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Groups fear they will be given only limited use of facilities

Don't shut us out of the new high school

Report by JENNIFER LYON

Lifeboat station holds heritage day

Vic and Anne Hill, who have a home at Corregills, with their grandchildren, Vas and Victor, with lifeboat crewman Martin Ferris on Sunday at the first heritage day for Arran's lifeboat station at Lamlash. The free day was part of Kyle and Carrick Civic Society's European Heritage Days. b360pe1



Lamlash community groups are concerned that the leisure facilities at the new Arran High School will not be available seven days a week for their use.

North Ayrshire Leisure (NAL) will take over the running of the school's facilities in mid-October, and will have staff at the school from 6pm every evening to open the facilities to the public.

Maureen Smith, community councillor for Lamlash, said: 'We feel like NAL is not listening to our concerns. All of the people at the meeting represented groups that already use the community centre in Lamlash.'

'The main concern is that North Ayrshire Leisure is not doing enough to accommodate the people who would like to use the leisure facilities on a regular basis during the day. The fear is that these facilities will not be available some of the time because they will be getting used by pupils.'

A number of organisations including the toddler group use the community centre hall on a weekly basis.

The amenities at the new school include a gymnasium, an assembly hall and a theatre, which the villagers will use instead of the Lamlash Community Centre that will be demolished sometime next year.

At a meeting at Arran High School on Tuesday night North Ayrshire Leisure representatives met with residents to make sure they are happy with their plans and to try and find new groups to use the centre.

North Ayrshire Leisure is an arm of North Ayrshire Council, a charitable trust, which is non-profit making.

North Ayrshire Council PPP schools project leader, Jim Tulip, said: 'Both NAC and North Ayrshire Leisure want to make sure that the facilities are used to the maximum by local people. From the end of October NAL will be in place at the school and they will be ensuring that a proper booking system is in place to allow people the utmost use of the hall.'

Councillor Margie Currie said: 'I really don't think people have anything to worry about. There will be plenty of room to accommodate everyone and NAL is being quite flexible to try and meet the needs of local people.'

'At the end of the day we have never had these kinds of facilities on Arran and I very much hope it will work.'

Bid to brighten up Brodick seafront for Christmas

A plea has gone out to Arran businesses to help to make Brodick's seafront look spectacular at Christmas.

Brodick Improvements Committee is hoping to replace or repair many of the Christmas lights which have been vandalised or have been damaged by bad weather.

The committee is asking the

island's main traders to contribute towards a fund for this year.

Members say they have chosen some fantastic new designs for this year's illuminations but each light costs between £250-£500.

Committee secretary Harry Davidson said: 'We are asking some of the leading businesses on the Isle of Arran if they could give a financial contribution to the

costs of improving and repairing the lights, which is estimated at £5,000. This money will have to be spent in the next few weeks in order that the lights can be delivered before Christmas.

'The lights have enhanced the seafront and are appreciated by the residents of Arran and the visitors to the island.'

The committee itself is raising

funds and North Ayrshire Council is to put money towards the cost of putting up and dismantling the lights.

Committee chairman Ian Small said the lights would be switched on, as usual, by the child who wins first prize at the annual Christmas party in Brodick Hall. This will be the fifth year that the seafront will be lit up.



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Brodick pupils get fit with Jog Scotty

Brodick Primary School kick-started their healthiest year ever on Friday when junior jogscotland's mascot, Jog Scotty, bounded into their playground for a training session.

The pupils were presented with resource packs to help them on their way to a healthier lifestyle.

Head teacher Angela Fisher said: 'Having looked through the pack I am very impressed with the ideas it provides for the children and most importantly they are achievable.'

Games

'The children were really looking forward to meeting Jog Scotty and couldn't wait to try out the new games.'

The 7ft tall Scotty dog character is always popular with the children.

Junior jogscotland is a Scottish Athletics initiative, which uses fun and accessible running-based games to encourage all youngsters to get active.

The games have been designed for children aged 7-11 but can be adapted for different age groups and abilities.

Scottish Co-operative is the main sponsor of junior jogscotland.

Brian Edmiston, manager of the Brodick Co-op store said: 'The programme is not about creating top athletes, but encouraging every child to enjoy physical activity.'

'Scottish Co-op is delighted to be sponsoring this initiative and we hope the pupils of Brodick Primary have a lot of fun keeping fit with Jog Scotty's help.'

