on the market since 2010.'

'No acceptable offers have yet been received but the asking price has been reduced and the properties will continue to be marketed.'

'The other three houses are currently under review in terms of their condition and suitability for the provision of short term residential accommodation.'

'A report will be submitted to the council's Cabinet on this review and potential usage of the houses following the summer recess.'



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Arran folklore - and fizz as Jacqueline tells her tales

'It was a wonderful evening'

A storyteller delved into Arran's folktales, folklore - and fizz - at a special event in the Blackwaterfoot Lodge on Saturday.

The audience were treated to a glass of Prosecco before settling down to listen to Arran tales of disappearing islands, strange women from beneath the sea, an encounter with the 'other folk' beneath Aird Bheinn, and even a 21st century report of an encounter with the world of faery.

Storyteller Jacqueline Harris came to live on Arran last year but she has worked as a storyteller for the last 13 years and travels for her work.

She is hoping that Saturday was one of many opportunities to tell stories here on Arran and encourage others to do the same.

At the end of the evening the audience were invited to share their own stories and the bar was lively after the event as people continued to chat and tell tales.

Jacqueline said: 'They were a fabulous audience and it



Storyteller Jacqueline Harris had the audience spellbound with her Arran folktales.

was fantastic to hear people tell their own stories, but as biologists and psychologists now say, human beings are born hard-wired to listen and

tell stories.'

Ann Relf, owner of Blackwaterfoot Lodge, said; 'It was a wonderful evening. 'Jacqueline was such a bright

spark and I think we were really lucky to be the first venue to host one of her folktale evenings.'

Lyn McDonald was in the

audience and her response was; 'I had a wonderful evening. It was really great to hear local folklore brought to life like that.'

'Doughnuts' driver charged

A Lamlash man has denied driving dangerously by making 'doughnuts' with his car and not having proper insurance in place.

Daniel Brobson, aged 20, plead not guilty in writing when his case was called at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

It is alleged that on May 8 at Market Road, near to the Stagecoach Bus depot, at Brodick Pier, Mr Brobson drove a car dangerously in that he spun the rear wheels and caused the vehicle to spin in a circular motion several times.

A second charge alleged that he was using a Mercedes 190E without having proper insurance in respect of third party risks.

Mr Brobson will face trial on November 4 following another hearing on October 2, when he has been ordered to appear.

Woman on drink driving charge

A 22-year-old woman from Whiting Bay has been charged after allegedly driving with more than double the legal limit of alcohol in her system.

It is alleged that on March 11 at Glen Place, Brodick, Katrina Bonar drove a car after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion of it in her blood was 163milligrams of alcohol in 100millilitres of blood which exceeded the prescribed limit of 80mg.

The accused, of Silverhill Chalets, Whiting Bay, was absent when her case was called at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

On a motion of the defence the court adjourned without plea until July 11.

Name clarification

The organisers of the Arran High School leavers dance would like to apologise to Jenna Campbell for mistaking her surname for Taylor.

We apologise for any upset caused.

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Serenading youngsters

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Three cheers for Arran hotel

A top Arran hotel has won a national accolade for its high standards of service.

The Auchrannie House Hotel was among the award winners at the DRAM Scottish Licensed Trade Awards, picking up the Vicast Independent Hotel of the Year prize.

Auchrannie's business development manager, Gordon Hay, said: 'This is a great award to win considering the level of competition involved. This will not only bring exposure for the Auchrannie but for the whole of Arran.'

The island could have boasted Scotland's best bar manager AND independent hotel.

Fraser Hendry of the Kinloch Hotel was a finalist in the Strongbow Manager of the Year category, at the same awards.

Sponsored walk for cancer research

Four local women are walking around Arran tomorrow (Saturday) to raise money for much needed cancer research.

Sophie Marriott and three friends will set off from Catacol at 7am with two going north and two heading south as they circumnavigate the island.

They are urging locals who wish to join them, even just for a mile or two, to come along and take part.

If you would like to donate to this cause - no matter how little - you can either text ISLE70 £(your amount) to 70070 or you can donate through their page on the link <http://www.justgiving.com/Arran-Fundraising>



Area manager Jim Scott, left, presents watch manager Paul Jameson from Lamlash Fire Station with his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. 20_b27med01

Paul celebrates 20 years fighting fires

Volunteer fire fighter Paul Jameson was presented with a long service and good conduct medal at Lamlash Fire Station last week by area manager Jim Scott.

The medal is in recognition of Paul's 21 years' exemplary service with the fire brigade on Arran and recognises both the commitment of fire fighters and their families for the sacrifice they make in making our communities a safer place.

Paul joined the Fire Service in 1992 and was promoted to

Leading Fire fighter in 2001 then Watch Manager in 2006, a post which he still holds today.

* On April 1 Arran's fire-fighters, who previously formed part of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Service, joined the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service when all of the country's fire authority's combined to create on large service.

There are eight local senior officers (LSOs) in the West of Scotland who have been appointed to ensure the con-

tinuing effective delivery of service on Arran.

Area manager Jim Scott has been appointed as the LSO for East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire.

Mr Scott was previously Deputy Commander within East Ayrshire and East Renfrewshire and recently was the Commander for Argyll & Bute prior to taking up the LSO role within Ayrshire.

The number to ring if you want a free Home Fire Safety Check remains the same 0800 0731999.

Drumming world record attempt

Hopefully drumming his way to a World Record next week is Jonny Francis from Whiting Bay.

Currently studying drum performance at degree level at the Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford, with some friends and colleagues Jonny will be attempting to break the

world record for continuous drumming between July 10 and 13 in Guildford.

Jonny said: 'We are doing this for charity and hope to gain an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records.'

Non-stop

'There will be 35 drummers in total and each musician will contribute two solid, non-stop playing hours.'

'My specific slot is at 2am on Saturday morning!'

'We can play along to records or just 'freestyle' it



Jonny Francis.

on the kit. The crucial thing is just to keep playing and not allow any break in sound.'

T over the sea? No can do!

It's the event that sees the population of a large town congregate on a former airfield and poultry farm in Perthshire to drink, dance and sing for three days.

But early plans for Scotland's world famous music festival could have seen it take place in a very different location - T in the Park could have been T over the Sea.

As 85,000 people prepare to haul out their wellies next weekend to celebrate the 20th

anniversary of the hugely popular music marathon, a new documentary has revealed that it could have been held on Arran.

Chiefs at festival founders DF Concerts originally considered the island as a location for what has become one of the country's largest cultural events.

Festival boss Geoff Ellis disclosed that the original vision for the first T was to ferry thousands of people across

the Firth of Clyde for a festival built around 90s folk band The Levellers.

He said: 'It would have been a one-day festival but then we got the ferry and went over to Arran and we realised, looking at the capacity of the ferries, that it would take a week to get enough people over there to make a festival viable.'

'So we scrapped those plans and decided to go for Strathclyde Park.'

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AYF host open garden fundraiser

The young members of Arran Youth Foundations are holding an open day fundraiser at Strabane House on Saturday; and are hoping for better weather than last year's event!

The open day will be an ideal chance for visitors to have a look around the gardens of Strabane House, home to Lady Jean Fforde, who is a great supporter of AYF.

However, the youngsters involved are relying on nicer conditions than last time they held such an open day in 2012, when storms saw two ferries from Ardrossan cancelled and the gardens subject to a downpour!

AYF's open day at Strabane House will run from 11am-4pm on Saturday 6 July. Refreshments and baking will be included in the price of entry, £5 for adults with children getting in for free.

Summer bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 1 July were as follows: N/S 1 Winifred MacCallum and Alan Dick, 2 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland, 3 Margaret Macgill and Evelyn Sillars.

E/W 1 John Dick and John Baraclough, 2 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Robertson, 3 Margaret Bruce and Douglas Bruce.

Castle prepares to bring Bronze Age past to life

This event will give people the chance to get a glimpse into life in the Bronze Age

For a few days later this month, the Bronze Age roundhouse at Brodick Country Park will come alive with the sounds, smells, and tastes of the past.

Currently members of the public can experience the replica structure during hands-on tours, but to celebrate this exciting new addition to the Country Park in style, a two day event will take place next weekend (July 13/14).

The National Trust for Scotland ranger service has teamed up with archaeologists from Glasgow-based charity Northlight Heritage and Glasgow University to provide a unique insight into prehistoric life.

The roundhouse will be a focus for activities which explore ancient technologies and crafts.

Visitors will be able to see demonstrations, undertake

hands-on activities, and talk to the archaeologists, crafts people and NTS staff about Arran's amazing prehistoric past.

Ranger Corinna Goeckeritz said: 'I am absolutely thrilled about this joint event, which will give people the unique chance not just to get a glimpse into life in the Bronze Age, but also to see how incredibly skilled our ancestors were.'

Highlight

'Ancient crafts on show will include prehistoric pottery production, Bronze Age metallurgy and casting of tools, as well as rope making and willow weaving.'

