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Arran is the height of fashion for top magazine

Arran was the scene for a high profile fashion shoot this week – transforming the island into a winter wonderland.

A team of eight people from Red Magazine spent four days on the island compiling a special Christmas feature for the November edition. Red Magazine is a glossy women's fashion and lifestyle monthly publication.

Fashion and creative director Nicola Rose said: 'I have travelled all over the world doing fashion photo shoots and never had such co-operation and help from the locals.'

One of those was Derek Shand of Brodick who dressed in a Santa suit on a hot afternoon. He said: 'I had a Father Christmas outfit on, riding a motorbike, with an international model on the pillion. Her dress got caught up in the back wheel and it was almost an 'Isadora Duncan' moment!'

Nicola and her partner Liam who also works for the magazine have been coming to Arran on holiday for 11 years. She said: 'We always stay at Kilmichael and the owners, Geoffrey and Antony, were the starting point for this

'Our top photographer Wil-

By HOWARD DRIVER

liam Garratt flew in from Portland, Oregon for this.

'Vanessa Lorenzo is a top fashion model and comes from Barcelona. With her we'll put together a super 12-page spread selling the beauty of Arran.

On Tuesday afternoon they were filming in the gardens at Kilmichael. Members of the Arran Pipe Band and other local musicians were playing ceilidh music and children from Corrie Primary School were doing Scottish country dancing.

Then Campbell Seaton, local campsite owner and bon viveur, arrived dressed in the kilt and ready to do a Rob Roy act. He gamely led the model, Vanessa, through a series of dance steps while the photographer clicked away.

Ian Small took a boat up Glen Rosa for some shots afloat in a pool. Local driver Alastair Hendry took them around the island and plied them with background knowledge, and Maurice Deighton and Geoff Brookes were scheduled to take them up to Loch Garbad for a fishing boat scene.

Red Magazine has a monthly circulation of more than 225,000.



Spanish model Vanessa Lorenzo tries her hand at Scottish country dancing with Brodick's Campbell Seaton helped by piper Euan Bulger and Corrie children at the fashion photo shoot in Kilmichael gardens. 02_b28red01

Man found dead in tent in Brodick

The discovery of a man's body in a tent next to the Cloy Burn in Brodick caused Fisherman's Walk to be closed for six hours on Wednesday afternoon.

The man, described as middle-aged, was found by a member of the public at midday and reported to police.

Local officers cordoned off the area to await the arrival of a scene-of-crime forensics team and CID officers from Kilmarnock.

Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'An unidentified man was found dead in a tent adjacent to Fisherman's Walk. We are treating it as an unexplained death and will wait for the outcome of a post mortem investigation. We believe that no other person was involved.'



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Police files

Toilets vandalised

The toilet block at Sandbraes in Whiting Bay was vandalised with graffiti over the night of Tuesday, June 30. A window was broken in a Whiting Bay shop over the night of Wednesday, July 1.

Flares stolen

A box of flares was stolen from a boat moored at the fish farm at Kings Cross between 4.30pm Tuesday and 11am Wednesday July 1. A number of the flares were set off that night leading to a false alarm callout of the coastguard, lifeboat and police.

Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'We are urgently seeking information on this incident. Whoever has done this is putting the lives of others and the emergency service personnel in danger. Any information will be dealt with in confidence.'

Drink driving and speeding charges

A 28-year-old Brodick man has been charged with drink driving and speeding on Shore Road, Brodick at 11.30am on Wednesday July 1.

Man served with ASBO

A 35-year-old Grangemouth man was served with an anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) for breach of the peace in Whiting Bay on Thursday evening, July 2.

Drugs charge

A 38-year-old Stevenston man was reported for allegedly being in possession of controlled drugs in Corrie at 3.30pm on Tuesday.

Trio caught speeding

Three drivers, a Whiting Bay man, an Edinburgh man and a Leeds woman were given tickets for speeding in Shore Road, Whiting Bay on Tuesday evening. They were given a £60 fine and three penalty points.

Council swings into action at play parks

Many swing parks around the island are lying quiet with no laughing children playing in them.

Local authority workers have removed the swings and they are being refurbished. A council spokesman said: 'Some of the apparatus, particularly from

Corrie, Pirmill, Shiskine, Blackwaterfoot and Machrie had deteriorated and would not pass health and safety checks. They have been repaired or renewed at a cost of £14,500.

'All the swings will be replaced, starting next Monday July 13.'



Ian Small, left, Willie McNish and Roger Garratt, partners in crime with the signs at Brodick pier. 02_b28ian01

Ian aims to make a point

Willie McNish and Roger Garratt of Kildonan are risking the wrath of North Ayrshire Council by erecting an unofficial banner on council signs at Brodick pier.

Ian Small of Brodick has been conducting a campaign for three months to improve Arran roads and his signs using the acronym ARSED (Arran Roads Slowly Eroding Down) have been taken down by council workers.

Now two other signs have been attached to council street furniture at Brodick pier. One is advertising Shiskine Valley Sports and the other, put up on Tuesday by Willie and Roger, is heralding Kildonan Fun Week.

Ian has put his roads sign back up next to these two and said: 'If all three aren't taken down by NAC then I will take it to be a vendetta against me. After all, mine is public information.'

A council spokesman said: 'Mr Small's sign were removed following a number of complaints over their offensive nature.'

'He did not have permission to erect them in the first place and they were in the form of a campaign. The current two signs are publicising community events and for which we have received no complaints.'

High tech roads survey carried out in Arran

Two men from Bristol carried out a detailed survey of Arran roads last week.

Martin Eland and Paul Hookham were the operators of a sophisticated truck equipped with a vast range of computers and cameras and called a road assessment vehicle (RAV). They live in the south west of England but operate this vehicle, which is one of seven operating nationwide, all over the west of Britain.

Martin said: 'The equipment can be a bit temperamental, but we can identify faulty areas and the depth of cracks. It shows the presence of potholes and rutting as well as finding out if the sub-structure needs attention.'

A report will be sent to the Scottish government and ultimately on to North Ayrshire Council. A spokesman for NAC said: 'This is an annual survey of Scotland's roads which is carried out by a Scanner/Ray vehicle. North Ayrshire's contribution to the cost

is £13,000. The purpose of the survey is to provide the council with information regarding aspects of road wear and tear including rutting, texture and carriageway cracking. It also gives details on the severity of any defects.'



Paul Hookham, left, and Martin Eland on duty surveying Arran roads. 02_b28rav01

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Big plans for little Buster

He may be small enough to fit in your hands but in two years' time, little Labrador Buster will be braving Arran's mountainous terrain to rescue lost or trapped climbers.

Arran Mountain Rescue Team member Neil Bulger, a search and rescue dog handler with the Search and Rescue Dog Association (SARDA), has already begun training the seven-week-old pup, who will eventually take over from Neil's current search dog, Briar.

Neil said: 'We got Buster at one week old and I began his training straight away. He has been very quick to learn; he instinctively barks when I command it and that is something that can take six months to teach.'

Rescue

Buster will live with the Bulgers at Corrie Hotel and will be trained over a two-year period, during which time he will observe Neil's work with Briar, a grade three search and rescue dog.

'I always choose to work with Labradors because 99 per cent of the time the dog you work with is the family pet and they do make great pets,' said Neil.

'After working with Briar I wanted a male this time to see how it works out.'

'Buster is a typical male; he is more confident and I think that he will happily range a bit further from me than Briar does. I reckon he is going to be a bit of a handful but that is what you want from a search and rescue dog.'

Buster will be the fifth search and rescue dog to be based on Arran.

Although based on the island, Neil can be sent to any part of the country between the Borders and Glencoe as part of the SARDA Southern Scotland team, which comprises six dogs.



Little Buster will soon be saving lives on Arran's hills and further afield. b28bus01

Archie has a Turkish cousin

Banner dog Archie has found a new friend from afar.

This week we received an email from a black Labrador dog, all the way from Turkey.

It said: 'Hi Banner readers. My name is Pasha and I am Archie's Turkish cousin.'

My grandma Shona lives on Arran with my Auntie Fiona and mum and dad live here with me in Altinkum, Turkey.

'After reading about Archie's escapades I thought you might be interested to hear about mine. Today I went on a quad safari with my dad. It was great fun and we saw turtles and lots of lizards, but it was very hot and a dip in the sea was just what I needed. Next week I'll be cruising around the Aegean, look out for my picture.'

Pasha had kindly attached a photo of herself sitting on the back of a yellow quad bike in Turkey.

Roadside portabin ordered to be removed

The owners of a roadside portacabin at Dippen Farm have been ordered to remove it and restore its site to its former condition, after an enforcement order was issued by North Ayrshire Council.

Michael and June Taylor had applied for planning permission to modify the portacabin for agricultural use but the plan received four objections.

At a recent planning committee meeting of North Ayrshire Council, planning permission was refused. The committee stated: 'The portacabin would be an unacceptable agricultural structure by reason of its siting and external appearance and, if approved, would set an undesirable precedent for other similar developments to the detriment of the character and amenity of the area.'