Pupils from Brodick Primary School with Jog Scotty who was accompanied by Fiona Gilmour and Gemma Blythe from the Brodick Co-op. b36jog1

Mountain expert to speak at festival

One of Scotland's best-known mountain experts will visit Arran this month as part of the first Arran Outdoor and Walking Festival.

The festival is offering a programme of events to encourage everyone to enjoy the outdoors. It includes TGO editor Cameron McNeish who will speak at a special event on Saturday September 29 in Lamlash

Village Hall at 7.30pm. The programme, which has been organised by VisitArran, begins on Friday September 28 with opportunities to go hill-walking, mountain-biking, sea-kayaking and to enjoy the geology and wildlife.

One of the organizers, Gerard Tattersfield, said the idea was to include as many islanders as possible as well as visitors, with walks to suit all ages and experiences. He said: 'You can walk the hills with experienced, local and qualified guides, either high in the mountains, or special interest walks in the

lower hills and glens and along the Arran coastal way.

'We also have great 'time out' events too, speakers from the outdoors world along with Arran folk music and locally produced food, beer and whisky.

Mr McNeish told the Banner: 'I don't get over to Arran as much as I would like. Much of my time is spent travelling both abroad and throughout the hilly parts of the UK but I am fond of Arran.'

'I think any mountaineer would have a soft spot for the A'Chir Ridge and indeed, the whole ridge is a mountaineer's

delight. I don't like to visit Arran without at least a quick stomp up Goatfell.'

Mr McNeish's talk will be about the importance of protecting and conserving and why he feels it is important for outdoor folk to care for wild places. He explained: 'I think it's vital that climbers and walkers should do as much as

possible to help conserve all the wild places of Scotland, Arran included. Scotland is a tiny country and those last remaining areas of wild land we have, areas that are loved by many folk from abroad too, are under severe threat. I think we should all try and realise that even wild land, and its community, has rights too, and we need to

have as much bio-diversity as we can.'

A large number of other events will be taking place throughout the weekend including a family ceilidh on the evening of Sunday September 30.

For more information or to buy tickets call 01770 303774 or e-mail brodick@visitscotland.com

Police Files - Contact Brodick Police on 01770 302573

B&B dodger

Police on Arran say they are following a positive line of inquiry after a man failed to pay for board and lodging at an establishment in Brodick last Wednesday.

Drunk

A 29-year-old man was arrested in Brodick's main street last Thursday charged with being drunk and incapable.

Assault

An 18-year-old male was assaulted in Shore Road, Whiting Bay at 11.40pm last Friday. Police say they are following up a positive lead.

No tax disc

Just after midnight on Sunday an 18-year-old male was stopped in Brodick, when it was found he did not have a valid tax disc. He has been reported to the DVLA.

Assault in Lamlash

A 26-year-old Glasgow man was assaulted in Hillside Terrace, Lamlash, at 1am on Sunday September 9. Police are appealing for witnesses.

Drink driver

Police are awaiting results of a blood alcohol test after a 24-year-old man was stopped on Sunday at 11.50pm in Knowe Road, Brodick, on suspicion of drink driving.

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McLellan play is timely reminder

Players took to the stage last weekend at Brodick Church Hall to rehearse — entirely in Scots — a play for this year's McLellan Centenary Festival being held on Arran from Saturday, September 8, for three weeks.

The festival is putting on the play in association with Borderline Theatre Company.

The poet, playwright and short story writer, who lived at Corrie until his death in 1985, wrote Jamie the Saxt to tell the



Actors and production members during rehearsals of Jamie the Saxt last Saturday at Brodick Church Hall. b36sat1

story of James VI of Scotland (James I of England) as a young king in his native land before ascending the English throne on the death of Elizabeth I.

Shown as a young statesman with a certain unheroic cunning and brutality, James survives the attempts on his life and his own throne to contemplate

the English crown still held by his ageing cousin. On stage at a time when the union between the auld enemies is being stretched to breaking point as the SNP is determined to go its own way, Jamie the Saxt is a timely reminder of how the union was formed in the first place.

Claire Berrie, of the McLellan

Festival, said the play gave theatre goers a chance to enjoy a play that put great emphasis on the difference between English and other British dialects. Initially foreign sounding, the play was easily comprehensible to English ears after a few minutes. 'This is a fascinating chance to hear the broad dialect of Scot,' she said.

The play is being staged at Auchrannie Spa, Brodick at 6.30pm from Thursday, September 13, to Saturday, September 15.

McLellan was born in Lanarkshire in 1907 and dedicated his life to writing in Scots.