'Children of all ages will be able to have a go at various crafts, such as making stone pendants with a Bronze Age hand drill. Another highlight should be the Arran Brewery's Bronze Age Beer!'



The interior of the bronze Age roundhouse at Brodick Castle.

Titled 'Burning the Circle', the event takes its name from another exciting archaeological experiment taking place during the weekend.

Archaeologists from Northlight Heritage and the University of Glasgow will undertake the experimental construction of a prehistoric timber circle.

Local wood carver and

sculptor Marvin Elliott will put his chainsaw and modern chisels aside and decorate some of the posts using replica Bronze tools.

It will be the first such structure erected on the island for 4,000 years.

Pre-dating stone circles, there is evidence of these monuments on Machrie Moor. However, this cir-

cle will only stand for a few days on the hillside above the roundhouse.

The festival will culminate in the burning of the timber circle as darkness falls on the evening of 14 July.

If the ancient fire and weather deities are kind, this promises to be quite a spectacle and should be visible across Brodick Bay.

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Colin's friends and family took part in a bag-pack on Saturday to raise more money for the two cancer charities.

Colin's auction to raise much-needed cancer funds

A fantastic charity auction will take place later this month in memory of the much-missed Colin Douglas who sadly died from Leukaemia earlier this year.

And to increase the fundraising, Colin's family and friends held a bag-pack in the Brodick Co-op on Saturday which raised an incredible £1,000.

This money will be added to the total after the auction at Lamlash Golf Club on Saturday 27 July and split between two charities which helped Colin when he was fighting Leukaemia, the Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre and the Friends of the Beatson.

So far there are some fabulous items up for grabs in

the auction including world champion boxer Amir Khan's boxing glove, a signed St Mirren football shirt, golf hat and scorecard that belonged to Tom Watson, a weeks self-catering cottage and Gee Atherton's mountain biking top.

Colin's mum Merle said: 'Both of these charities are very close to our hearts and they were a huge part of Colin's life.'

'We are really looking forward to a great night where all of Colin's friends and supporters can gather and keep his memory alive.'

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Designed by sisters Julie and Clare McAnulty, the app covers 10 popular walks from Kingscross Point, Drumadoon Cliff and Glen Rosa among others.

Julie said: 'We used to come over to Arran for our holidays and we would go on walks but we kept getting lost!

'We thought it would be great if you could do it on your phone like the city finder apps and we ended up doing it ourselves.

'We feature ten wonderful walks to take when visiting the Isle of Arran, spanning from the west to the east of the island.

'Each walk comes with historic information of the area and a photo/text guide to help you navigate.'

Each step of the app gives you an accurate photograph from a walker's perspective and a brief text instruction to the next step.

Not only that but Arran Walks on Mobile can also track your location using GPS, meaning that you can stay on the route and find your way back if you happen to detour.



Howard Wood and Don MacNeish with a boat load of shore rubbish at Dhunan.

Lamlash youngsters celebrate graduation

Some of them dream of becoming doctors, some of them dolphin trainers.

These were the kinds of jobs the children at Lamlash nursery bravely stood in front of the microphone and said they wanted to do in the future.

Of course, there is a long way to go until the working world for these children, but last Thursday they took their first big step with a graduation ceremony and with it the transition from nursery to primary school.

Wearing mortar boards and gowns, the eight children entertained the watching parents, teachers and primary pupils with songs, complete with 'So Long, Farewell' from Sound of Music, finished with a bow to salute the crowd.

The routine itself had been expertly organised by childcare practitioners Catherine Scott and Heidi Macfarlane.

The ceremony also saw some of the children present retiring dinner-lady Mrs Halliday with flowers and gifts for her eight years of service.

Pictured from left are: Childcare Practitioner Catherine Scott, Filip Dybalski, Oscar Urquhart Dixon, Jenny Currie, Lydia Herd, Chloe Hemming, Beth McNiece, Harrison Ross and fellow Childcare Practitioner Heidi Macfarlane 20_b27grad01



Beach clean up

'We encourage walkers to pick up five pieces of litter on each shore walk'

One of the island's less accessible beaches was given a spring clean last weekend by members of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST).

The coastline between Clauchland's Point and Corriegills is particularly beautiful but quite hard to access when it comes to removing beach litter.

Andrew Binnie, COAST's manager, said: 'This stretch of coast features lovely salt marshes, volcanic dykes and nesting birds in the cliffs above the shore and is part of the Arran coastal way.

'In the same week COAST also cleared six bags of rubbish off the eastern shore of Holy Isle.

'We encourage walkers to pick up five pieces of litter on each shore walk.

'Although beach cleaning may seem like an endless task it does make a real difference, year on year and helps to keep our island attractive for residents and visitors alike.' With help from COAST volunteer Kristina Boerder and friends who bagged up the rubbish - mainly plastic bottles - COAST was able to ar-

range for the litter to be taken off by boat.

Don MacNeish and Howard Wood, who founded COAST in 1995 crewed Howard's old tin boat, which was turned into a 'floating skip' for the day.

A team of COAST volunteers working along the shore heaved the bin bags on to the boat at points where the boat could gain access.

The rubbish was then dropped off at Dhunan where North Ayrshire Council are able to pick it up.



Kristina Boerder with colourful rubbish collected during the beach clean.

Calling all creative arts and crafts organisations

An Arran-wide application is being submitted to the 'Creative Places Award' funded by Creative Scotland for 2014.

A meeting is taking place in the Arran Library on Wednesday 10 July at 5.30pm and all interested arts or crafts organisations on Arran are invited to send a representative to this meeting.

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Two wheel magic at the museum

Arran Heritage Museum is playing host to a rather unusual and interesting display on Sunday 14 July.

Arising from last year's display of vintage tractors, when several restored motorcycles were added as a late attraction, it was felt that the interest these two wheeled vehicles generated might have the potential for a show on its own, and so it has happened.

The museum's first Vintage Motorcycle Show starts next Sunday at 1.30pm when a parade of these gleaming machines will be lined up on the lawn, and many of the owners will be on hand to discuss and explain their machines.

As musical accompaniment the Arran Pipe Band will play a set at approximately 2.30pm and local singing group 'Fish 'n' Ships' will be in hand to entertain throughout the afternoon. In addition to Cafe Rosaburn's usual attractive fare, there will be a stall selling locally sourced beef and venison burgers.

All that is needed then to complete the afternoon is for the sun to shine!

Church welcomes two new Readers



Liz Clarke, left, and Sharon MacLeod, right, with the island's third Reader, Jean Hunter, on Friday night.

Their skills as preachers have already been much in demand

Two new Readers were admitted into the Church of Scotland by the Presbytery of Ardrossan on Friday night in a special service in Brodick.

Mrs Liz Clarke of St Molios Church, Shiskine and Mrs Sharon MacLeod of Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church, both officially became Readers in a service which marked the culmination of several years of training.

During the service Liz and Sharon were presented with blue Reader's scarves, the badge of their office, an ancient one in the Kirk dating back to the Reformation in 1560.

Sharon's father Hight Allan also served for many years as

a Church of Scotland Reader on the island.

The Reverend Angus Adamson said: 'As Readers, Liz and Sharon will now be entitled to carry out all the duties of an ordained minister on the island, with the exception of conducting marriages and administering the sacraments.'

Much in demand

'With the current vacancy at Lamlash and Kilmory their skills as preachers have already been much in demand.'

Arran is now served by three Church of Scotland Readers, the other being Jean Hunter, who has for the past seven years been Parish Assistant at Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza and Pirmill, and Shiskine.

Island energy subsidy move welcomed

The renewable energy industry has welcomed UK government moves towards special subsidies for power generated on and around Scotland's islands.

The cost of connecting to mainland markets has held back development on island's such as Arran, but the Government hopes new legislation will encourage investment.

The Department of Energy and Climate Change has announced it is to consult, this summer, on the subsidy levels necessary to encourage investment.

The process would determine the 'strike price'.

If the market price for energy is below that level, a subsidy system kicks in to ensure the producer has a minimum level of income.

Kenneth Gibson, Arran's MSP said: 'The announcement is extremely positive one for Arran and other Scottish islands.'

'It is tremendous news for island communities across Scotland who can now expect to be at the forefront of renewable development.'

'After having faced uncertainty for so long over the shape of the energy market, renewable energy producers will now get much needed clarity to plan future investment in our islands.'

Calling all Arran choristers

Once again, as part of the McLellan Festival in August and September, Arran is privileged to welcome students from the Royal Northern College, Manchester who will be soloists in this year's island oratorio – Mendelssohn's Elijah.

As before, the students will take the principal parts and Arran residents are invited to be the chorus – to be known as the McLellan Festival Chorus.

The performance date is Sunday 8 September at 7.30pm in Arran Community Theatre in Lamlash.

Rehearsals will be on Monday 2, Wednesday 4 and Saturday 7 September (none of which is compulsory!)