Meanwhile, two other Arran planning applications, both for a house, have been refused. Henry Murdo of Dunfries House, Corriegills had applied to build a house north of his current address but planners decided that the project was 'unnecessary development in the countryside' and, 'would be detrimental to the appearance of the countryside'.

Car parking

The planning committee also agreed to refuse permission for a house, access and car parking at a site to the east of Ennismore, Alma Road, Brodick, submitted by John Dick.

It was stated that the development would compromise overdevelopment on the site and 'detract from the visual amenity in the area'.

Gardens bask in sunshine

The gardens of Lady Jean Fforde at Strabane, Brodick were open to the public for three days last week to help raise money for the Arran Hospice fund.

Local garden enthusiasts and visitors took the opportunity for a unique look behind the scenes at one of the island's special gardens. Lady Jean said: 'Everyone was very complimentary about the quality of the garden. I must say a big thank you to Kathy Sayer and Tommy Taylor for the extra work they put in to make the gardens look their best. Tommy even came in on the Sunday morning to mow the grass to make sure it had a nice stripe appearance.'

John McFaul who started the fund in memory of his wife Judy said: 'The amount raised was more than £1,040 and we are very grateful to everyone who came along and enjoyed the gardens, not to mention the teas and coffee for the helpers.'

Lady Jean Fforde in her buggy with one of the helpers bringing teas and coffee out to the gardens at Strabane. b28str01no



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Creamery staff say 'cheese' after winning silver and bronze awards

Employees at the Torrylinn Creamery in Kilmory are celebrating a silver award for their Isle of Arran cheddar from this year's prestigious Royal Highland Show.

The creamery, which is owned by First Milk, the UK's largest farmer-owned co-operative, also scooped three bronze awards at the show.

Creamery manager Alex Home said his team was absolutely delighted at the success. 'Cheese shows are the shop window for our products and we know existing and potential customers take notice of who's winning the big prizes,' he said.

'So it is great for our reputation to be known as a producer of award-winning cheese.'

The creamery had already kicked off a successful 2009 cheese show season, winning a bronze at the Bath and West Show last month.

Torrylinn Creamery, which employs seven people, supplies a number of retailers across the UK with private label cheese, as well as creating the award-winning Isle of Arran cheddar.

Beauty of Brodick Castle gardens set to take centre stage

Brodick Castle and Country Park will take centre stage on Sunday as part of The National Trust for Scotland's Gardens Scheme.

The trust, which owns the Brodick garden, is inviting people to more than 30 gardens throughout the country for the scheme, which has been ongoing since May.

At the Brodick event, gardeners will be on hand to inform visitors about the plant disease,

Phytophthora ramorum (sudden oak death), which is affecting the garden's famous rhododendrons.

Stunning

Jan Haenraets, head of gardens at the National Trust for Scotland, said: 'The trust manages some of Scotland's most stunning gardens, with beautiful plant collections and fascinating histories and all are expertly managed by our dedicated gardeners.'



Emily-Jane Gold who died last year aged 16. b28pin01



The pink picnic table at the Silver Sands in memory of Emily-Jane. 02_b28pin02

In perfect shiny pink for Emily-Jane

A new picnic table has been placed at the bottom of the steps leading to one of Arran's most picturesque sandy beaches.

It is in decorative metal, with four seats, and unusually, it is bright pink. On it is a simple plaque with the inscription 'In loving memory of the Pink Princess. Shining on Arran.'

The Silver Sands at the east end of Kildonan beach are a popular spot for locals and

visitors alike. They were Emily-Jane Gold's favourite, but sadly last year Emily-Jane died at the tender age of 16 years.

Her mother Rosemary said: 'Emily-Jane loved pink, and on the morning of her funeral a friend staying in Millport noticed that the sky over Arran was pink.'

'She had fought against osteosarcoma, a form of cancer, for two years. We chose to install this table because of her love

of Arran where we spent many happy holidays. The spot was chosen because this was her favourite beach and she loved the swings too.'

'Throughout her treatment we were unable to holiday on Arran, but we did manage to fit in a couple of day trips, arriving on the first ferry, visiting favourite spots, completing an Arran passport, and leaving on the last ferry.'

'The inscription reads 'Shin-

ing on Arran' because of Emily-Jane's last words, when out of the blue, she said that she was ready.

'When asked what for, she replied: 'To shine.'

The Silver Sands are never very busy because it takes a steep descent of more than 40 steps to reach them.

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MSP urges islanders to look at energy help

North Ayrshire and Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson has urged his Arran islanders, who may be struggling to pay fuel bills, to take advantage of the Scottish government's Energy Assistance Package.

The scheme, aimed at delivering energy efficiency advice and support to people who can-

not afford to heat their homes, received 1,500 enquiries in the space of a month.

Mr Gibson said: 'I am keen that as many of my Arran constituents as possible, who live in cold, damp, draughty or generally hard to heat homes, receive this important energy assistance.'

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Living up a mountain

A team of footpath workers will soon be living high up Goatfell for up to six months.

A planning application to build three remote cabins to the southwest of Goatfell was passed by North Ayrshire Council last week.

The units will be temporary and are part of a National Trust for Scotland (NTS) Mountains for People footpath project.

It is a four-year project to see the completion of upland path network restoration work at Glencoe, Torridon and on Arran. They will be located at the top end of Glen Rosa on the approach to The Saddle and Cir Mhor.

The cabins will be used for workers to sleep, cook and shelter while repairing paths.

The military-style rapid assembly cabins are called Remote Accommodation Systems (RAS) and will be flown onto site by helicopter and assembled by estate workers and contract staff. The system takes just one day to be fully

operational.

Workers will have hot water for washing and refrigeration for storing food. The work is anticipated to take four to six months and at the end of the contract all waste and rubbish will be flown off the hill with the cabins.

Power will be supplied by a small diesel generator feeding a battery inverter system.

An NTS spokesman said: 'The RAS has been developed over the years to cut down on impact to the site. We use wooden walkways between cabins to reduce trampling.'

The work will restore some of the most eroded paths and six have been identified. They are Glen Rosa, Corrie to Goatfell, Coire Lan, The Three Beinns, Cir Mhor and North Goatfell Ridge. The latter two will be the main attention of those living in the remote cabins.

Teams will work in shifts so that the cabins are in full use all the time from 7.30am to 6.30pm, seven days a week.

Visual arts exhibition

The Arran Visual Arts Lochranza exhibition will be held in the village hall from Saturday August 1 to Thursday August 6.

Exhibitors are reminded that they may exhibit six items of work, three each in two of six

categories. Entries must be submitted to Jan McGregor, Ardshiel, Whiting Bay by Friday July 17.

Handing in of work is on Thursday July 30 between 6pm and 7pm.

Support for Beavers

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Thirteen-year-old Scott Figgins came over from Irvine specially to pipe at the Montrose House fete. Scott is the grandson of Morag Watson. 02_b28fet01

Fun time at summer fete

Montrose House, the residential care home in Brodick, held its annual summer fete last Wednesday afternoon.

Despite a doubtful weather forecast the event was held mainly outdoors in warm sunshine with young piper Scott Figgins welcoming guests to a range of stalls manned by staff and friends. On offer was home baking, bric a brac, books, plants, jewellery and a tombola, with the dining room providing delicious cream teas.

The fete is organised by Friends of Montrose House Association in conjunction with staff from Montrose House and Stronach Day Centre. It is the main fundraising activity of the year and realised the creditable sum of £950 which will be shared between the three organisations.

Winner of a Taste of Arran hamper was Phyllis Picken and Ross Dobson won a jar of sweets. Mia Walker correctly guessed the Teddy Bear's birthday.

Many thanks are due to all who participated or contributed in any way to the success of the fete.

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Antiquarians hear about the good old days

The June talk to Arran Antiquarians was given by Alan Milligan of Brodick, which he entitled 'Were these the Good Old Days?'

We were regaled with many memories of childhood including the Second World War, and especially the street parties at the end, the children's games no longer played, the old radio programmes like Children's Hour and The Man in Black.

He recalled the comics available for children, some of which are still published today.

Alan served 10 years in the Royal Navy, some of it in submarines. He quoted some of the prices paid for goods in the

1950s and 1960s. For example, a pound of butter was two shillings and eight pence, 20 cigarettes were three and sixpence and a ton of coal was £15.

After leaving the navy he joined the Prison Service at Barlinnie Prison. The death penalty was still in force and early in his career he had to deal with a 19-year-old man later found guilty of murder and the last teenager to be hanged in Britain, and also the last execution at Barlinnie.

He was in the service for 33 years and rose to be prison governor in several jails, including Polmont and Barlinnie. We were told that the television

programme Porridge was not far from the truth, the only difference being the Scots accent and that nowadays tobacco has been replaced by drugs as internal currency.

After his talk, the question time lasted for 30 minutes and was just as informative as the lecture. Alan was another splendid speaker who knew his subject well and had everyone wanting more.