Other events taking place during the festival can be found on www.mclellanfestival.com

Arran will be promoted to Catalans

MSP Kenneth Gibson is to visit the Catalan parliament today (Saturday) when he will talk exclusively about Arran.

He decided to make the island the focal point of his talk after meeting Alastair Dobson of A Taste of Arran and Visit Arran.

He says he wants to see visitors from the prosperous region coming to the island.

He said: 'Tens of thousands of Scots fly to Girona from Prestwick every year for holidays.

'We need to stimulate traffic from Catalonia to here. After all, the island is only 90 minutes from Prestwick.

'I thought it would dilute the message if I tried to promote Arran, Ayrshire and Scotland, so have chosen only to promote Arran.'

Mr Gibson, SNP member of Cunninghame North, said he was taking brochures and samples of Arran produce with him.

He said: 'There is so much to attract Catalans to Arran, from breathtaking scenery, golf, history, food, drink and our hospitality. This gives us an excellent product to promote.

'They number six million and are prosperous.'

Mr Gibson will give a speech about Scotland's politics and the SNP.

His itinerary also includes meetings with Catalonia's sister party, Esquerra, and will attend an official evening reception in the Catalan parliament in honour of the region's national day.

He will also speak on television on the region's equivalent of Newsnight. The Dalai Lama will be interviewed in the same programme.

He said he and Esquerra are funding his trip at no cost to the public purse.

Whisky warehouse is named after retiring master distiller

A special retirement present came as a surprise to master distiller Gordon Mitchell.

He has been honoured with the new warehouse at Isle of Arran Distillery being named The Gordon Mitchell Warehouse.

A celebratory lunch was held at the distillery's visitor centre on Tuesday to mark Gordon's retirement.

Chairman of the company, Mike Pierce, said: 'I think The Gordon Mitchell Warehouse is an appropriate way for us to remember a man who has done so much for this company. His whisky will be stored here for many years to come and it is a great honour to his work.'

Gordon said he had no inkling about the warehouse and was surprised to see his name on the brass plaque.

He said: 'I'm so honoured. It is quite sad for me to be finally retiring but I'll be around for a bit yet. You can't get rid of me that easy.'

Gordon arrived on Arran from Cooley's Distillery in Ireland in 1994 to help to set up the new distillery in Lochranza.

During more than a decade, Gordon has been at the helm, producing award-winning whisky and receiving visitors from all over the world.

He has also travelled to many of the world's top whisky markets.

Douglas Davidson, managing director of Isle of Arran Distillers, said: 'I worry about many things in the business but the one thing I never have to worry about is the quality of the spirit which Gordon produces.'

'We are eternally grateful to Gordon Mitchell for the last 12 years and hope that he and Evelyn can now relax and enjoy their retirement years. As one era draws to a close another begins.'

At a presentation after the lunch on Tuesday Mr Davidson appointed Gordon a 'Lifetime Ambassador of Arran' and



Retiring master distiller Gordon Mitchell, pictured left, with distillery founder Harold Currie, centre, and managing director Douglas Davidson outside the newly opened Gordon Mitchell Warehouse. b36dis1

principal shareholder Leslie Auchencloss presented Gordon with an oil painting of his favourite cask.

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Arran High pupils urged to fulfil any further education aims



Winners of special prizes with, left, head teacher Douglas Auld with 2006 Dux Gemma MacDonald and her mother and, far right, Reverend Adamson with 2007 Dux Jessica Gillson and her mother.

An Arran High School 'old boy' has told pupils that higher education enabled him to realise his vocation even though he was not academic.

Reverend Angus Adamson said he felt a calling for the Church as a young boy but faced an uphill task to gain the qualifications needed to become a minister.

The Church of Scotland minister for North Arran, Brodick, Lochranza, Corrie, Pirnmill and Shiskine eventually achieved an honours degree and his long-cherished ambition at the age of 37.

Presenting the prizes and certificates for the last academic year at the school's annual prize-giving in Lamlash Village Hall last Thursday, he urged pupils to go on to further education even if it meant leaving Arran. He said one of the proudest moments of his life was becoming school captain at 15, but non-academics were not encouraged to go on to further study.

After leaving school he worked in a bank, then joined the family firm when his father became ill, staying for 20 years before realising his vocation.

'I took with me from Arran the groundings of a very fine education,' he said. 'Of course, I missed the island and I am sure you will too, but if you want to see the bright city lights, go for it! At 37, I was no longer afraid of studying. I realised I did not lack brain-power but immaturity. Pupils need encouragement to study.'