Everyone is welcome to take part – there are no auditions.

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Roman invasion at Brodick Primary School

They may have left Britain some 2,000 years ago, but there was another Roman invasion last week, this time at Brodick Primary School.

The school's primary 3/4 class have been studying a topic on the Romans, and as part of this they looked for archaeological evidence of the Romans' stay in Britain.

The children investigated the Hadrian and Antonine walls, and built their own Roman Road on Brodick beach, which passers-by may have seen.

The morning register also read quite differently with the children choosing typical Roman names like Tiberius, Claudia, Livia and Marcus.

The children also made their own Roman artefacts such as soldiers' uniforms, complete with sandals, armour, helmets, dice, and for Roman children they made a 'bulla', a pouch that goes around the neck.

The pupils then paraded

around the playground in a traditional (and very difficult) Roman army 'tortoise shell' formation, guarding the school grounds and marching along the 'Brodick school wall'.

After all that effort the children sat down, but didn't lie down as the Romans did, for a 'Cena', or feast, with delicacies such as honeyed (or sugared) dormice and Roman cheesecake washed down with wine (grape juice).

Sensibly

Speaking about the meal, P3/4 teacher Mrs. Cameron, said: 'Roman children sensibly sat down to eat their meals.'

'Adults lay down while eating and suffered bad indigestion.'

'We all enjoyed our topic this term, especially creating our own Roman outfits and artefacts and making the food for our party.'

The verdict of the class: 'It was Romantastic.'



Above:
Brodick's pupils prepare for battle.

Left:
P3/4 pictured in battle formation.

Summer fun, and hopefully sun, for Whiting Bay Fun Week

Whiting Bay Improvements Association are planning to keep the entire family entertained with seven busy days of activities during the annual Whiting Bay Fun Week.

Starting on Friday 19 July with the grand Putting Competition, this always popular event runs all day from 10am to 7pm, so come along to the Putting Green and join in the fun.

The village looks colourful all the year round with the flowering boats and tubs so on the same day at 5.30pm there will be a celebration of the 'Bay in Bloom'.

On Saturday 20 July the Fun Day starts with a family fun run from the Putting Green to the Playing fields at 1.30pm.

Running in fancy dress would be great and the costumes will be judged at the end.

At 2pm the Bay Queen will be crowned as the Pipe Band play and other attractions include the Dog Show, Birds of Prey, Taiko Drummers, Haggis Hurl, Belly Dancers, Tea tent, Barbecue, Face painting, Tombola, Ice Cream, the Dunking Machine and a car boot sale.

This is always a great day

and well worth the effort of coming.

On Sunday there will be a Bowling Green Competition for the Fun Week Shield at 2pm and on the Monday the fantastic Beach Sculpture competition starts at 3.30pm, with a people's vote as well as local Sculptor Tim Pomeroy's judging.

Come and create something fun in sand and anything found on the beach.

The car treasure hunt is at 6.30pm on Monday starting at the hall and the COAST Rock Pool Scramble is on Tuesday at 10am.

The Summer Play will be in the Hall on Tuesday evening and then on the beach on Wednesday there will be a Scavenger Hunt at 11am.

On Thursday evening a Fun Family Quiz will see family groups pitting their wits in this fun and exciting evening at 7pm in the hall.

The Duck Derby, a huge success last year, will be held at 11.30am on Friday 26 July at Sandbraes.

Throughout the Fun Week there will have been ample opportunities to buy a duck, so come and quack for your winning duck!

Then later on Friday at 5.15pm a Tug of War and Tractor Pull will take place in Sandbraes park. Get up a team and come and try your strength. It will prepare the muscles for Saturday!

The final event is the famous Raft Race on Saturday 27 July at 1pm.

So come and enjoy anything or everything in Whiting Bay Fun Week 19 to 27 July. The money raised is used during the year to make Whiting Bay a better place to be.

If you live in Whiting Bay and would like to help with one of these events, we would love to hear from you.

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Housing crisis won't go away

Driving around the island this week I was struck by the incredible number of houses up for sale.

Between Dippin and Corriecravie alone I counted over 20 properties, a huge number for a relatively sparsely populated area. Since the recession hit in 2008 house prices have fallen all over Britain but Arran's property market has changed very little.

The subject of affordable housing is one which we have covered again and again but it is a serious issue and needs tackling properly. Anywhere else in the country, young people would be snapping up these properties that are on the market at an affordable, reduced price - but not on Arran.

This is probably one of the few places outside the south of England where 'ideal starter homes' are being marketed at £275,000. Even those selling second homes that they can no longer afford are pricing Arran's young families out of the market.

Homes for teachers is now becoming one of the biggest problems on the island. After the holidays Brodick Primary School is welcoming three new teachers but the council no longer own any properties for them to live in.

Five school houses are lying empty but due to a lack of maintenance, they have all been deemed unfit for either sale or rental at this time.

Earlier this year we covered the story of two teachers at Arran High School, Mr McEnaney and Miss Costello, who were living in a house so riddled with damp that they weren't even able to use one of the bedrooms.

Is it any wonder that Arran has trouble attracting new teachers when these are the kinds of rental properties they are forced to inhabit.

In years gone by a secondary school teacher would have been able to move here and comfortably afford to buy a home of their own, but not anymore.

SNP ministers were today (Wednesday) expected to abolish Scottish council tenants' right to buy their home in a reversal of one of the most popular policies of the Thatcher era. In the past this had been one of the simplest ways of purchasing property but in some cases, such as here on Arran, it considerably limited the number of properties available for rental. Arran has many properties lying empty and in a state of disrepair just like the schoolhouses.

Perhaps North Ayrshire Council needs to start thinking out of the box - just think what could be done with those empty houses.

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



Biomass explained

Sir,
I note comments made by Douglas Templeton in last week's Banner and would like to respond. At no time has it been claimed that our proposed biomass plant would create a local, secure and cheap electricity supply for the island.

It would be desirable to do so but unfortunately regulation of electricity supply and grid configuration simply does not allow the island to be supplied directly from the plant. It is a central part of UK and Scottish Government energy policy that renewables be expanded so that there is less dependence on fossil fuels for electricity production (cost of imported gas is responsible for a far higher proportion of energy price increases than renewables policy).

Support is provided through the Renewables Obligation for all technologies including wind, hydro and biomass. It is interesting for us to note that Mr Templeton attended our second community engagement event where he confirmed his opposition to the biomass project and indicated that he would have a preference a wind farm on the island.

This of course would also attract support from the Renewables Obligation as well as having a much greater impact on the Arran landscape. The employment figures quoted are based on independent analysis. There will indeed be four direct jobs all of which will be of high quality and local to the project site.

The indirect jobs which will be created are not a myth - the higher productivity of forests on Arran, better returns for the low grade timber that will be used and more efficient haulage will all contribute to additional jobs in the supply chain.

I have reviewed the transport impacts and can confirm that the minimum benefit to the public road network is that there will be a 50 per cent reduction in the total weight hauled over public roads, a 50 per cent reduction in total

vehicle movements and a 15 per cent saving on total road haulage distance travelled - details of how this was calculated have been provided to the Community Council.

It is simply wrong to assert that biomass is dirtier than coal. There is a worldwide view that coal is the most polluting form of energy generation in terms of carbon dioxide and other pollutants.

Indeed biomass is already the main source of renewable energy production on Arran.

We have indicated from the outset that we wish to work with the Arran community to develop productive uses for the excess heat produced and this has been recently reaffirmed to the Community Council.

Community Engagement events were held in Lamlash earlier in the year. These were well attended and provided an opportunity for a wide cross section of the Arran community to obtain information on the project, give their opinions and express their concerns.

Two key issues that were raised were emissions and landscape impact. In the application we have responded to those concerns by incorporating the best available technology for cleaning the flue emissions. We have also micro-sited the buildings to maximise screening by hills and surrounding forests and so ensure that the impact on the wider landscape is minimised.

I trust the foregoing will assist people in taking a balanced view of the proposal.

Yours,
Fergus Tickell
Northern Energy
Developments Ltd

Balanced interpretation

Sir,
Your correspondent in last week's Banner (Myths and misconceptions) has every right to voice his own opinion regarding the proposed wood burning power station but certain of his observations invite a more balanced interpretation.

I declare myself in favour of the proposal for the simple reason that the cut timber that would provide the fuel for this project on Arran now goes to Brodick to be shipped to the mainland and then burnt in boilers within the region to generate heat.

It is generally understood that the losses incurred by the publicly accountable forestry industry in so doing are picked up by the taxpayer, which just does not make sense. The same wood used to generate power on Arran makes it a more rational solution and indeed provides an opportunity for secure long-term employment in what are probably going to be reasonably skilled operator jobs.

Of course there are wider environmental issues as with any industrial project but the proposer has engaged with us on the island and we all have to make up our own minds whether the company has done enough to satisfy our concerns.