The next meeting is on Monday July 20 at 2pm in Brodick Hall. Debbie Jackson of the National Trust for Scotland will speak on National Trust for Scotland Houses and the British Slave Trade.



Sheila Gilmore and Nina Hamilton of NAC Children's Outreach Services with summer staff Ann Gray, Mairi Livingstone, Nancy Bremner, Jill McKillop and Karen Leese and their volunteer young subjects. Also on the team but not present are Margo Popplewell and Laura Tait. 02_b28fac01

Show trophies to be returned

All competitors who won cups and trophies at the 2008 Arran Show are requested to return them as soon as possible before this year's show which will be held at Glenkiln on August 5.

They can be handed back to Christine McBride on 820291 or Donnie Robertson on 860577.

Raft race returns

The famous Whiting Bay raft race is going to be revived this year.

The village hall committee plan to run the race from mid-day on Sunday August 9.

Home-made rafts can be of any material as long as they float, and all entrants should wear lifejackets. Teams are asked to register their entry with Sandy McGovern on Whiting Bay 700445.

Highland Games stalls

Brodick Highland Games will be held on Saturday August 8 this year and the games secretary reports that he does not have as many bookings as usual for charity stalls so far this year.

Any local charity wishing to take a stall should telephone 601382 by Monday July 20.

Outreach workers prepare for summer fun

Arran's Children's Outreach Services had a staff training day last Friday.

This most useful service provided by North Ayrshire Council goes a long way to keeping children, both local and holidaymakers, occupied and entertained during the summer holidays.

The purpose of this get-together was to train the extra summer staff to help with the various activities such as face painting. The team of girls

will be found at virtually every island fun day, fete, summer fayre and happy hour.

Next week they will be on duty at Kilmory Hall on Tuesday, Kildonan Hall and Brodick Hall on Thursday, Dougarie on Friday, Craigmend stadium, Kildonan, Lamash front green and Kings Cross Scripture Union on Saturday, and Arran Heritage Museum on Sunday. With the girls of the Outreach Service it is certainly fun all the way.

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Let us show how special Arran is

Last year, Red Magazine did its glitzy Christmas photo shoot in London with celebrity chef Nigella Lawson and a snow machine.

This year they did it at Glen Cloy with former bank manager Derek Shand on a motorbike – although it would be rude not to mention the stunning Barcelona model Vanessa Lorenzo, who also took part.

The magazine's creative team would be hard pushed to find two scenarios more different.

Regardless, a 12-page feature in the magazine – circulation 225,000 – is due at Christmas time, which could encourage readers to visit out of the traditional holiday season.

So why Arran? Fashion and creative director Nicola Rose says she has always wanted to do a shoot on Arran after visiting Kilmichael Hotel for the past 11 years.

The island is obviously a special place for Nicola and her partner, Liam, and if it had not been for her affinity with the place, it is fair to assume the idea for this photo shoot would not have even crossed the minds of 'brainstormers' at Red Magazine.

The saying 'you have to speculate to accumulate' springs to mind but this 'speculation' has cost islanders nothing. It proves that if our guests are treated in the correct manner, are given the standard of service that should be expected and shown a friendly face or two, then the rewards will come back 10-fold.

In this economic climate, Arran needs its much-celebrated tourism industry more than ever. Let's show our global visitors that Arran really is the Jewel in Scotland's crown and they may yet come back – perhaps with a team of cameramen.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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Letters to the Editor**Speed limit a joke**

Sir,
When I next tax my motor vehicle the cost will have doubled, thanks to our darling chancellor's thinly disguised attempt to win over the votes of the yoghurt-knitting, wholemeal sandal-wearing tree huggers.

Some of us actually need a 4x4 and are not merely school-run, road clogging Beamer drivers.

Having swollen the government's coffers we are now being 'advised' how fast we can travel on the public highway to appease the two-wheeled (frequently two abreast) brigade.

Next time you are stuck behind such a group, weaving from side to side as it edges up the Boguillie ponder that not only do they pay no road tax, but also how many of them have any, let alone adequate, insurance cover, a legal requirement for the ogres who use infernal combustion engines?

The advisory speed limit is a joke. When was the last time anyone actually reached 30mph on the rutted bridleways that Arran's roads are fast becoming due to neglect, even in a 4x4?

Must dash. I have to have my wheels re-balanced after yet another 'off-road' experience on the A841.

Yours,
P W Yates
Nosterfield
Bedale
North Yorkshire

Corrie road signs a hazard

Sir,
If the term 'speed kills' is true, as a motorcyclist who enjoys the odd track-day, I would be long dead and the motor racing industry would be as extinct as the dodo.

Presumably working on the flawed principle that if we all stayed completely stationary there would be no accidents, the recently erected signs on the road from Brodick to Lochranza are another misguided attempt to reduce accidents but ultimately will probably cause more.

Apart from the fact they take so long to read, one could easily mow down a few pedestrians while concentrating on the

small print. Simply driving slowly is not the answer.

I'd rather be missed by someone doing 60mph than hit by someone doing 30mph.

This was most apparent to me day a couple of days ago while following a car up to Lochranza. It was a sunny day and the road was busy with cyclists riding in clusters, often right out to the white line.

The driver of the car while not straying much above about 30mph seemed determined not to go below 30mph either and simply overtook the bunches of cyclists as it came to them, twice on completely blind corners!

Maybe they were heading for the ferry and constrained by the new advisory speed limit felt the only way to get there in time was to continue at 30mph at all costs.

The signs would have been better suggesting motorists should be more aware of cyclists and overtake them responsibly and also importantly that cyclists should realise it is not a cycle-path and should not ride two abreast while chatting to each other.

Even better, as these signs will no doubt not have been cheap, why not spend the money on fixing the road instead then it might be less dangerous in the first place!

Yours,
Andy Surridge
Benview
Whiting Bay

Only sympathy for roads claim

Sir,
In a recent issue of the *Banner* I mentioned a claim made against the council for damage to my cycle wheel and that I did not expect much sympathy.

I received a reply expressing sympathy but pointing out that the council was not negligent about the state of the road.

The letter gave me a helpful hint that I might consult a solicitor to pursue my claim.

Solicitors cost money, taking out a summons costs money, and in the event of an unsuccessful conclusion to the claim I might be liable to pay expenses.

I am sure the council's insurers are aware of the situation and that would-be claimants

are put off by the cost of going to court.

It would be interesting to know how many claims have been made by road users over the past year because of the state of the roads and how many of those claims have been met.

Yours,
G S Hird
Schiehallion
Lamlash

Memorial seat vanished

Sir,
On visiting my home village of Pirnmill on June 23, we discovered the memorial seat erected 17 years ago outside Tuxedo, Pirnmill by the eldest grandson of Shonnie and Grace Currie had vanished despite it being bolted down.

We find it unbelievable that the seat could get into such a state of dis-repair in a relatively short period of time, as my sister and her husband had sat on it only in early April.

I believe that the community councillor among others in the village was responsible for taking the seat away and breaking it up, apparently as it was such a hazard.

When the seat was erected we offered to take on board the grass cutting around it.

This offer was never accepted and it was commented by Councillor Currie that this is undertaken as a favour to the village.

Perhaps the community council would be better in future to make contact with the relevant family so that if a memorial seat is in such a state of dis-repair they are given the opportunity to repair it.

These are erected privately and in the case of our family seat, also paid by family members to be maintained. They are not a cheap investment by any family.

In future can I recommend that some compassion and thought is shown to the families, something that has been totally disregarded in this instance.

These actions have resulted in a great deal of upset in the family both at home and abroad.

With discussions with several villagers and across the island it appears that our

seat is not the only one to be consigned to the scrap heap.

Yours,
Morag A Gordon
(nee Currie)

Flower show approaches

Sir,
It is time now to think about your entries for Arran's annual flower show.

The horticultural society summer show will be held on Tuesday August 11 in the Community Theatre at Arran High School.

The show gives gardeners the opportunity to show their skills in flowers and vegetables, and meet like-minded friends to discuss the problems they face.

There are other sections including children's classes, handicrafts, baking, produce and photographs.

In the floral art classes the theme will be 'Homecoming.'

If any help is required our members will assist.

Yours,
Neil Mclean
Hopefield
Lamlash

Vote for The Jennifer Trust

Sir,
This is just a friendly reminder for everyone to vote for The Jennifer Trust to win a National Lottery Award.

There is less than two weeks left for voting and we need to get them through the first round of public voting. If they won this award they would not only win the prize money but they will appear on the BBC show and this would greatly raise awareness of SMA.

This is a fantastic opportunity and we must make sure that they win. So please vote, it takes literally two seconds and every single vote counts.

Please follow the link below and click on the health category and you will find The Jennifer Trust in the list, click onto The Jennifer Trust and then at the bottom of the page click vote. Under Health. <http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards/index.cfm> Thank you.