Head teacher Douglas Auld told pupils and parents that when he came to the school in 2003 he wanted to strive for all pupils to achieve five As: appearance, attitude, attendance, application and ambition.

'This evening the young people who have received awards have displayed most, if not all, of these positive characteristics,' he said, adding that he received last week a full analysis of the SQA results.

'S4 grades were excellent with the percentage of pupils attain-

ing five plus credit passes at Standard Grade doubling from a low 27 per cent in 2006 to 55 per cent in 2007,' he said.

'This was the best performance statistically for five years. Significantly the boys out-performed the girls by 5 per cent.'

'The analysis at S5 was not so good, with the number of pupils achieving three Highers dropping from 31 per cent to 18 per cent. The statistics, however, were encouraging with 39 per cent of the group achieving three Highers while 28 per cent achieved five Highers.'

'The numbers of A passes at Higher for both S5 and S6 was also at an all-time high with a total of 35 A passes being achieved. The previous highest achievement at this level was in 2003 with 32 A passes.'

'S1 and S2 reading, writing and mathematics performances remained high compared with other NAC schools.'

He said: 'Arran High School is not just about examination and test results.'

'We aim for our pupils to achieve that potential. This potential is in a wide range of areas including academic attainment. Potential is also realised by success in sport, by participation in a wide range of cultural activities and recreational visits and by service to the community.'

Winners of special prizes: Dux 2006: Gemma MacDonald; Dux 2007: Jessica Gillson; A R Humphreys Award for Attainment in English: Liam Turbett; Andrew Johnston Award for Attainment in S2 Mathematics: Charlie Boal; Andrew Johnston Award for Attainment in S5 Mathematics: Jessica Gillson; Arran Society of Glasgow Endeavour Awards: Eilidh MacLeod, Shauna Jameson, Hazel Ramage, Hazel Pennycott, Jenna Wood' Alistair Lockhart. Buchanan Prize for Essay Writing in S4: Amy Middleton; Charles Russell Trophy for Attainment in Technical: Ross Picken; Duais Feis Arainn: Calum Johnston

James Watt Medal for Attainment in S4 Examinations: Scott McMurray; Kilmarnock Trophy for Attainment in S5/6 at Intermediate Level: Steven McEwan; Lamlash Millennium Cup for Citizenship: Lucy McNicol; Nicola McConnell Trophy: Sam McDowall; Young Musician of the Year: Emily Tilbury; Young Singer of the Year: Paul Tinto.

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Funny and poignant at Corrie club

A quest by a retired teacher and an orphaned street boy to find the boy's father with only a shaky address to help them is this month's offering from Corrie Film Club.

Central Station (1998: Cert15), which shows on Sunday September 9, at 8pm at Corrie and Sannox Hall, is a powerful film by award-winning Brazilian filmmaker Walter Salles.

The boy, Josue, is touchingly played by Vinicius de Oliveira, himself a street child whom Salles found at the station, and Dora, played by the wonderful Fernando Montenegro, a retired teacher who ekes out her pension by writing letters for illiterate people at Rio de Janeiro's central station.

These two unlikely partners find themselves on an odyssey — a journey to find the boy's father.

This is a fascinating, poignant and, at times, very funny story beautifully performed and allowing both old and young to come of age, says the club.

Salles more recently directed a version of Che Guevara's *Motorcycle Diaries*.

Firefighters' fundraiser

An annual car wash in aid of injured firefighters takes place on Saturday, September 15, at Lamplash fire station from 10am to 2pm.

The island's firefighters will be taking part in the national Autoglym and Angus Fire National Car Wash Day in Scotland and say they hope for as much support as possible from islanders and visitors.

During the day they will be handing out free advice on fire safety.

Last year on Arran £500 was raised for the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund.



Getting ready to play are Isla Hill, right, and Alyssa Colwell, with other Arran Junior Hockey Team members and the SHU's Alan Auld. b36hock1

A hundred hockey youngsters enjoy a winning festival

One hundred junior players took part in a hockey festival on Arran at the weekend, with the island's youngest team winning their section.

Junior teams Arran, Eastwood, Caledonia/West Dumfries, Helensburgh, Clydesdale, Eglinton, Irvine and Ayr took part in the festival at Ormidale Park run by the Scottish Hockey Union.

The island's under-10s won their section against Clydesdale on Sunday in an exciting final ending in a nine-penalty shootout. The winning goal was hit by Jamie McLaren of Corrie

Primary School.

Eastwood won the under-12s against Clydesdale and a team made up of Clydesdale and Caledonia members took the under-14s' final, with Eastwood winning the Arran Invitational Trophy.