I would be the first to agree that on a much larger scale biomass power generation based on imported wood as already approved at a number of sites around the UK is not an attractive proposition for a number of reasons but these are no justification for rejecting the Arran proposal with its unique opportunity to utilise an existing resource at lower cost to the taxpayer. There is understandable disquiet over the perception that as the conversion efficiency of the chemical energy in wood to electrical energy is a low 23 per cent it must be a wasteful process being proposed.

Unfortunately low conversion efficiencies are a fact of life in the way we live in our society.

The best existing coal fired power station currently achieves only 35 per cent efficiency of conversion.

Losses in transmission and use mean that the end use efficiency can be even lower at around 19 per cent. The balance is lost mostly as heat to atmosphere. I think we have to conclude this present proposal is the

best one going right now to start to use our natural resources better on the island.

We can reject it but the fact remains that we need to do better however we achieve it.

Yours,
John Campbell
Lamlash

Urban? Not here

Sir,
Urban -adj. living in, or situated in a town or city.

I have no axe to grind against providing access for the disabled to public transport.

However, North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) reason for the proposed works at the 'humps', based on an EU directive, can be regarded as neither a misinterpretation, nor a misunderstanding, of that directive's requirements for such access.

The wording of the EU requirement for disabled access to buses is both specific and clear, applying to urban areas only, but NAC has ignored this for its own reasons.

By no stretch of anyone's imagination can the area between Fairhaven and Rubha Airigh Bheirg be considered urban.

Therefore the decision to proceed with the scheme is flawed and a profligate waste of public money.

Do I see the words 'judicial review' heaving into view? Surely such money could be better spent on repairs on already damaged roads on Arran?

If this flawed scheme goes ahead, following the next general election when the electorate votes 'Out' in UKIP's 'Europe - In or Out' referendum and EU diktats no longer have to be adhered to, will the wastrels planning to spend money on the destruction of the 'humps' be compelled to the return the road to its present condition? Preferably at their own expense.

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The weekend is designed to celebrate the hard work of the Arran Distillery's staff, both on the island and at their head office in Stirling. 20_b27dis07

Arran Malt and Music Festival

Distillery celebrates coming of age with Malt and Music Festival

The Isle of Arran Distillery celebrated its coming of age last weekend with a three-day celebration as the business celebrated its 18th birthday.

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

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

As well as tailored tastings there was local produce on sale, a unique collector's edition of The Arran Single Malt for sale, a whisky bar and food stalls, as well as many different family activities including archery, painting, bird of prey displays, storytelling and island crafts.

The weekend started with an exclusive, intimate dinner in the distillery on the evening of Friday 28 June.

This unforgettable evening, hosted by distillery manager James MacTag-

gart, managing director Euan Mitchell, visitor centre manager Faye Black and the whole sales team gave guests a personal tour of the bonded warehouse with James while he drew the very Single Malt which accompanied their last course.

James explained the intricacies of tasting and choosing the perfect Single Malt to accompany the sumptuous five-course meal prepared by talented Island chef, Robin Gray.

Guests enjoyed an Arran seafood cocktail, Arran reared mutton and hogget with its own haggis, neep puree and whisky sauce before a trio of sorbet was brought out.

This was followed with a selection of the best Bellevue cheeses and an Arran rhubarb crumble tart.

Each course was accompanied wine, port and Arran whisky chosen to match each particular dish.

Throughout the evening guests were entertained by the incredibly talented Rowan Brothers who are just 11 and

13 years old and are playing at T in the Park next week.

On Saturday night the festivities continued with a ceilidh in Lochranza Hall with The Reel Time Ceilidh Band from Edinburgh and on Sunday there was a Texas Scramble at Lochranza Golf Course which was won by Gerard, Anne and Ben Tattersfield.

Euan Mitchell, managing director at Isle of Arran Distillers, said: 'This weekend is all about celebrating the people behind the incredibly successful brand that Arran Malt has become.'

'The past 18 years have had its ups and downs but thanks to the incredible team both here on Arran and in Stirling we have created a distillery to be proud of.'

He added: 'Our Malt and Music festival is always a highlight of the year and this year expectations were very high, rightfully so, because it was a fantastic weekend.'

'Thank you to all of you who came from near and far to celebrate with us.'

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Campbell Laing was handing out samples on Saturday afternoon. 20_b27dis11



The Banner joined Douglas Clement, Scott Murdoch, Rochelle and Andrew Smith for the exclusive whisky dinner on the Friday night. 20_b27dis10



Visitors came from all over the world for the festival. 20_b27dis05



Above: Local chef Robin Gray prepared an incredible five-course dinner on the Friday night. He is pictured with the visitor centre manager Faye Black. 20_b27dis09



Right: Arran Distillery's chairman Mike Pearce opens the cask chosen by distiller James MacTaggart to accompany the whisky dinner. 20_b27dis08

Arran Banner Photo Competition 2013

The closing date is FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER and the decision of the judges is final

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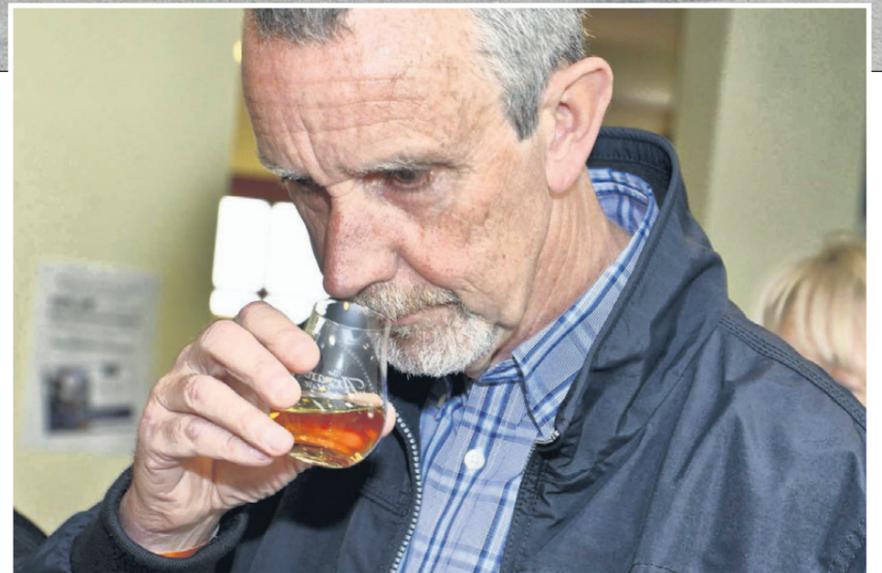
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The weekend was dedicated to malt and music. 20_b27dis06



The 'Drambusters' outside the distillery visitor's centre. 20_b27dis02



One of the key attractions was five different whisky master classes on offer giving people the chance to experience first-hand the delights of Arran malt. 20_b27dis03



Isle of Arran Pipe Band entertained the crowds throughout the afternoon. 20_b27dis04



Locals Kirsty Innes, Lorna Logan and Kirstin Weir with her daughter Rosanna. 20_b27dis01

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This annual event signals the start of the summer on Arran and it is one of the highlights of the calendar for both locals and visitors - many of whom return year on year for the weekend.

The weekend literally kicks-off on Thursday night with a five-a-side football tournament at the Harbour Field before the main event on Saturday 6 July in the field behind harbour view.

The Round the Square race begins at 1.30pm and then the gates to the field will open at 2pm.

For those that have not enjoyed the fun and games of the day before there is entertainments for all the family throughout the day.

From the much-loved Duck Derby to the delicious afternoon teas, stalls and tombola there is plenty to keep both little ones and their minders entertained.

The highlight of the day of course is the Highland Games and various sports events.

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Thankfully this event, with its participants in fancy dress, still went ahead last year and it is still the best way to 'round' off the weekend.

By calling Shiskine Golf Club you can book your tee-off times and this year's theme for the fancy dress is 'ice age'.

As well as the Shiskine Sports Day there are plenty of other things to do and places to see in the area.

With delicious food and one of the friendliest bars on the island, The Kinloch Hotel is as always the place to be on the Saturday night.

The hotel is usually packed with people making the most of the holiday weekend and there really is no better place to spend the evening in the Shiskine Valley.

The Harbour Shop and newsagents is strategically placed next to the field and offers lots of great souvenirs for visitors wanting to take something home to remember the weekend.

From postcards, books, island produced toiletries and jewellery this lovely shop is a must-see.

If the sun is shining then pop in for an ice lolly and pick up a copy of The Arran Banner while you're in!

And while your taking part at the Texas Scramble on Sunday why not pop in to Dougie Bell's pro golf shop at Shiskine Golf Club.

With all golfing equipment ranging from clubs and bags to clothing and souvenirs competitively priced you are sure to pick up quality items to up your game at a great price.

Many of the local businesses also offer their support to the event each year such as nearby Hope Cottage, a stunning self-catering property, and the family run John Robertson Ltd, a local joinery firm.