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Whiting Bay summer play

The Whiting Bay summer play has become part of Arran's seasonal entertainment scene for over 30 years.

This year's production is 'Secondary Cause of Death' by Peter Gordon and is promised to be a follow-on from the successful 2008 play 'Murdered to Death.'

What happened to Colonel Craddock and Inspector Pratt? If you saw last year's production you must come to this year's play to find out.

Inspector Pratt returns to Bagshot House with

grim news for Colonel Craddock. But that is just the beginning. Who is the strange Polish Count? Is Henrietta really an army captain? And where does Cardew Longfellow fit into the picture?

When Joan Maple's sister Cynthia arrives to stage a murder-mystery evening, its not long before Inspector Pratt's visit turns into a chaotic nightmare as the bodies pile higher than ever.

The Whiting Bay summer play is playing every Tuesday evening in the village hall until the end of August.

First Responders benefit from ceilidh

The recent First Responders and Sannox village hall was a fundraising ceilidh in Corrie great success and enjoyed by

many. Fiona Laing, chair of Arran First Responders said: 'On behalf of the North Arran First Responders I would like to thank most sincerely Alastair Aitkenhead, Elma Stevenson and the members of the Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club for organising the fundraising ceilidh.

Large Turnout

'The supper was superb and it was pleasing to see such a large turnout from all over the island.

'The magnificent sum of £449 will go a long way to allowing us to maintain the service and, just as importantly, the support of the local population is a great encouragement for us to continue with our efforts as we enter our seventh year of service as First Responders with the Scottish Ambulance Service.'



The five cyclists from Morrisons supermarket who cycled round the island in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Five cycle for Cancer Research UK

Five members of staff from Morrisons supermarket in Newlands, Glasgow, including store manager Brian McCourt, did a sponsored cycle round Arran last Tuesday June 23.

They were raising money for Morrisons' charity of the year Cancer Research UK and

they hope to have raised over £1,000.

Only two of the participants were regular cyclists and neither of them are used to riding long distances on roads so the group felt a great sense of achievement when they arrived back in Brodick.

Corrie Film Club: *The Servant (Cert 15)*

This month, Corrie Film Club offers a change from the printed syllabus, but a treat, nevertheless.

Joseph Losey's brilliant film, 'The Servant' with screenplay by Harold Pinter and starring an impeccable Dirk Bogarde as the protagonist, Hugo Barrett, at his very best, is thought by many to be one of the most important British films of all time.

It is a film, superficially about the British class system, but really it is about power in its most basic and consuming forms - the savage destruction of one man's will at the hands of another.

This film is gripping, sinister, darkly humorous, beautifully and fluidly directed with masterful understatement by Losey and wonderfully acted by Bogarde and James Fox.

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Elsbeth Attwooll MEP b49els1

Farewell letter from Strasbourg

by Elspeth Attwooll MEP

This is my last report to you as July 13 marks the day that I finally step down as an MEP. So I want to take the opportunity to thank all the staff at the Arran Banner who have published my pieces over the last 10 years and all the readers who have followed my activities in the Parliament and round and about in Scotland.

The last few weeks have been busy ones, partly with the election campaign. I have tried to be as neutral as possible in writing for you but I hope I can get away with saying how pleased I am that we continue to be represented by our four major political parties. I really believe that such a balance has

served Scotland well, allowing us to exert influence in each of the European groupings that between them are decisive of outcomes.

But casework has continued to occupy me – both trying to get what has been ongoing wrapped up and dealing as fully as possible with a fair amount of new stuff that has come in.

In this, as in all other respects, I could not have coped without the people working with me both now and over the last ten years. They have been brilliant.

Not least in throwing a sur-

prise retirement do. My husband and I thought it was just to be a night out with the immediate office staff. But, when we got to the restaurant, almost all my former assistants and several of the interns were sitting there as well, having travelled from all over. I was told at the time that my face was an absolute picture and the photos I saw later certainly proved as much.

A number of people have asked me what I am going to be doing to keep myself occupied. So far, spare moments have been spent sorting papers, with

10 sacks already earmarked for confidential shredding from the house alone. But I have also begun a wardrobe cull now that I will not need much in the way of business wear.

After that, I suspect that a number of voluntary organisations (and my own political party) will not let me escape their clutches. Rightly so! I owe so many individuals and groups a return for all the support they have given me over 10 tremendously fulfilling years.

I finish by wishing everyone with whom I have had contact, either through these pages or in person over that time, all the very best for their own futures.



Married by Rev Angus Adamson at Lochranza Church on May 23 were Jessica, daughter of Sue and the late Robert Kerr of Lochranza and Kevin, son of Rosy and Peter Fearon of Penperlleni, South Wales.

Jessica is working in Cumbria as a senior primary mental health care nurse practitioner and Kevin is deputy manager of a tyre company in Carlisle where they live. photo www.amandatrotter.com b28wed02



Douglas Primrose of London and Lochranza was married to Gabriela Sandoval Aguilar in the bride's home city of Guadalajara, Mexice earlier this year. Most of the groom's family and several friends were able to attend and enjoy the wonderful winter weather, the beautiful surroundings and the delightful welcoming people. b28wed03

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Family BBQ & The Arran Taiko Drummers

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20th - 31st July 2009

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Kildonan Fun Week 12th - 18th July

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Monday 13th
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6pm Adults - £4 Children £2 (includes burger/hotdog)

Tuesday 14th
Cake and Coffee Morning
Homebaking Tombola 10.30am
Round Kildonan Road Race
7pm
Entry £2 £1 children

Wednesday 15th
Bird Walk
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Thursday 16th
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Fri 17th
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There's always something happening at Arran's 'must-see' Four Star Attraction now in its 30th season
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Shiskine primary sports held on new field



Molly McNiven and Malley Robertson won the P1 three-legged-race. 02_b28shk03



Daisy Urquhart-Dixon was first home in the P2 egg and spoon race. 02_b28shk01

All Arran schools are now closed for the summer holidays, but just before the final day Shiskine Primary held their annual school sports.

What made this day rather special was that it is the first time that the children did not have to board a bus to take them down to the harbour in Blackwaterfoot for sports and games on the butcher's field.

Shiskine Primary now has its first-ever own school field. It is a large rectangular plot directly behind the school with a safe high boundary fence and totally enclosed. The children can play in it during break times and head teacher Mrs Markham said that they even plan to build a wildlife garden and bird feeding area.

This is all down to the generosity of local farmer Alastair Currie who has arranged to give over this part of one of his fields for school use.

On their sports day the youngsters were joined by an enthusiastic audience of family and friends to watch traditional games such as the egg and spoon race and three-legged-race.



John Luke Betley Stewart and Struan Robertson strolled home in the P6 three-legged race. 02_b28shk05



Gemma Bennett romped home in the P7 egg and spoon. 02_b28shk02



Eilidh Hammill and Finlay Elliot were first in the three-legged race. 02_b28shk04



The children of the nursery class race along on bouncy animals. 02_b28shk07

Brodick Church fete and auction

Once again, the big summer fun events come around and Brodick Church annual fete with its colourful tents will be held on Saturday July 25 at 2pm in the church grounds.

Apart from the usual stalls of home baking, tombola, bric-a-brac, afternoon teas, face painting and plant stall there will also be a hot pancake and maple syrup stand.

Then, of course, there is the famous Brodick duck, selling eggs throughout the village during the week before the fete. At the fete the lucky duck egg will be scooped from the water for a first prize of £100 for the lucky winner. Second prize is £25 and third

is a soft toy duck. Trevor the tractor and his colourful balloons should also be on hand.

Orchestra quiz sheets are out and about, and about 98 percent of the answers should be straightforward.

This year's auction will be held in Brodick Golf Club on Thursday July 30 at 8pm. It is an open event, and all non-members are invited to come along.

Goods are required for both the fete and the auction, and support for both would be gratefully appreciated. Please call 303772 or 302334 or come along on the days.

Whiting Bay Club of Music and Drama

Summer Play 2009

Secondary Cause of Death by Peter Gordon

Whiting Bay Village Hall

Every Tuesday from
7th July - 25th August
8pm Prompt. Doors open 7.30pm
Box Office Open Tuesday Morning
10am - 12pm and from 7.30pm
Tel Bookings: 01770 700405
(Except Tuesdays)
Tickets Adults £5,
Children & Concession £4

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SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC002089

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The Islands Most inexpensive Four Star "Must See Attraction"

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Delicious meals and snacks
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Rosaburn, Brodick Open daily 10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

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Annual Garden Party & Open Day on Holy Isle

Saturday 11th July 2009

Continuous return sailings from Lamlash Pier
11.30 - 17.00

Adult return fare £8p.p. Child return fare £5 p.p.
e-mail tomin10@tiscali.co.uk
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bungee football!

Kilmory Hall
Sat 1st August
12.30pm
£6 PER PLAYER
BBQ & Refreshments

7 a side
You must register
your team before
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Call Rodan / Kirstin
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GIANT INFLATABLE PITCH
WITH BUNGEE CORDS!