This is the fourth year that the festival has taken place and with such a high number of participants the event shows it is going from strength to strength.

Saturday was a day for coaching from Scottish Hockey Union members Alan Auld and Jimmy Gilmour as well

as Arran's main coach Shirley Anderson and others.

The youngsters also enjoyed a sandcastle competition and a treasure hunt.

Seventeen Arran children took part. Alan said: 'We have been trying for the last four years to bring hockey to the island. We first came and coached some of the Arran kids and that was very successful. It has grown from that.'

The festival is non-profit making and refreshments sold last weekend by the wives of

Alan and Jimmy — Pamela and Moira — will go towards next year's, which is booked for the first weekend of September.

Arran Junior Hockey Club meets on Tuesdays at 6pm at Ormidale Park. Organisers said it was great to see so many parents supporting their children and were looking for mums and dads to get more involved, especially with forthcoming matches on the mainland.

Extra cruise to see QE2 in Greenock

A visit to the Clyde by the world's most famous liner QE2, on September 20, is proving so popular that an extra viewing cruise is being put on.

The QE2, built at John Brown's Shipyard, is returning to Greenock, where she was launched exactly 40 years ago to the day, for one last sail on the river.

She is being sold by owner Cunard to a consortium for use as a floating hotel and leisure centre and ceases service next year.

Caledonian MacBrayne has put on a special evening cruise on MV Saturn to view the ship at close quarters, but it is a sell-out and now the company has arranged a second, earlier sailing.

Hugh Dan MacLennan, head of communication for CalMac, said: 'The QE2 is surely one of the world's greatest liners and her return to the Clyde on September 20 will be a tremendous occasion.'

For the earlier sailing, MV Saturn departs from Gourock at 1pm and from Dunoon at 1.30pm for the trip to Greenock, lasting about two and three quarter hours.

Tickets are £15, £10 concessions, £7.50 children and £40 two adults and two children.

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Exhausted walker rescued from path

An exhausted walker had to be evacuated from the Cock of Arran just north of Lochranza on Saturday afternoon by the coastguard and Mountain Rescue teams.

The 72-year-old female had been walking along the coastal path with two other people when she became totally exhausted.

At around 4.30pm the police were contacted and they then called the coastguard.

Confusion

David McKinnon from Isle of Arran Coastguard explained: 'Initially it was just the coastguard called out but when there was some confusion about the walkers actual position the mountain rescue were called too.'

'The Mountain Rescue team located her just north of the Fairy Dell.'

In a joint venture by both teams, first aid and oxygen were administered to the women.

As she was not injured it was decided not to call the helicopter and instead she was evacuated using the Mountain Rescue Agrocat.



Arran Mountain Rescue and coastguard teams rescue an exhausted walker near the Cock of Arran last Saturday. b36res1d



Nina Hamilton with the toy library van that delivers different equipment all over Arran.

b36toy1

Children's delight as toy library visits

The toy library travelled around Arran last Thursday delivering educational and stimulating toys and games to homes and organisations that had reserved them.

Nina Hamilton from North Ayrshire Council's Children's Outreach Services said: 'The toy library is available to any parent or carer including home scholars, toddler groups, nurseries and schools free of charge,

'A whole range of these boxes are available based on all sorts of subjects from airports to the zoo.

Hopefully within the next month a CD-Rom will be available with pictures of all

the equipment available for lending.'

Based at the Auchendarvic Centre in Ardrossan, the library carries out six runs every year and they aim to deliver the toys whenever possible.

The next toy library run will be on Tuesday October 9.

Nina said: 'Play helps children learn and develop and the range of toys available can help to make this learning fun.'

From baby toys to construction and musical instruments to pretend play the toy library has a great deal to offer.

To join fill out an application form which is available from Nina telephone 01770 600247.

Choir seeks new members

A choir on Arran is seeking new members for its Christmas concert.

Lochranza Choir has vacancies in all sections for young singers especially, as well as those of the older generation, particularly basses, tenors and sopranos.

The choir gives concerts in Lochranza Village Hall at Easter or Christmas.

This year the date will be Sunday December 2.

Rehearsals start on Monday September 17 at 7.30pm and on each Monday thereafter.

Fluency in reading music or lack of choral experience need not be a barrier to joining, as they can be picked up surprisingly quickly, says choir member Alison Richards.

New recruits, however, should arrive at the first rehearsal fifteen minutes earlier if possible.

Alison can be contacted on 830208. Another contact is Ian Buchanan 830651.