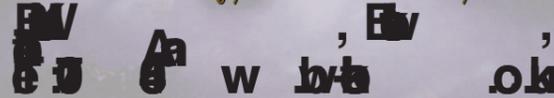
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Old baskets were brought along to help with the Scottish Basketmakers Circle's ongoing research into Scottish vernacular basketry.



Visitors to the Ranger Centre were able to weave their own decorations.

Basket weavers 'encircle Scotland'

Arran was one of the focal points of a 'virtual encircling of Scotland' last week when the Scottish Basketmakers Circle celebrated their 25th year.

On Saturday 22 June a variety of events and activities were held in communities throughout the country to celebrate basketry, weaving, makers, baskets and their role in communities.

Julie Gurr, who has been making baskets in Arran for over 10 years, was at Brodick Cas-

tle Ranger Centre with a display of her baskets and visitors were given an opportunity to weave their own decorations.

People were also encouraged to bring old baskets of their own, especially those made in Scotland, to help with the Scottish Basketmakers Circle's ongoing research into Scottish vernacular basketry.

Julie is now planning a weekend basket making class for beginners and improvers on Arran on July 6 and 7.

Lamlash Splash date confirmed

Arran's hardy swimmers are being urged to take part in the Lamlash Splash later on this year.

The annual open-water swim between Holy Isle and Lamlash will take place on Saturday 21 September and there will be 40 places in the event with 10 held for local swimmers.

The places will only be

guaranteed on receipt of the entry form and payment.

Ann Hart, one of the organisers, said: 'We would again like to encourage locals to come and join us in training swims at both Brodick and Lamlash.'

'I can be contacted by email at nalatrah2003@yahoo.co.uk or by phone on 07742 922228.

'On a personal note, my graduation year group (1972) from Dunfermline College of Physical Education has in recent years lost a number of colleagues to cancer.'

Cancer charity

'Thus, we have decided to raise funds for a different cancer charity each year and this year's recipient will be Macmillan Cancer Support.'

'I have stated that I will use the swim as a fund-raiser so I would be extremely grateful for any donations for this charity.'

Cup finalists clash in Arran league match

Monday night saw Arran's two football cup finalists meet in the league with Lamlash travelling over the hill to Southend.

The home team got off to a flyer and Elliot Smith scored after only two minutes.

Ten minutes later the ball fell to Sandy Kelso on the half volley on his wrong foot but he managed to rifle it home to double the lead.

Lamlash then seemed to find their bearings and started building some pressure.

This led to a poor clearance from Southend and Ben Tattersfield was on hand to pull a goal back.

The second half was much more even with chances at either end.

Elliot and Nick Emsley missed a couple of sitters each and Lamlash's Todd Jameson ballooning one over the bar at the other end. Eventually the ball was swung in by Jack Simmons and Nick headed on to the post and the rebound fell to Elliot who tapped in to end the game 3-1.

Referee Greg McRae gave the man of the match to young Johnny Sloss of Lamlash after great pieces of skill and some solid running. Shiskine travelled north to take on Northend at the Ewe

Camp Stadium in the other game of the night.

The visitors always looked in control and were too powerful for the home team.

Fred Galbraith scored a brace with Jordan Crawford and John Murchie scoring one each as well to make the result 4-0 to Shiskine.

Thanks go to Fergus Judge for standing in as referee after a no show from Brodick. Fergus gave the man of the match to left winger Andy Thomson for another great display.

On Monday night Shiskine take on Southend at 6.30pm and Lamlash play Brodick at 6.30pm. Northend have a bye

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Medals galore for Lamlash

It wasn't quite the Commonwealth Games, but there were medals galore at Lamlash Primary School's annual sports day.

Held last Tuesday, the school held a 'potted sports' with teams made up of nursery children through to primary 7 pupils, as well as the traditional age-group running races.

Pictured is the winning team from the team competition, from left, Paul Docherty, Jack Ross, Megan Duncan, Isabelle Reid, Ross Currie, Taylor Craig, Ryan Campbell and Oscar Urquhart. 20_b2sports01

Whiting Bay Nursery closure facts outlined

Members of the Whiting Bay Nursery Committee would like to take an opportunity to clarify the situation that has been reported in two separate Banner articles concerning the closure of the establishment.

In the first article the general feeling was that the committee did not explore every avenue to prevent the closure and that they could have asked for outside financial assistance.

The predicament has been caused by too few children enrolling to gain the funding required from NAC to pay two full time staff, rental of the church hall and cover the general cost of running, in addition to improvements the nursery had been advised to undertake to make the space fit for purpose by the Care Inspectorate.

Even with modest calculations it was estimated that by end of the financial year the nursery would be in arrears of over £8,000.

Understandably

Committee members are liable for any debt incurred and understandably made the decision to close while money was still available to honour staff members their redundancy.

Had we taken outside financial assistance to this amount the nursery may have remained open for another year, but with even less children due to start in the coming years the future does not bode well and we would have been left in exactly the same situation further down the line without money to pay redundancies.

Again, this money would

have to be found by Members of the Committee.

In last week's edition it was stated (by an unknown source) that parents were provided with the option of paying the short fall or moving their child to Lamlash Nursery.

This is not the case; there would have been a maximum of eight children registered this year meaning the family of each child would have to pay over £1,000 for their child to receive nursery education that is supposed to be free!

The Committee also pressed NAC to look at the possibility of moving the nursery to Whiting Bay Primary School, but were told by NAC that they would not provide the funding to set up a new nursery and pay two members of staff as nursery placements are available in Lamlash and Kilmory.

We are not sure what is meant in last week's editorial by 'it would be better in the long run if they fought to have the nursery reinstated at the Primary School.'

Are we to, when told no by NAC they will not fund a nursery at Whiting Bay Primary, stage a protest outside the Council Offices?

Council run

The statement in the editorial that more than 10 years ago nursery groups on Arran were given the option of being council run or remaining independent is also untrue. Lamlash Nursery became council run after a vote by the committee and parents six years ago.

Whiting Bay has never been given the option and has been knocked back by NAC on three separate occasions when asked to take over the running.

Only those living more than

five miles from nursery will be eligible for free transport. At no point has an estimate of £5 per child per day for transportation by taxi been stated.

A local private hire company has been approached by a parent for an estimate and has not yet provided one, but one could hope that sharing a taxi will be more cost effective than driving from Whiting Bay to Lamlash twice a day five days a week.

We work this out to be nearly 80 miles a week making the provision of 'free nursery education' anything but cheap and many parents who are on a limited income or do not drive may opt out.

We would urge NAC to review this matter.

It is with great regret that we have felt the need to set matters straight in this way and prove that the Committee and Staff Members have done everything in our power

to keep Whiting Bay Nursery open and sadder still, that we have lost our nursery.

We wish the staff and children all the very best for the future.

Whiting Bay Nursery Committee

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Arran labelled 'best in the universe' by happy couple

American couple chose Arran for their wedding rather than exotic foreign islands

A globe-trotting American couple last week labelled Arran 'the best place in the universe' after they tied the knot on the island. And as Lauren Valenta and Mike Folkmann left on Monday for their round-the-world honeymoon via Paris and Bali, they admitted: 'These locations will be lovely - but we know they won't be on a par with Sannox!'

Impressed

The pair, from Chicago, fell in love with the island - and the village in particular - three years ago when they spent a few days at the Darven Cottage B&B during a UK break. And they were so impressed with Arran that 18 months later they decided to return for their big day.

Lauren explained: 'We had immediately felt at ease on Arran; it was a kind of spir-

itual feeling we had not experienced anywhere else in the world.

'When we began to make wedding arrangements the island kept bouncing back into our minds as being the perfect location. 'You hear about couples getting hitched on so-called exotic seaside spots such as Mauritius, the Bahamas and Thailand - but for us, the sands of Sannox beach were all we dreamed about.'

The Folkmann's and bride's mother Christine set up base at Darven Cottage five days before the ceremony of vows last Saturday, which was conducted on the shores of the bay by a close relative from Kentucky.

Fourteen other family members and friends stayed elsewhere on the island in the lead-up.

Lauren added: 'The weather had been fantastic all week - then when Saturday came we awoke to heavy rain and wind. 'However, our host at Darven, David Kelso, kept us calm by assuring us that lots of days on Arran start off being wet and breezy but often transform themselves into glorious late afternoons and evenings. 'And sure enough, with about half an hour to spare the downpours ceased and the sun came out.'

Two talented local musicians - piper Ewan Bulger and fiddler Fraser Blain - provided the accompaniment with traditional Scots tunes before the newlyweds and their guests feasted at Darven on a mountain of seafood, fish, lamb, venison and cheese from Arran.

Never wavered

Groom Mike said: 'We had never wavered from our view that Sannox would be the ideal venue - and our expectations were fulfilled - and more.

'There is no doubt in our minds that Arran is the most pretty, peaceful and relaxing location in the universe!'