Catherine Scott and Heidi Macfarlane with the young graduates. They are, Pawel Gren, Freya Campbell, MacKenzie Campbell, Glen Inglis, Lanna Campbell, Jay Atkinson, Thomas Copperwheat, Jack Ross and Charlie McAllister. Missing on the day were Jessica Reid and Olivia Wright.

Lamlash nursery class graduates

The children of Lamlash Primary School nursery class graduated last week and will be going to the primary school next term.

They sang some of their favourite songs and told a story all about pants to an audience of parents, family and friends, and the

whole of Lamlash primary school children and staff.

They finished off with the traditional 'So long, farewell' song from The Sound of Music.

The children were then presented with

graduation certificates, gym bags and pencil cases by head teacher Mrs McGunigle.

On behalf of the nursery staff, Heidi Macfarlane said: 'We want to thank the school for all the lovely gifts.'



The Swamp Hill Mob at the Sannox Sixes with young guest Jemima on fiddle. They are, from left, Mo Khan, Ian Campbell and Trevor Bambridge.

Swamped by good music

The recent Sannox cricket sixes competition held at Ormidale Park had a number of extra attractions. Among them was the Swamp Hill Mob who entertained the crowd with an eclectic mix of live music. Trevor Bambridge is a kind of spokesman for the informal bunch and he does vocals, guitar, banjo, mandolin, harmonica and bodhran.

He said: 'We are a good-time party/jamming band and we love informal events such as barbecues and outdoor charity functions.'

At the cricket event they were joined briefly by a very young musician called Jemima who had a notion for playing the fiddle and amused the crowd.

Trevor said: 'Ian Campbell plays fiddle, mandolin, bazouki and guitar, and Mo Khan plays Djembe drums - he's a drum kit on legs. We can jam for hours and hope that more people on the island get to know of us. The music we play is very varied, from Scottish to Irish, old time, cajun, swampy stompy, blues and gospel. Our motto is 'the hillbillies with a modern edge.'

Open garden event in Lamlash

Carol and Tom Vella-Boyle opened their gardens at Claveron, Lamlash to the public and raised £553 for the Marie Curie Cancer Care. Carol said: 'Thanks to everyone who kindly contributed.'



Some of the children on a road safety walk in Lamlash.

Learning road safety

Three Lamlash childminders, Maihrid Campbell, Sarah Jane Young and Ninna Crisp arranged a road safety day with their minded children last week.

Ninna said: 'As we all go out walking a lot with the children in our care, we all felt that road safety is very important. We have been teaching our children all about road safety, and took them out on a walk, to show off

what safe walkers they all are. 'All the children did so well that they each got a certificate to show how well they had done.'

The walk ended with a nice picnic on the beach.'

The children that took part are Hayleigh-Imogen Allison, Jake Young, Rosie McKelvie, Jake and Charlie McAlister, McKenzie Campbell and Gordon McIntyre. Well done to all of them.

Lochranza and Catacol Village 200 Club Fund

Winners of the June draw of Lochranza and Catacol village 200 club fund were: 1st prize Isobel Kerr, 2nd Margaret McGivern.

Brodick Castle, Gardens & Country Park

Tel: 0844 4932152



Family events at Brodick Castle, and Country Park
Sunday 12th July - Gardens open under Scotland's Garden Scheme
Normal entry rates apply

Mon 13th July. Adult Castle Secrets - to include battlements 2pm
Weather permitting. Normal entry plus £3.00. Booking essential

Tues 14th July - The Forgetful Princess: A tour for Tots 3-6 yrs 1.30pm
Castle Secrets. A tour for 7-11yrs 2.15pm
Places limited, booking essential

Wed 15th July - The Vile Victorians; A tour for 7-11yrs 2.15pm
Booking essential phone 302202
Normal entrance rates apply

Brodick Gardens & Country Park
2pm Tues 14th - Guided Garden walk
Adults £2.00 - meet at reception centre

Wed 15th July - Glen Rosa Landrover Safari
2 - 5pm £10.00
Booking essential please phone 302462

Thur 16th - Kildonan Seals and Seashore
11am - 12.30. £2.00
Meet at Kildonan Village Hall



Sunday - Thursday Castle Open 11 - 4pm
Fridays & Saturdays - Guided Tours only
Castle Tearoom Closed Friday & Saturday
Reception, Coffee Shop & Gardens Open All Week

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FRIDAY 17TH JULY, 2 - 4 P.M.

Stalls: Baking, Books, Bric-a-brac,
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Entrance £3 Children free

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The Ormidale

Brodick 01770 302293

HOME COOKED BAR MEALS

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Beer Garden Children Welcome

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Thur - General Knowledge Quiz - 10pm

Fri - Over 21's Disco - 10pm

Sat - Over 21's Disco 10pm

Sun - Country/Blues with string theory 9.30pm

Tue - Pop Quiz 10pm

Real Ale (Recommended CAMRA Good Beer Guide)

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

CHILDREN AND ADULTS

(in conjunction with Lamlash Heather Queen)

Saturday 18th July

2pm on the Village Green

Various stalls in conjunction with Lamlash Gala Week

Raffle, Tombola, Burger and Soft Drinks

Home Baking

(Donations to Helen 600480 or Tracy 600679)

Brodick Improvement Committee SUMMER FAMILY CEILIDH

with the famous

string road potholes band

Every Wednesday

1st July 2009 to 26th August 2009

8pm - 11pm

Brodick Hall

Tickets from Billands

£7 adults £5 children

£20 family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children)

Bring Your Own Bottle

The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, July 1, 1989

Front door facelift

Arran's front door is to benefit from a much needed facelift and work will begin on the £750,000 project next week.

Scheduled for completion around Christmas it will transform the Ardrossan harbour area and the waiting and loading areas for the Arran ferry.

Despite agreeing that it will greatly improve the appearance of the harbour, Councillor Evelyn Sillars says that to some extent she is disappointed.

She said it will not do as much as it might to improve comfort or convenience for foot passengers.

The main elements of the development will be the provision of new roadways from the

public highway to the parking areas and berths; segregation of the heavy commercial traffic destined for Ireland from the cars and smaller commercial vehicles heading for Arran.

Various plans have been mooted for the improvement of the harbour over the past seven years and now this is going ahead Councillor Sillars believes it will be a great improvement.

Full speed astern

The Lamlash inshore lifeboat was called out on Wednesday afternoon when an Ayr fishing boat found herself being towed backwards when her nets had become entangled around a submarine close to Holy Isle.

Skipper James McCrindle of

the 'Huntress' reckoned they were towed astern at about five knots for 25 minutes.

During this time he had radioed for help and the Lamlash lifeboat was called.

The submarine HMS Ocelot then slowly surfaced about 200 yards from the fishing boat.

The lifeboat then ferried Mr McCrindle over to the submarine and he went on board and spoke with the captain to retrieve his nets.

Geoff Norris of the Arran RNLI said: 'I think things were amicably resolved at the end of the day.'

Poor turnout

Only three members of the Isle of Arran Community Council turned up for the council's monthly meeting on Tuesday night and they decided to cancel it.

There are 12 community councillors in total and the necessary quorum is five.

Weigh-in

Dave Ashcroft of Catacol Bay Hotel now weighs 14stone and two pounds. Well done Dave!

Out of puff

The paddle steamer Waverley ran out of puff on Wednesday just before she returned to Brodick on her first midweek Arran cruise for the summer.

Having sailed round north Arran and down to Campbeltown one of her paddle floats broke, off Clachlands point.

Unable to sail back to the mainland before the crew undertook further work, 100 passengers had to be shipped to Brodick.



George Tod, Lady Jean Fforde and Willie McConnell with Wattie Scott (holding cup) the winner of the confined class at the annual Kildonan and District sheepdog trials with Islay the winning dog and his other dog Spot. b28twe01



Kilmory Post Office changed hands this week as Gerry and Wendy Ambler are off to Sutherland after 15 years in Lagg. The new owners are Alison and Paul Bagnall from Stafford. The picture shows old owner Wendy with new owner Alison (the two men were unfortunately both on the mainland). b27twe03



Mike Lunan, who moved to Brodick eight months ago with his wife Peggy, has set up as an island based Independent Financial Adviser. b28twe05



Charles Fforde and his dog Zeb at the Kildonan and District Sheepdog Trials on Friday at the Home Farm. b28twe02



Theresa Brookes wins the 100m race on her way to becoming Junior Champion at the High School Sports day. b28twe04

SHISKINE VALLEY SPORTS DAY

2PM SATURDAY 11TH JULY
IN HARBOURVIEW FIELD,
BLACKWATERFOOT

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

THE FAMOUS SHISKINE VALLEY SHEEPSTAKES

"IT'S A KNOCKOUT"

ROUND THE SQUARE RACE
HIGHLAND GAMES EVENTS
CHILDREN'S RACES AND NOVELTY RACES
ISLE OF ARRAN PIPE BAND

TEAS, STALLS AND TOMBOLAS
BEER TENT AND FUN AMUSEMENTS

SUNDAY 12TH JULY

CHARITY TEXAS SCRAMBLE. SHISKINE GOLF CLUB
BOOK TIMES AT CLUB OR TEL: 860226
TEAMS OF 4 (MUST INCLUDE 1 LADY OR GENT)
THEME:- FAVOURITE FICTIONAL CHARACTER

Bird Notes - Fulmars

by Jim Cassels

Gliding very low over the open sea or along cliff tops on straight wings, the Fulmar is a familiar species around the coast of Arran.