Lochranza 200 club

The winners for the Lochranza 200 August draw are as follows: First Mary Anderson, second Frances Alderson.

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The Church of Scotland and the Catholic Church fill two of these places and have already made nominations. Church representatives have always played an important role in shaping Education policy in North Ayrshire and the Council is looking for a third Church representative with an interest in education.

Any denominational group in North Ayrshire wishing to nominate a third church / denominational representative should submit an application in writing to the Chief Executive, North Ayrshire Council Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE by Thursday 20 September 2007.

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Paragliders fly high in Arran

The Scottish Paragliding Nationals held a competition on Arran last weekend.

The forecast did not look good but 20 pilots arrived and signed up for the competition even as the rain fell on the Saturday.

The latest updates showed a possibility that it would clear and so they headed over to the west coast and sent out some flying scouts to test fly the possible sites and check the conditions as the weather started to improve.

Zabdi Keen from Arran paragliding company 'Flying Fever' said: 'We ended up soaring the Drumadoon cliffs near the Blackwaterfoot golf course. The turn points were the Kings caves then around a tent on the shore and the edge of the cliff followed by a spot landing.'

'On Sunday the winds took us to Catacol where conditions allowed some pilots to explore up the glen. Turn points were set up the coast towards Lochranza then an open distance task to follow the road down towards the South. This was to keep pilots from flying over the high hills as the wind was strengthening during the day.'

David Thomson, who displayed considerable paragliding skill, won the competition.



A round of the Scottish Paragliding Nationals took place on Arran last weekend. b36para1

Rotary club has a good games

Wishing Well donations at the end of July were generous: probably due to the influx of visitors during Glasgow Fair fortnight.

However, there are certain persons who would try to remove coins from the well by any means, chewing gum being the messiest.

Public co-operation would be welcome in the reporting of any suspicious lingering around the well, the main reason for its existence being to raise funds for the people of Arran and for the Rotary International Fund, which supports people in areas of disaster and poverty.

We had a stall at the highland games last month offering shove 50p for a bottle of whisky, and a hoop-la. We also sold quizzes. The amount raised that day (after expenses) was £354.02, for various community ventures.

A Hart from Kilmarnock generously returned the bottle of whisky he won for use on a future occasion.

On Tuesday, August 7, guest Alan Milligan spoke about three destroyers with the same name (there have been eight bearing this name since 1884) — *HMS Daring*. Alan spoke of the sleek and fast *HMS Daring* used during WW2 which on February 18 1940, while on convoy escort from Bergen to Fife, was torpedoed by a U boat, and sank in five minutes, with 157 out of 162 men lost.

HMS Daring, launched in 1952, built in Glas-

gow, was the first British warship with an all-welded hull, earthquake-proof, and was later to be commanded by Earl Mountbatten.

Alan himself served on this ship, joining it at the age of 16. He talked of his experiences in Malta and the Middle East. After 21 years' service this warship was broken up to make razor blades.

The *HMS Daring* today, at 7,500 tons, and costing £60,000,000, has new radar, new engines and 90 female crew out of 190 and is the world's most powerful warship.

Our speaker the following week was Rotarian Moira Starks, who demonstrated the versatility of her electronic keyboard by asking fellow members to recognise which 'instrument' was being played. If they could name the piece of music too, that was a bonus.

She then persuaded all those present to become part of a jazz back-up group, using percussion instruments, an exercise which she had put to good use in her primary teaching. P7 won on points!

On August 21 the club enjoyed a night out in Whiting Bay, with a Chinese meal and a play by Whiting Bay Club of Music and Drama.

On August 28 a visiting Rotarian drew the three prize-winners for the quiz: 1 Marilyn Woods from Shiskine, 2 Colin Steele, 3 Gavin Curbitt from Edinburgh.

The speaker was Don McNeish representing Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) the aim of which is to build trust between fishermen, politicians and civil servants with regard to protecting breeding stocks of sea creatures. Invertebrates such as scallops, prawns, razor shells were mentioned, and fish, of course. The meetings with Scottish National Heritage and the Scottish parliament were described.

The end result gives hope that in the autumn, COAST's proposal for a no-take zone in Lam-lash Bay, the first in Scottish waters, may get the green light.

Moira Starks

Corrie and Sannox SWRI

The first meeting of the new season will take place on Thursday, September 13, at 7.30pm in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall. After the administrative chores of the opening evening there will be a presentation by Advocacy Aid.