The Folkmanns returned to the mainland last Monday. After three nights in Paris, they flew to Bali - from where they will complete the round the world jaunt by jetting home to Chicago, via Seoul in South Korea.



Talented local young fiddler Fraser Blain plays for the wedding party on Sannox beach.

Paterson Arran contracted to supply 300 Asda stores

Paterson Arran, which employs around 20 staff on the island and 130 at its Livingston bakery, has added Clotted Cream Shortbread Fingers and a Shortbread and Biscuit Assortment to the range already stocked in Asda supermarkets.

The new products, which come in 300g and 185g packs respectively, increase a range of shortbread and oatcake products made under the Paterson's brand in Livingston. Paterson's also makes biscuits under the Cafe Bronte and Bronte brands, in addition to mustard, chutney and jam made under the Arran brand at the Old Mill in Lamlash,

Arran. The new listing comes after Paterson's was found to have strengthened its position as the UK's biggest branded shortbread supplier last year, which, according to figures from Kantar Worldpanel, grew to 41.4 per cent in the year to December 23 from 31.4 per cent in the previous 52 weeks.

Paterson's said it had been working to market shortbread as both a seasonal treat and a product that can be enjoyed every day.

It recently secured a marketing deal with daytime show Loose Women on ITV in the STV area and a two-year sponsorship with the Edinburgh International Book Festival. Allan Miller, sales and marketing director at Paterson Arran, said: 'Paterson's Shortbread is all about offering consumers great shortbread and great value.

'Our classic Shortbread Finger does this perfectly, but the new Clotted Cream Shortbread and new assortment give the shopper more choice.'

Call to nominate Arran's older people's champions

With an average population age edging towards the higher end of the scale, Arran's older people form an important part of the community.

And now residents are being invited to nominate their local champions for older people for the Age Scotland Awards 2013.

The charity is looking for individuals, groups, partnerships and services that are inspirational in making a difference to older people.

The awards will be presented at the Scottish Parliament on October 1; the UN International Day of Older Persons, with the closing date for nominations August 30.

Nominations are invited in five categories: campaigning and influencing, partnership working, services for older people, volunteer of the year and Age Scotland member group of the year.

Brian Sloan, Age Scotland chief executive, said: 'Through the awards we aim to challenge popular myths about later life and our ageing population, demonstrate the vibrancy of older people's voluntary action, and inspire others to follow the example of Scotland's best services for, and by, older people.

Details on how to nominate are available online at www.agescotland.org.uk/awards or by calling 0845 833 9334 to



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Return of the Nightjar

‘The undoubted highlight of the month was the return of the Nightjar after an absence of 15 years’

While June 2013 was cool it was much drier than last June.

Raising young is the priority during the long daylight hours in June and there were many reports of fledged birds in gardens including unfamiliar looking young Goldfinch which lack the red face of the adult birds.

In addition, there was a pair of Shelduck with 16 young on Cleats Shore on the 1st, an Eider with four young at Clauchlands on the 3rd, a family of Moorhen with four young at Port na Lochan on the 11th, a family of Common Sandpiper at Blackwaterfoot on the 17th, a family of Bullfinch at Mayish on the 22nd and a noisy nest full of young Great Spotted Woodpecker by the start of the Goatfell track on the 23rd.

The population of Arctic Tern on Pladda is the largest for some years and 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 Common Gull on the west coast and Hen Harrier in the north.

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. People need no prompting to report the first Cuckoo.

How about reporting when you hear or see the last Cuckoo this year?

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.

These young Cuckoos have a white patch on the back of the head.

The undoubted highlight of the month was the return of the Nightjar after an absence of 15 years.

This was first reported on 17 June in an area to the north of Brodick and reports continued until the end of the month.

Nightjars migrate here from Africa arriving in Scotland in May and early June when the moth population explodes.

They are most active at the same times of day as moths, at dawn and at dusk. With their large eyes, huge gape surrounded by ‘whiskers’ they are well adapted for catching their prey.

Nightjars are rarely seen during daylight. As the name

Bird notes by Jim Cassels

JUNE

implies, people most often encounter the Nightjar at night. Males perform a prolonged churring call (‘Nightjar’ means night-churr) that may go on for several minutes, varying in pitch and volume. When the birds stop churring, they are often in flight and two other sounds are frequently heard.

The first is a rather soft ‘coohwick’ given as a single note and thought to be a contact call.

The second is a slapping or hand-clapping sound caused as the birds clap their wings in flight.

Hearing a Nightjar used to be a not uncommon experience in Arran, but in the latter part of the twentieth century there was a decline.

They finally disappeared from their last reported area in Brodick Country Park in 1998.

Nightjar like forestry ‘clear fell’ sites. Let’s hope this report is the first of many and the increase of these suitable



The gape of the Nightjar...bird of the month...returning after an absence of 15 years.

at Slidery on the 6th and a Whimbrel at Blackwaterfoot on the 24th, all species which should be much further north at this time of year.

Finally, 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 literally make themselves 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.

For more information on birding on Arran purchase the ‘Arran Bird Report 2012’ and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



Coot are common on the mainland but only an occasional visitor here.



The Osprey reported at Merkland Point was being mobbed by gulls.



The juvenile Goldfinch lacks the red face of the adult.

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Marriage of inconvenience

Arran, currently part of the Cunninghame District of Strathclyde, will soon be part of an all purpose local authority called North Ayrshire.

This new region will include the present districts of Cunninghame, Kilmarnock and Loudon and Cumnock and Doon Valley, and will have Kilmarnock as its biggest town.

The proposed change has been greeted with howls of anguish from all sides.

Stolen yacht

A yacht belonging to Mr Douglas Thomson of Blackwaterfoot was removed from his garage last Thursday night.

Mr Thomson is the owner of the site of the former Rock Hotel and it was he who had it demolished.

At first the removal was considered to be a prank but police are now treating the matter as theft and two local men have been questioned in connection with its disappearance.

Fire damage

A house at Springhill, Whiting Bay was badly damaged in a fire on Monday.

The owner of the house, the Burling Smith's were helped out by the Reverend Elizabeth Watson who then began to fight the fire.

John Dalby saw it from the golf club and rushed up to help.

When the fire brigade arrived it was found that the Burling Smith's dog 'Butch' had sadly died of asphyxiation.

John Dalby did not accept this and gave the animal mouth to mouth miraculously saving its life.

Eagles graveyard

With only three breeding pairs of golden eagles on Arran to lose one bird is serious.

When one was found dead on the Boguille by Hugh Hamilton of Brodick two months ago there was no certainty that it had not died of natural causes.

A post mortem report has now come back from the Agricultural Agency which proves beyond doubt that the eagle was shot.

Cables replaced

Arran's electricity cables are supplied by two submarine cables under the Kilbrannan Sound and one of these is to be replaced within the next few days.

Having completed work on the Rothesay and Millport cables, the cable ship is now standing by off the west coast of Arran awaiting suitable weather.

During the time the cable is being pulled ashore the road between Dougarie and Pirmill will be closed.

The existing two cables run from Carradale and are four miles long, carry 33,000volts and were installed in May 1963.

Cash boost

Arran is set to benefit from a barrage of EC spending following a decision by the council of Ministers to include it in the EC Objective 1 Status.

Arran MEP's Hugh McMahon and Winnie Ewing were amongst the council members who decided to include four more areas in Objective 1 to ensure the funding was made available.

Fete at Strabane

The Duchess of Montrose opened a fete at Strabane House in Brodick on Monday.

Held to raise funds for the Arran Lifeline, there were cream teas, bottle stalls, coconut shy, children's fancy dress, pony rides - something for all the family.