Superficially gull-like, it has a 'tube nose' more closely related to albatrosses. On many of the

cliffs around the coast of Arran there are small breeding colonies.

Fulmar is a long-lived species with some individuals living for more than 40 years. They normally start breeding at around 10 to 12 years old.

Many Fulmars return during the day to their breeding cliffs as early as November and most birds have claimed

their nesting ledge by January. A single egg is laid in early to mid May.

Males and females share the long incubation of around 50 days, taking it in turns of around five days.

Chicks hatch in late June but it takes almost another 50 days before they are fledged and depart the cliffs in late August or September.

Fulmar chicks have at least one adult with them for the first 10 to 15 days after hatching. After that both parents forage for food leaving the chick alone.

Although with this technique the chicks can grow rapidly, they are vulnerable to mammal predators like rats and mink and that may be a problem in Arran.

In 2008, although Arran had a number of occupied colonies, there were no reports of fledged young from any of the widespread colonies.

This summer I would be interested in any reports of sightings of Fulmar young in nests.

Cliff colonies should be watched at a distance using binoculars or a telescope to



Fulmars at nest Photo Carl Reavey



Fulmar on the wing. Photo Carl Reavey

avoid any possible disturbance of the nesting birds.

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 visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

LAMLASH GALA WEEK 2009

Saturday 18th - Friday 24th JULY

SATURDAY 18th

On Lamlash Front Green opposite car park if weather fine otherwise in Community Theatre at High School.

1.30pm:- **GRAND PARADE** - join in along the way Leaves from Drift Inn Car Park to Front Green

Crowning of Lamlash Heather Queen '09 - Followed by Fete at 2pm

also : Fancy Dress Competition, Tombola, Pony Rides, Murray's Dog Scurry, Arran Pipe Band, Arran Dancers, Car Boot Sale, Arran Brass, Ronnie's Inflatables, Stalls, Highland Dancing, Fire Brigade, Ices, Gala Burgers and lots more.

COME ALONG AND JOIN US.

And in the evening - Back by popular Demand

IT'S A KNOCKOUT! ON FRONT GREEN FROM 7PM

LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY COME AND CHEER ON YOUR FAVOURITE TEAM

SUNDAY 19th

URIE LOCH HILL RACE

Junior Race 1.30pm ~ Senior Race 2.15pm Register in KA Campus at High School

also **FAMILY FUN SPORTS** at the football field from 2.30pm - Burgers and Ices on sale

CAR TREASURE HUNT

from PHT Car Park at 6.30pm

ALSO QUIZ NIGHT IN PHT AT 9.30PM - RAFFLE

MONDAY 20th

LAMLASH GOLF CLUB ENTERTAINMENTS CUP

Open to All - All day Competition - Make up your own 4's

COASTGUARD + HELICOPTER DISPLAY

On front green 7pm

ALSO 'RACE NIGHT' AT LAMLASH GOLF CLUB 9.00 - 9.30PM START

[Follows Golf competition prize giving]

All members and guests welcome.

TUESDAY 21st

N.A.C. Children's Outreach Services 'FUN DAY'

11am ~ 1pm - pre-5's + 2 ~ 4 pm - primary age [Booking advised as places are limited]

also **JUMBLE SALE 2pm** - Books, bric-a-brac, clothing and maybe some little treasures !!

both in KA Campus @ High School

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

in KA Campus @ High School

Doors open 6.30pm ~ Starts 7.00

Refreshments available

WEDNESDAY 22nd

JUNIOR 5-a-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

under 16's only

Meet at the Astroturf pitch ~ 11.00am

7pm - **COASTGUARD SEASAFE DEMONSTRATION**

also **ARRAN PIPEBAND**

both on front green - Burgers and Ices on sale too.

THURSDAY 23rd

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC ~ 1.30pm-3pm

at KA Campus

also "AFTERNOON TEA DANCE" at KA Campus 2 - 4pm

come along and enjoy a dance and a cuppa

Shiskine Drama Club in 2 on-act

Comedies suitable for all ages

"Albert" and "That Old Black Magic"

in Community Theatre 7.30pm

9.30pm - "THE INN QUIZ" at ~ THE DRIFT INN

Make up your own team - 6 persons maximum

FRIDAY 24th

"THE PICTS" are coming!!

Don't miss this one!!

From "T in the Park" to Lamlash

Live music from one of Scotland's Best Celtic Rock Bands.

Dance the night away to traditional and modern - Music for All.

In Community Theatre - 9.00pm start. - Doors & Bar Open from 8pm

Strictly Over 18's Only ~ Photo ID may be required Tickets ~ £10.00

On sale at KA Campus office every day from 4th July Between 10am and 2pm and at the door on the night if any left. As this event is licensed please do not bring any alcohol.

Submissions wanted for touring exhibition

Free submissions from Island artists are requested for the touring McLellan Festival exhibition from September 12 to September 30.

The theme of the exhibition is: 'Living on an Island.'

The first venue will be on Arran from the 12th to the 30th of September 2009.

There will be a prize of £200 for best work in the show. (the Nick Giles Art Prize).

Reasons to take part are that

it will give exposure to all participating Islands on the west coast of Scotland, and to make more visible the rich variety of art alive and kicking on the Scottish Islands.

This exhibition is open to all

artists who work and live on a Scottish Island and all works are to be two dimension, either A3 or A4.

All works to be sent through normal Royal Mail recorded delivery service to:

Josephine Broekhuizen, Whiterock, Lamlash, Isle of Arran KA27 8NL. Telephone number 01770 600287.

Deadline for receipt of submissions is August 12.

Maximum two works per artist and works will be insured while in the gallery but artists should insure their own work in transit if they think this necessary.

All works will be for sale and will be presented framed while in exhibition on Arran.

Island artist organisers will cover costs of postage and insurance of works to artists or next venue.

Prizes will be announced at opening of the McLellan Festival on Arran in September.

Work will be judged by Nick Giles, Tim Pomeroy and Heather Gough. Nick Giles is an artist working in Arran and Australia.

Tim Pomeroy is a sculptor working and living on Arran

Heather Gough is the organizer of the McLellan Festival and chair of the McLellan Festival committee.



Connor Reid, Pdraigh Geraghty, Ted Godfrey and Douglas Meldrum collecting for charity in Brodick Co-op on Saturday June 27. b27leg01

Backpack for Legion charities

Connor Reid and Pdraigh Geraghty, two of Arran's Cadet Force, joined with local veterans of the Royal British Legion of Scotland Ted God-

frey and Douglas Meldrum to collect for the main charities of the Arran Branch of the Legion.

Alan Milligan, press officer

of the Arran Branch expressed appreciation to the Brodick Co-op and their customers for the donation of £263 from the backpack.

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

Brodick Castle, Gardens & Country Park 11am - 4pm
Trout fishing Loch Garbad, Boat or Bank
Hawk Walks Lamlash
Fitness Assessments, Gym Induction, Personal Training Auchrannie Spa & Gym
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick 10.30am - 4.30pm
Kildonan Fun Week See ad on page 10 for details

SATURDAY 11th JULY

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football Coaching, 10.30am - noon
Karate Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Family Games Kids & Adults Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the Spa Pool Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Over 21s Disco The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game 2pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 2pm
RNLI Shop Open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Holy Isle Garden Party Continuous Sailings from 11.30am at Lamlash Pier
Shiskine Valley Sports Day John Robertson Memorial Field Shiskine, 2pm
Bingo Night Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game 2.30pm & 7pm

SUNDAY 12th JULY

Alcoholics Anonymous St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
Family Games Kids & Adults Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the Spa Pool Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes Library Annexe, 1.45pm
Folk Session Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
RNLI Shop Open Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Scotlands Garden Scheme Castle Gardens Open
Corrie Film Club "The Servant" Corrie & Sannox Hall, 8pm

MONDAY 13th JULY

Senior Fitness Auchrannie 10am & 11am (Gym)
Over 50's Badminton Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Cardiac Rehab Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm
Circuit Training Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
Citizens Advice Open 10am - 2pm
AB Attack KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm
Aerobics Class KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm
Weight Wise Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
Netball High School Sports Hall - Seniors 8pm - 9pm
Folk Session Kildonan Hotel, 9pm
Summer Bridge High School, 6.45pm
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game 6.45pm
Kilmory Wildlife Viewing Camera Kilmory Hall, 10am - 5pm
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm
Learn to Moonwalk & Street Dance Auchrannie, 3.15pm
Summer Coffee Morning Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am