The competition is for a Small Brass Ornament. A very warm welcome is extended to 'old' members and any new members who wish to join us. The syllabus for 2007/08 will be available on the night.



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ARRAN'S WEEKLY PAPER Saturday 8th Sept, 2007

When a glossy North Ayrshire publication arrived in the mail it almost went in the bin without a glance. Perhaps it was 'the chance to win £100' which caught my eye and led me to open it. It was not, as expected, another self congratulatory newspaper extolling the wonders of council services. In fact it was a questionnaire about how much we knew about council services, how much we used them and what experience we had from our contact with the council.

Suggestion boxes and invitations to comment on services are commonplace. One often wonders if the comments received are read. The thinking may be that, having made a complaint, an unhappy customer has got it off his chest and that's enough. Or even that inviting comments looks good and who is to say they have not been carefully considered. Cynical maybe, but it is just the way many organisations work.

This one first asked if you knew what the council does. It is well known that many people have no clear idea which authority provides which service? Then they list 21 services and ask which you have used within the last year. I was surprised to find that I had only used two, recycling and planning/building control. The others fell mainly into two categories, those designed to help people in need, and those which we do not have on Arran.

Then they ask about satisfaction levels. If you do not use the services you cannot really be satisfied or not. Except insofar that one is still paying, which is rather a disincentive to any strong feelings of satisfaction. Or perhaps it should be viewed as insurance, best when you never have to use it. Of the two which I do use I find them very pleasant to deal with and therefore should be very satisfied. But I find them agreeable because I follow the rules. With building and planning anybody who does not follow the rules is a fool and is likely to get nowhere. Likewise with the coup, but it is not quite as convenient as one would like. For example this weekend we created a large amount of garden rubbish and would have chosen to cart it off to the coup on Sunday afternoon when the weather was still fine. But we had to wait until Monday to make an appointment, then were not permitted to go for a further day, meaning that the job lingered on. Very satisfied with this service, up to a point.

They ask about improvements needed. Without using their services I can hardly suggest improvements. They do however include roads here, although it is lumped with footpaths. In a sense they are quite different unless they refer only to pavements. Footpaths have improved in recent years although not entirely due to North Ayrshire. Roads, on the other hand, remain dire, despite the anger which has been expressed about this over many years. The biggest disgrace is that this is countrywide, a result of this most vital service being low on the list of priorities.

Of course they want to know how we find council workers when we do contact the council and I must say that they are unfailingly helpful. But then that is because I am polite to them. They were not always so when I ran The Banner and some were positively obstructive though my own approach was courteous. They conclude by asking if we think the council regularly consults the public. Well, they have sent out this questionnaire. Isn't that proof enough? Now I'll send it off, to the consultants who will be getting a hefty fee, and hopefully get my £100.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 5:7

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Letters to the Editor



Who could have put it there?

Sir,
I should like to thank you for your assistance this summer in tracking down an old friend, Mr John Forgie, former administrator of Brodick Castle.

I contacted you earlier this year and we have now, after some 20 years, caught up with each other.

This all came as a result of an article on your 'Twenty Years Ago' page which featured an article on my grandmother, Mrs Anna McCabe, the castle baker.

Perhaps you could help me some more.

We spent a most enjoyable holiday on the island this year and visited my grandfather's grave in Glen Sannox.

My grandfather, Mr John McCabe, also worked in the castle and was a contemporary of the late Grant Weir who drove the island tour bus.

We were most surprised, but delighted, to find a beautiful lilac silk flower posy on my grandfather's grave.

Who could have put it

there? My grandfather died some 32 years ago and we have no family on the island. Are your readers able to help us find and thank this friend?

Yours,
Patricia Davies nee McCabe
25 Ewing Ct
Hamilton

A little more understanding

Sir,
I would like to reply to the letter from Catherine Aitken from Stormoway about the aforementioned tearoom.

I also visited Arran as a tourist recently and had a very pleasant experience, notwithstanding the fact I can imagine it is not easy to run a family and a business at the same time.

Perhaps a little more understanding from 'surprised and astonished' (and patronising) from Stormoway would result in fewer doors being slammed on her.

Yours,
David Wood
Oatlands
Howerbreaks Road
Lancaster

Stop spraying weed killer in our cemetery

Sir,
Kilmory has a new cemetery after nine years, nine months and three weeks and we held a simple ceremony at the cemetery to consecrate the new extension.

We have heard many complaints over the summer regarding the older part of the cemetery, which up until 2007 was always in pristine condition.

As the minister kept it in this condition, many locals and visitors constantly remarked upon its tidiness.