The Lama Yeshe Losal is pictured on Holy Isle last week with Stewart Hargreaves, an Anglican priest from Yorkshire who has become the first full-time member of the interfaith community on the island. b27twe04



Pictured with instructor Iain Lambert are recent successes in swimming and life saving medals at the Auchrannie. b27twe03



One of Holy Isle's newest residents, English monk Tsering Tashi digs in the garden. b27twe01



Mrs Susan Gibson of Lagg has spent all her days on Arran and has rarely left the island. She has always wanted to visit Oban so last Friday, at the age of 85, as a special treat her daughter Margaret MacKenzie decided that it was time to take her so here they are pictured boarding the Claonaig ferry. b27twe02

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Quiz
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Castle Secrets
Cricket Practice
WRI Coffee Morning
Round Kildonan Fun Run

The Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 4pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Brodick Castle, 1.30pm - 2.15pm
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Ormidale Astroturf, Brodick 7pm
Kildonan Hall, 10.30am -12.30pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm

Saturday 6th July

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
Lawn Bowls
RNLI shop
Annual Over 30s Disco
Summer Ceilidh
AYF Strabane House Open day
Jonny Jack
"Brae Visits Arran" Author signing
Round the Square Race
Shiskine Valley Sports Day
Live Music

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Brodick, 2pm
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Strabane, 11am-4pm
Drift Inn, Lamlash 9.30pm
Arran Heritage Museum, 1pm - 3pm
Harbour View Field, 1.30pm
Harbour View Field, 2pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9.30-12.30am

Wednesday 10th July

Hockey
Tae KwonDo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
Run Arran (Advanced)
Northend Football Training
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Shiskine Tennis Club
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
AYF Film-making club
Three Beinnns Mountain Walk
Vile Victorians
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Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 5.30pm
Lochranza, 7pm
Brodick, 6.45pm
Juniors 4.30-5.15 P1-P3, 5.15-6 P4-P7
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling club 7pm
The Cabin 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Rangers Service, Brodick Castle
Brodick Castle, 2pm - 3.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
Glen Cloy Suite, Auchrannie Spa, 7pm
Brodick Hall, 8-11pm

Sunday 7th July

Alcoholics Anonymous
New AI-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Open Mic Session
Cocaine Anonymous (& all other drugs)
RNLI shop
Texas Scramble
Craft Market
A Taste of Arran Brass

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
Call 601206 for details
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm
Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm - 3.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
Shiskine Golf Club
Kildonan Hall, 11am - 3.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 2pm

Thursday 11th July

Senior Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Live Country/Folk music
Weight Watchers
Lawn Bowls
Shiskine Tennis Club
Lunchbox
Yoga
Bronze Age Roundhouse Experience
Save the Children Summer Fete
Car Treasure Hunt & BBQ

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

Monday 8th July

Quiz
Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Senior Fitness
Breathe Walk Class
Table Tennis
Badminton
Volleyball Club
Arran Junior Football Club
Summer Bridge Tournament
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay rink games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
Yoga
W-Bay and Kildonan Church Coffee morning
Coffee Morning
Paintings Tour
Summer Ceilidh

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

Friday 12th July

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

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Road, 8am - 6pm
Ormidale Pavillion, 10am
Brodick Castle, 11.30am - 1pm
The Cabin, 7pm - 9pm
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 10.15am
Drimlabarra Herb Farm, 6pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday 9th July

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Streetly Dance pre school
Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7
Youth Club
Weight Watchers
Junior Hockey Club
Healthy Outdoors
Run Arran (intermediate)
Lawn Bowls

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm - 6pm
Brodick Hall, 6.30 - 8pm
St Molios Church Hall, 7pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Auchrannie Spa, 5.30pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm

Saturday 13th July

Army Cadets
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Brodick Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Rink Games
Lamlash Bowling rink games
Lawn Bowls
RNLI shop
Using Herbs Weekend Workshop
Mini Sports Day
Burning the Circle

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Brodick, 2pm
Whiting Bay bowling club 7pm
Lamlash Bowling club 2pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm-4pm
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Laura Friel
Corporate Director (Finance and Corporate Support)
Cunninghame House, IRVINE
25 June 2013

AUDIT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING IN NORTH AYRSHIRE 2013

On 19 June 2013, North Ayrshire Council considered the Accounts Commission and Auditor General for Scotland's findings on Audit Scotland's report on Community Planning in North Ayrshire, which assesses the impact and effectiveness of North Ayrshire's Community Planning Partnership.

The report recognises that community planning in North Ayrshire is well established and has a good focus on the needs of the area and acknowledges the Partnership's clear vision for delivering improved outcomes in North Ayrshire.

It highlights that there are good examples of joint working which are making a difference for specific communities and welcomes the Partnership's record of reviewing and refining its local partnership working and joint planning, to meet the needs of the local community.

The report also highlights areas for improvement, which were accepted by the Council and an improvement plan was considered and agreed at the meeting, including actions to:-

- Strengthen the governance and accountability of the partners
- Improve performance management to identify under-performance and action required
- Ascertain the total resources available to all partners and the targeting of these through a neighbourhood planning approach
- Identify success factors in joint working initiatives and roll these out to deliver improved outcomes for service users and the wider community

Copies of the report and the improvement plan are available from the undersigned address or at North Ayrshire Council's website at – www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

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Sunday 7th July
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Coffee after service.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Minister: Rev Angus Adamson
Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter.
Worship will be conducted in
the above churches at the
following times, to which
all are invited.

Sunday 30th June

Brodict Church, 10.30am,
Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 12noon,
Morning Worship.
Lochranza Church, 9.30am
Morning Worship
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Morning Worship
Shiskine Church, 12noon
A Service of Worship will also
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Sunday 7th July

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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 7th July
Sunday Morning Mass
9.30 and 11am
Vigil Mass, 7.30pm

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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Sunday 7th July

Family Worship will be
conducted by the minister, Rev
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Crèche facilities will be
available in the Church Hall.
Tea and coffee will be served
immediately after the service.
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Minister: Rev Vince Jennings

Sunday 7th July

11 a.m. Morning Worship
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Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

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Sunday 7th July

Shiskine 11.00am (Church on
road between Blackwaterfoot
and Machrie)

Brodict 7pm (Church behind
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 7th July

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On July 4, 1913 the Marchioness of Graham opened the new Brodict Golf Course in its present site. The first ball was driven off by the Marquis.

Centenary celebrations planned for Brodict Golf Club

Later this month Brodict Golf Club is preparing to celebrate the centenary of the course on its present site.

One hundred years ago the course moved to its current position in the centre of the village.

Following the Junior Open on Thursday 25 July, the main celebrations will take place on the Saturday.

Before teeing off in the four ball better competition, players will have the opportunity to play the old first hole in Ormidale Park with hickory clubs similar to those used 100 years ago.

Unveiling

The celebrations will continue in the evening with the unveiling of a plaque, a BBQ/buffet, performances by the Isle of Arran Pipe Band and the Jazz Cafe Band. Music and dancing will follow the prize giving and the Club hopes that members old and new, and friends from

the other Arran clubs, will come along for the golf and celebrations.

The Professional's day follows on Sunday 28 July and Stewart Smith and his team have a great day of unusual golf planned.

The Ladies invitation tournament follows on Tuesday 30 July.

For more information on the celebrations visit Brodict Golf Club's website.



Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Once again the conditions were perfect when nine ladies played in the medal and Red Cross competition on June 26 with one lady playing in the alternative medal. The CSS was 64 with several players playing within their Buffers but no-one was below the CSS. The winner of the competition was Morag Gardner with Ellie Jones taking the scratch. There was only one two returned which was by Jean Barclay at the 5th. 1 Morag Gardner 82-18=64, 2 Ellie Jones 80-15=65, 3 Jean Barclay 83-17=66. Scratch Ellie Jones 80.

The semi finals of the Club Championship were played on Monday 1 July. The first match was between holder, Sheena Murchie and Kate McAdam and the second between Jean Barclay and Morag Gardner. Both games finished on the sixteenth and the final will be played on Monday 8 July between Sheena Murchie and Morag Gardner. There are still places available for the Ladies Open due to be played on the July 17. Anyone wishing to play can enter by contacting the Starter on 600196, Jo Hastings on 302843 or by picking up an entry form in the clubhouse. If you don't have a playing partner, we will do our best to find someone for you.

Gents: Monday 24 June,

Junior Medal CSS 61. 1 Michael Macfarlane 81-19=62. Thursday 27 June, Summer Cup CSS 64. 1 Crawford Duncan 74-14=60, 2 Andy Smith 76-15=61, 3 Billy O'Connor 81-19=62. Best Scratch Dougie Macfarlane 64. Seniors Medal CSS 60. 1 Neil Mitchell 78-16=62. Twos from Jim Gibson at the 5th and Allan Martin at the 8th. Sunday 30 June, Hastings Cup R1 CSS 64. 1 Lee Dutton 87-24=63, 2 Ian Bremner 74-6=68. Best Scratch Ian Bremner 74. Only one two from Adam Burke.

Fixtures: Saturday 6 July, Tom Graham Open Competition, make up own groups and see starter for times. Sunday 7 July, Hamilton Bowl (Bogey) final round 9.30am and 12noon starts. Monday 8 July, Junior Medal at 5pm. Thursday 11 July, Summer Cup, make up own groups. Congratulations to the Lamlash Team on their Hope Cup success.

Brodict Golf Club

Wednesday 26 June, Summer Cup, 46 played CSS 65. 1 J Armit (7)63, 2 M Holmes (16)65 acb, 3 C O'Neill (18)65 acb. Scratch J Armit 70. There were 13 twos. Sunday 30 June, McCarfrae Trophy Round One and Brandon, 24 played, CSS 67, reduction only. 1 E McKinnon (Scr)67, 2 I Sillars (13)68, 3 M Keir (6)68 acb. Scratch E McKinnon 67. There were four twos. First class Brandon E McKinnon, second class Brandon I Sillars.