TUESDAY 14th JULY

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

Brodick Toddler Group
Body Conditioning Class
Youth Club
Senior Fitness
Rotary Club
Kilmory Wildlife Viewing Camera
Open Folk Session
Whiting Bay Drama "Secondary Cause of Death"
Kickboxing
FILM by Coast "The Bay"

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

WEDNESDAY 15th JULY

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

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm (Games Hall)
 Auchrannie 5.30 - 6pm
 P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.15pm
 Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am (Hotel Pool)
 Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
 10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm
 KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm - 9pm
 Ormidale Park, 7.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
 Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
 6.45pm
 7pm
 Kilmory Hall, 10am - 5pm
 7pm
 Brodick Hall, 8pm - 11pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.30am - 12pm

THURSDAY 16th JULY

Senior Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Citizens Advice
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Cardiac Rehab
Table Tennis
Legs, Bums & Tums Class
Indoor Bowling
Junior Tennis
Cricket Practice
Kilmory Wildlife Viewing Camera
Save The Children Summer Fayre

Auchrannie 10am - 11am
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Open 10am - 2pm
 Hall, 2pm
 St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
 Auchrannie Gym 2pm - 3pm
 Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
 KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm
 Auchrannie Hall 7pm
 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 5pm - 7pm
 Sannox Oval, 6pm
 Kilmory Hall, 10am - 5pm
 Brodick Hall, 10.30am - 1.30pm

FRIDAY 17th JULY

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

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
 Open 10am - 2pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
 Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 4.00pm - 6.30pm
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Brodick, 7pm - 9pm
 Kilmory Hall, 10am - 5pm
 Dougarie Lodge, Machrie, 2pm - 4pm

SATURDAY 18th JULY

Lamlash Gala Week Begins
Fancy Dress Competition

See Ad on Page 11 for details
 Lamlash Green, 2pm

**To appear in Whats On telephone the
 Arran Banner 01770 302142**



BANNER**PROPERTY**

JTC corrie seafront

A rare opportunity to purchase a property on Corrie Seafront with uninterrupted views across the Firth of Clyde. The property is being offered for sale off plan and will consist of lounge, study, kitchen/dining, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and garage on a spacious plot with large front garden area.

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Arran Estate Agents

TORR NAN UAIN COTTAGE SHANNOCHIE OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £235,000

Torr Nan Uain is a former farm with outbuildings which has been carefully renovated to create a most attractive development in a spectacular location at Shannochie on the outskirts of Kilmory. Accommodation comprises entrance hall with staircase, good size kitchen with adjacent utility room, ground floor bathroom and large lounge/dining room and sun room to the rear with amazing views across the fields towards the Kilbrannan Sound and Kintyre. On the upper floor 2 double bedrooms with en-suite shower rooms and gable balcony doors to one room. Double glazed and central heating.

WHIN COTTAGE, KILDONAN OFFERS OVER £260,000

Stone built detached former farm cottage at High Kildonan. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, hallway, study, lounge, sun lounge, kitchen, downstairs toilet, family bathroom and on the upper floor three double bedrooms and two single bedrooms. Large appended workshop/garage and laundry room. Double glazing and oil fired central heating.

CLACHURIN, LOCHRANZA OFFERS OVER £165,000

Detached cottage villa located in the centre of Lochranza enjoying an open aspect with views across the loch to the castle and beyond. Accommodation comprises entrance porch and hallway, two ground floor public rooms, kitchen, bathroom and sun lounge and on the upper floor, two bedrooms and storage space. Generously sized garden with development potential. This property requires a degree of refurbishment.

Invercloy House, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ
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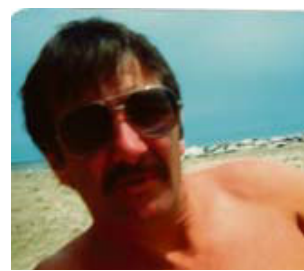
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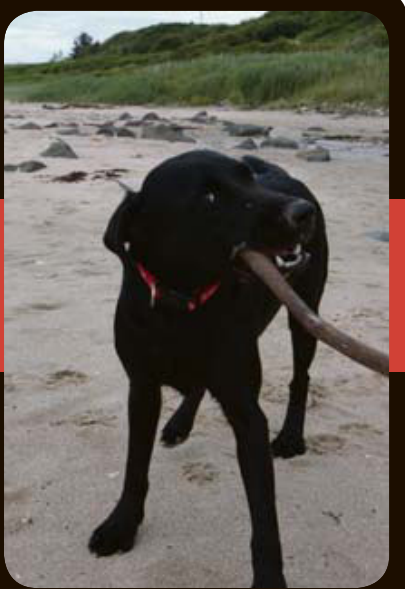
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Last week Archie was sat next to the bridge leading to Arran Provisions shop in Lamlash. Fiss was first with the right answer and said: 'Archie, you'll have to get out of Lamlash!' Also on the ball were Lauren Campbell, David Smith and Arranarab. This week he is on the sea shore, but on which beach? 02_b28arc01





Whiting Bay Golf Club

Weds 1 July. 31 played in the latest round of the Summer Trophy in excellent conditions, which is reflected in the low scoring. SSS-63, CSS-62. 1 Charlie Hunter (20)58 (bih), 2 John Pennycott (11)58, 3 Bob Hastings (15)59, 4 Wolfi Kroner (14)60. Jamie MacPherson beat Nicol for scratch on the better inward 6 with a 65, and Rob Stewart had the only magic 2 of the day.

Sat 4 July. A good turnout of ladies, gents and juniors came to support the Cancer Relief Charity day, raising over £50 for ARCAS. The Junior winner was Jack Simmons, Mary Dick won the Ladies event and Douglas Graham won the Gents prize, beating Rob Stewart on the better inward half.

Sun 5 July. 26 played for the Morton Quaich on another low scoring day. SSS-63, CSS-63. 1 Jamie MacPherson (5)57, 2 Alan Dillon (23)58, 3 Malcolm Pennycott (1)60, 4 John Taylor (18)61. Malcolm won scratch with 61 and there were 3 magic 2s by Jamie MacPherson and one from Nicol Auld.

Fixtures - Sunday 12 July, Whiting Bay Improvements Trophy, Wednesday 15 July, Summer Trophy, Sunday 19 July, Raymond Curtis Salver.

Ladies Section

Saturday 4 July - Cancer Relief stroke play ladies results were winner, Mary Dick with net 64 and in 2nd place Fiona

Malcolm represents Scotland with distinction

Whiting Bay golfer Malcolm Pennycott was selected to represent Scotland in the British Universities Home Nations Championships at Galgorm Castle in Northern Ireland last month.

The 19 year old managed to win two out of his three singles matches, including being the only member from the team of eight to chalk up a win against England in the singles.

In the foursomes he won one match and lost two.

Scotland finished third in the series behind winners Northern Ireland and England. Malcolm has finished his second year at Heriot-Watt University where he is studying for an MA in management with marketing.



Malcolm Pennycott. b28pen01

Best Scratch - 84.

Sat 4 July - July 12-hole Medal. First Class. 1 J Cleat 45-6 39, 2 G H Hay 41-0 41, 3 A Howie 47-5 42. Second Class. 1 Adam Howie 49-8 41, 2 C McGlone 52-8 44, 3 Russell Weir 54-9 45. Best Scratch - GH Hay 41. Magic twos: GH Hay (4th), Adam Howie (7th) (12th), Gavin Hay (3rd).

Sunday 5 July - Victory Shield (July). First Class: 1 M Ker 42-1 41, 2 I Davidson 44-2 42 (bih), 3 D Logan 48-6 42. Second Class: 1 Russell Weir 47-9 38, 2 Jim McCallum 49-8 41, 3rd G Martlew 50-8 42 (bih). Best Scratch - M Ker 42. Magic twos: M Ker (11th), I Davidson (4th), D Logan (7th), G Hay (10th), E Darroch (10th), G Andrew (5th), D Pilkington (12th), Greg Scrimgeour (7th), I Davidson (10th) and J McCallum (4th).

Sunday 5 July - Kay Maxwell Trophy. 1 J Turnbull 59 -13 46, 2 S Weir 59-11 48, 3rd D Macfarlane 65-16 49. Best Scratch - J Turnbull 59 (bih).

Monday 6 July - Centenary Putter. 1st Class: 1 Gavin Hay -29pts, 2 Gordon Smith -26pts (bih), 3 Gordon Hay -26pts (bih). 2nd Class: 1 Neil Addis -25pts (bih), 2nd Ken Macfarlane -25pts, 3 Gerry Cowan -24pts. Magic twos: G Hay, A Howie, DK Henderson, G Andrew (2), W Kelso, A Gallagher, G Martlew, I G Davidson, D McDonald, D Logan, D Sutherland.

Monday 6 July - Centenary Putter (Ladies). 1 Jacqui Rankin -26pts, 2 Jenni Turnbull -25pts, 3 Deb Macfarlane -23pts

Rory Macfarlane had a hole-in-one at the 11th!