Fixtures: Sunday 7 July, McCarfrae Trophy Round 3, draw at 12noon on Saturday 6 July. Saturday 13 July, Club Championship Final. Sunday 14 July, Sweep and AGA Foursomes Qualifier.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Gents: Wednesday 26 June, 34 played in the Ballantyne Cup, one of the oldest cups in the calendar, CSS stayed at 63. 1 Danny Head (6)62, 2 Bob Hastings (16)63, 3 Keith Kelsall (22)64 acb, 4 Gus MacLeod (10)64 acb. Malcolm Penncott won scratch with 64 and there were Magic 2s from Danny Head and Kevin Jackson.

Sunday 30 June, 21 played in the Morton Quaich. Conditions were tricky with the CSS rising to 64. 1 Pete Smith (19)61, 2 Dave Hackett (13)62, 3 John Dick (14)65. Danny Head won scratch with 72 and there was only Magic 2, by Wolfi Kroner at the 7th.

Fixtures: Sunday 7 July, Whiting Bay Improvements Trophy. Wednesday 10 July, Summer Trophy. Sunday 14 July, Raymond Curtis Salver.

Shiskine Golf Club

Monday 1 July, Centenary Putter, 46 played. First Class 1 A Gillespie 26 points, 2 A Gallagher 25 points, 3 J McNicol 24 points BIH. Second Class 1 A Malcolm 28 points (wins the Centenary Putter), 2 Q Oliver 27 points, 3 G Cowan 23 points. Ladies: Silver 1 W McCallum 26 points (wins the Centenary Putter), 2 L Kerr 21 points, 3 F Miller 20 points. Bronze 1 L Jones 23 points BIH, 2 A McNicol 23 points, 3 B Cowan 22 points BIH.

Thursday 27 June, Ladies 18-Hole Medal, 12 played. Silver 1 J Turnbull 84-15=69, 2 F Crawford 84-14=70. Bronze 1 S Brookes 95-23=72 BIH, 2 F Scott 97-25=72. Scratch M Pollock 82.

Fixture: Saturday 6 July, Vic-

tory Shield and Kay Maxwell Trophy. Sunday 7 July, Shiskine Valley Sports Texas Scramble. Wednesday 10 July, 18 Hole Medal.

*We'd like to apologise for omitting to mention the £200 raised by Shiskine Golf Club in the report about Mark Beaumont's cross-country challenge last month.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 18 June, 12 played, CSS 61. 1 T Cotton 83-23=60, 2 A Napier 67-6=61 BIH, 3 J McConnachie 68-7=61. Best scratch A Napier.

Wednesday 25 June, 19 played, CSS 61. 1 P Mlotek 86-28=58, 2 D Logan 69-10=59, 3 R Burke 73-13=60. Best scratch D Logan 69 and A Napier 69.

Fixtures: Friday 5 July, AGA 'Gents' Corrie Hotel Cup at Corrie at 5pm start. Saturday 6 July at Corrie, Commemoration Shield and Rose Bowl, 8.30am and 1pm. Island members welcome to paly.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 25 June, Gleneagles Medal. 1 Mike Hesp 64, 2 Ron Woods 66, 3 Denise Sherwood 69 BIH. Scratch Brian Sherwood 79. The Winners of the Gleneagles Medal are Denise Sherwood won the Ladies and Mike Hesp won the Gents while £250 was raised for Clic Sargent Cancer Care.

Fixtures: Tuesday 9 July, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary tee off 12.30/5.30pm. Saturday 13 July, Captain's Day tee off 12.30pm. Tuesday 16 July, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary tee-off 12.30/5.30pm.

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Twenty-one juniors took part in the Clubgolf event and were helped by several coaches and volunteers.

Youngsters take to the greens for Clubgolf challenge

Shiskine Golf Club is helping to develop the junior game on the island after a 10-week Clubgolf training event.

Twenty-one juniors completed the coaching and celebrated their successes with a final day of competitions last Monday.

Eight Clubgolf coaches from Shiskine Golf Club and seven other adults officiated over the event and the Club and Juniors much appreciated their time and effort.

On the day the medal winners were - Skills: Cara Crawford and Jordan Rogers,

Pitch and Putt: Julie Hammill and Adam Brown, Longest Drive: Sophie Andrew and Adam Brown, Putting Competition (6 holes): Leah Brown, Jack McNally and George Andrew (each with 14 putts).

Trophies were awarded to the player in each group that had made the most progress.

The winners were - Group 1: Rory Currie, Group 2: Cara Crawford, Group 3: Jordan Rogers and Group 4: James McCarthy.

The Helen McAllister Trophy for most improved junior in groups three and four was given to Donald Currie and the Bill Fenton Salver for the junior who most impressed the coaches was given to Adam Brown.

Well done everybody. Keep practicing, playing and having fun!



The Helen McAllister Trophy for most improved junior in groups three and four was given to Donald Currie, right, and the Bill Fenton Salver for the junior who most impressed the coaches was given to Adam Brown, left.

Carradale win Allsop Trophy

On a day more suited to water polo than cricket Sannox welcomed Carradale to the Oval in a league fixture doubling up as the Bryan Allsop memorial match.

The match is played each year in memory of Brian who tragically died while playing his favourite sport at the Sannox Oval in 2005.

Acting home skipper Chris Marriott won the toss and decided to field in constant drizzle that became fully fledged rain making bowling and fielding increasingly treacherous during the Carradale innings.

The Carradale openers made a good start until first change bowler Scott Weir took two wickets in successive balls.

However, this meant that Aiden Keogh joined opener James Laite at the crease and this pair attacked the bowlers struggling with a sopping ball now resembling a red bar of soap.

The Sannox fielders stuck to their increasingly difficult task and special mention must be made to Sam McDowall and debutant Billy Sturgeon for chasing and diving about the soaking outfield. Peter MacMullen eventually had Keogh sharply caught at gully by Dunn but not until the batsman had scored a rapid 89.

This contribution plus the 69 of Laite meant that Carradale posted the challenging

total of 220 in their 40 overs.

The lunch interval would have been more suited to soup and hot toddies as both sets of players rung out their whites. Sannox opens Pomeroy and Weir started off in a very positive manner attaining a 52 run opening partnership before Tim was caught behind off a nasty Keogh bouncer for 20.

Whilst Weir was in his usual attacking frame of mind the run rate was being kept up with until Scott was bowled, again by Keogh for 44. The rot set in and barring Chris Marriott's valiant 22, no other batsman made a significant impression with four ducks being scored on a day well suited to them!

Sannox were put out of their misery when bowled out for 108 meaning that Carradale were winners by 112 runs.

After the match Bryan Allsop's son David thanked both teams for their sterling

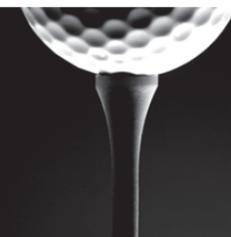
efforts and presented the trophy (which is fashioned from Bryan's bat) and a most

welcome bottle of Arran whisky to Stan McMillen the Carradale captain.

Next match is a league encounter at home to Oban Sunday 7 July.



Carradale's skipper accepts the Bryan Allsop memorial trophy from Bryan's widow Audrey.



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Hope Cup triumph for Lamlash

The 'auld enemies' of Lamlash and Brodick once again found themselves battling for the Cup

A delighted Lamlash team picked up the Arran Golfers Association (AGA) Hope Cup on Saturday after a close final against Brodick Golf Club.

The semi-finals and final took place at Lamlash Golf and the first match out saw Lamlash against Whiting Bay with the first pair taking an early lead for Lamlash.

The back pair held on and despite a narrow loss the overall score was a win for Lamlash.

The second match was Brodick and Shiskine and again the first tie out took an early lead and held it for the match and with the back pair also ahead the match ended with a win for Brodick.

So as the final got underway, the 'auld enemies' of Lamlash and Brodick once again found themselves battling for the Cup and, with Lamlash having home advantage, it was always going to be a big ask for Brodick.

Dougie Macfarlane and Todd Jameson got off to a flyer and went ahead early on.

The Brodick boys dug in and got it back to only one down after 13 holes but a solid finish saw Lamlash winning the game by four holes.

Dan Bremner and Neil Young played some cracking golf in the back match and went five up on the first nine.

The Brodick pair fought back and got the match back to just one down after 16 but, by this time after the other game's score, they had run out of holes and the match ended with a victory to Lamlash.

Dougie Macfarlane, secretary of the AGA, said: 'Sadly the day began with the tragic news that Linda Murchie had sadly passed away the night before.'

'After discussions with team captains, players and family members it was discovered that her husband Iain wanted the matches to go ahead.'

'The way the players coped with the news and still managed to play was to their credit.'

'The Association would like to say on behalf of all Arran Golfers how saddened and shocked we are for Iain's loss and our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family.'

This year's Dougie Macfarlane Award was won by Eddie Cannon of Lamlash and was presented with the trophy in front of a packed clubhouse and watched by his wife Nancy.



Neil Young, Dougie Macfarlane, Dan Bremner and Todd Jameson proudly display the Hope Cup which they won on Saturday. b27hop01NO

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