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tues 30 June Gleneagles Medal in aid of Clic Sargent Cancer Care. 1 David Wilkinson 63 BIH, 2 Alan Napier 63, 3 Elizabeth Ross 69. Scratch Alan Napier 69. Twos Mark Sherwood and Alan Napier. Sat 4 July Captain's Day



Pat Reid, left, won the Brodick ladies captain prize on Tuesday June 23. She was presented with the prize, a dainty black and white bag, by captain Fiona Crawford. b28cap01

This was played as a two person scramble. The day was fine with a stiff breeze but it didn't deter the 20 players who turned up and a great time was had by all. Thanks to David Price for organising it all and to Hillary for the tea afterwards. Mixed team: 1 Leslie Murray & Ken McKinley 51.5, 2 Betty & Ian Buchanan 54 BIH, 3 Elizabeth Kelso & Mark Sherwood 54, 4 Emily & Donald Campbell 5 Mens Team: 1 Peter Emsley & Andy Paterson 49, 2 Willie Kelso & David Price 54, 3 Stan Cline & Bob Seaton 54.5. Longest drive for ladies at 1st Denise Sherwood, nearest the pin for Men at 2nd Mark Sherwood, longest drive for men at 4th Mark Sherwood, nearest the pin for ladies at 5th Elizabeth Kelso, nearest the pin in 2 at the 9th Willie Kelso & David Price. Fixtures: Tues 14 July Lady Mary/Peter Sutton tee off 12.30pm & 5.30pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 2 July seniors medal from box tees, only 3 played. 1 P Mackay 81-23-58, 2 I Grant 86-22-64, no magic twos.

Summer Cup, 23 played CSS 64 some excellent scoring with high number of non-returns again. Scratch Neil Young with a 66. 1 N Young 66-4-62, 2 A Smith 74-11-63, 3 I Bremner 72-7-65. Three magic twos D Ross, I Bremner & A Winship.

Saturday 4 July Tom Graham Open, only 23 competed excellent scoring with only 1 non-return. CSS 64. Scratch Gordon Hay with a 67. 1 G Andrew 69-8-61, 2 A Pattison 72-10-62, 3 I Bremner 70-7-63, 4 A Winship 77-13-64. Two magic twos N McIntyre & G Andrew.

Sunday 5 July Hamilton Bowl (bogey) only 13 played CSS 63

(+1 to bogey)

Scratch Lee Girbow with superb 64. 1 L Girbow +5 hcap 5, 2 E Evans +1 hcap 6, 3 A Smith 0 hcap 10. Two magic twos E Evans & N McIntyre

Fixtures Every Thursday Seniors and Summer cup arranging times with starter.

Fri 10 July Final of Thomson Cup 4.45pm, note new time.

Corrie Hotel Cup from 5pm cancelled due to rain last week.

Sat 11 July Mixed Greensome from 1pm arranging pairs and times with starter. Sun 12 July Jamieson Cup 9.30am, 1pm.

Lamlash Ladies Golf

Fleet 4 July 1. 1 Mrs Sheena Murchie 72 - 13 = 59 2 Mrs Jackie Winship 95 - 35 = 60. Lowest gross Mrs Sheena Murchie. CSS 63. Lamlash Ladies Open Golf Competition Wed 22 July, places still available, contact Mrs Jackie Winship, 600330 or starter shop 600196. One four ball at the exclusive Marriott Dalmahoy Hotel and also one four ball at the prestigious Gleneagles Hotel & Golf Resort to be won. Raffle in aid of CLIC (Child Cancer). Entertainment after prizegiving.

Corrie Golf Club

Wed July 1, Medal. 1 R Macdonald 63-16=50, 2 B Rooney 70-17=53. Sat July 4, Commemoration Shield and Lorimer Rosebowl. 1 J Innes 67-9=58 BIH, 2 J McGovern 65-7=58, 3 A Napier 65-6=59. Scratch E McKinnon 62.

Fixtures: Sat July 11, Fairs Cup 1st Round. Wed July 15, Fairs Cup 2nd Round.

Sat July 18 and Sunday July 19 Corrie Open. Names on sheets at clubhouse or phone 810222 for tee-off time.

Brodick social success

Brodick Golf Club held another successful social event on Saturday July 4.

More than 50 members and guests had a lovely Italian meal served by Rosie, dressed appropriately in Italian flag colours, followed by a very testing quiz.

The quizmaster was Carolyn Jameson and the eventual winners were the Raeburn team after a tiebreak question with Tona's Toilers.

As ever, the quiz was great fun but contentious, bringing out the competitive spirit in the members.

The next golfing and social event will be the Club Championship on Saturday July 25. Look out for posters.

Bowling results

June 15 T Wooden, J Lauder, P Lee (+19), June 17 J Lauder, A Hollingworth (+10), June 20 J Lauder, R Peacock, P Lee (+18), June 22 C Hendry, J Kerr (+27), June 24 J Murchie, J Hannah (+7), June 27 J Lauder, T Wooden, R Peacock (+12), June 29 J Lauder, I Hendry (+13), July 1 C Hendry, L Hendry, J McConnachie (+8), July 4 A Hollingworth, I Hendry (+8).

Summer bridge

The results of the tournament on July 6 were: N/S 1 T Martin and D Hamilton, 2 I McArthur and L McKellar, 3 D Bruce and M Bruce. E/W 1 S Cook and L Robertson, 2 R Thomson and E McNiven, 3 H Boyd and L Paul.

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Sannox win Allsop memorial match

Had he survived, Bryan Allsop would have celebrated the advent of Sannox Cricket Club's new pavilion decked as it was last Sunday with bunting, to herald the fourth Allsop memorial fixture.

This year the friendly against Gargunnoch fell closest to the anniversary of Bryan's death during the match against Mid Argyll in 2005.

Weather conditions were spectacular as both teams took to the field. Bryan's son Gordon made a small speech of thanks to the club and visitors for remembering his father and after the toss being won by the visitors, Sannox with a spring in the steps of opening batsmen Tony Brookes and Michael Jenks took to the square.

Gargunnoch's openers Naris and Farquhar, were accurate medium pacers but neither seemed to unsteady Brookes and Jenks who pressed the score on with disciplined steadiness. Jenks, one of the Sannox juniors, promoted up the order, played a useful supporting role of nine before being stumped when the opening partnership had reached 44. Brookes followed, run out for 37. Jake

Leese, another of the Sannox colts, came in at number three but only stayed eight minutes. Jonathan May at number four, dubbed 'the Beast' after the name of his bat and his recent good form, took the fight to the visitors.

He pushed the score on confidently, partnered by Dan Brobson, Steven Beardsley, Martin Kemp and skipper Chris Marriott. Accompanied by chants of Beast! Beast! every time he put on runs, his innings enhanced the party atmosphere. Arran's own Tom Cruise look-alike only occasionally relaxed into a smile as Sannox's very own Top Gun saw out the innings on 63 not out, his fourth half century of the season. Sannox finished their 40 overs on 154 for 7.

Half time saw a special lunch and tombola organised in part by Audrey Allsop, Bryan's widow. Aply assisted by David Hemming, Bryan's cousin from Derbyshire and her sons David and Gordon, the tombola made £100 for much-needed cricket club funds. At the lunch interval, spectators arrived and Sannox's new pavilion had up to 15 spectators basking

on the veranda, a real boost for the home side. Among the visitors were Ruth and Allan Thomson of Lamlash. Ruth dedicated the proceeds of one of her marathon non-stop round Arran walks to the cricket club pavilion fund.

A replete Gargunnoch took to the crease. Smith made only two and Catts at number two retired hurt after 15 minutes when a sharply rising Brookes delivery from the cemetery-end split the end of his thumb. Dunn, bowling into the wind from what can now legitimately be called 'the pavilion end', kept a lid on the Stirlingshire batting.

Naris at number three looked the most dangerous; dropped once in the slips and once by the keeper, he could consider himself fortunate for his 69 before May bowled him clean from the pavilion end. Only Shaw for the visitors made a stand making 17 before an identikit bowl from Top Gun, May, dislodged his centre stump. Brookes played havoc with the middle order and Gargunnoch, playing with only nine of their own team borrowed Sannox's famous 12th



In front of the new pavilion, Jonathan May smashes his way to 63 not out. 02_b28crk02

man Jim Gourlay who closed the gap making seven useful runs. J Steed, grandson of John and Cathie from Whiting Bay, played for the visitors at number 11 and made the hosts quake as he drove and glanced his way to 14 not out. Gargunnoch finished on 132 for nine leaving the Allsop Memorial trophy in the hands and pavilion of Sannox for the fourth year in a row.

Next home match is Sunday July 12 against Oban. This will be a tough match and spectators are encouraged to come along and watch. Practise is on Thursday from 6pm



Audrey Allsop presents Bryan's memorial bat to winning skipper Chris Marriott. b28crk03

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