We would therefore like to know who gave the stupid order for our cemetery to be sprayed indiscriminately with weed killer making it look so unsightly.

It is bad enough walking into church along a path bordered with a horrible brown edge, caused by want of a little early weeding, but please leave the cutting and trimming of the cemetery to the grass cutters who always do such an excellent job.

Mercifully, plenty of rain has fallen to make the horrible grey patches disappear.

Can we have the fence replaced on the north facing side of the cemetery, rather than have it left lying in an untidy heap as it is at present?

Yours,
Edna Picken
Lenamhor
Kilmory

Failure to compute

Sir,
In your report from the Arran Council Community Council last week, Sergeant MacKay states that he is unable to delegate his officers to attend to complaints and it would appear, to use his initiative, even when offences are being committed in front of his and his officers' eyes unless instructed by 'the computer'.

Should the position of sergeant not now be superseded by 'the computer'?

Yours,
Donald Cowan
Lochinver
Lamlash.

A ferry clever riddle

Sir,
To members of the ferry committee and Cal-Mac management a riddle,

Aeroplanes do it
More and more yachts do it
Even educated caravans do it

But Cal-Mac ferries never do it.

The answer, well it could provide worthwhile savings in Cal-Mac operating costs.

Yours,
Jim Climie
Clachaig
Kilmory.

Kids a credit to themselves and Arran

Sir,
May I take his opportunity to say a very big thank you to all the members of the Arran Junior Hockey Club teams who did so well in the hockey festival held at the Ormidale Park last weekend.

Their behaviour, camaraderie, enthusiasm, and good sportsmanship were second to none.

They did everything that was asked of them, and more, and I am so proud of them all.

Their hard work through training (every Tuesday between 6-7pm at the Ormidale Park) paid off and many of the visiting teams commented on how well they had improved since last year.

It was also great to see some new faces come along for the first time and we can only go from strength to strength and welcome newcomers.

Thanks to those parents who came along and cheered the kids on, the support makes a big difference and hopefully more parents will take an interest.

Also, thank you to Ann Hart for setting up this great wee club in the first place and to Trish Jenkins whose time, effort and support are invaluable.

Well done kids, you were a credit to yourselves and Arran.

Yours,
Shirley Anderson
Arran Junior Hockey Club

Diamond couple joined by family and friends

Well-known Whiting Bay couple Sadie and Nestor Rankin, of Clyde View, celebrated their diamond wedding recently.

Nestor is a former captain of Whiting Bay Golf Club and the couple had a surprise get together with family and friends and celebrated at the Kildonan Hotel.

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Success means more farmers' markets are planned

The Country and Farmers' Markets held in Kilmory Village Hall this summer have been such a success that plans are already underway for more to be held next year.

Last Saturday the fourth market took place and by all accounts was the busiest one so far.

For local farmers, horticulturalists, artists and craft makers it is an ideal opportunity to sell their wares. The hall was packed with stalls selling a wide variety of goods.

John Picken was there again with his locally renowned Lenamhor potatoes and Laura Currie was selling her wide selection of produce from Bridge Farm. Slidery Supplies had a stall crammed with all sorts of ironmongery.

Bread, cheese and meat as well as knitting and paintings were also on sale.

Anne Rhead, who helped to get the markets up and running, said: 'They have been very successful and I am pleased with how well attended they have been.'

Kilmory Hall and Bunkhouse manager, Kirstin Napier, said: 'The reason the markets have been so successful is the great team of volunteers we've had helping to organise and run them. Thanks have to go to Libby Cook, Duncan Mulholland, Anne Rhead and the Picken family as well as all the other volunteers.'

Other volunteers included the ladies in the tearoom; Eleanor MacKinnon, Pat Geddes and Margaret Fitzpatrick who had made ten different kinds of soup as well as tea, coffee and sandwiches to feed visitors to the market.

Kirstin said: 'As the markets have been such a triumph we hope to be able to hold them again next summer. At the moment there are also plans for a special market just before Christmas.'



The ladies in the tearoom at the Kilmory Farmers Market, Pat Geddes, Mary Fitzpatrick and Eleanor MacKinnon. b36farm1

Letter from Strasbourg

Come the last week in August we are back in harness after our summer break. For me this has meant a fisheries committee with a discussion on ways of reducing by-catch as one of the major items, my Group's preparation for the upcoming Strasbourg session and, back home in Scotland, meeting the Scottish parliament's European and external relations committee, seeing some constituents and working through a deal of casework.

Quite a few letters recently have been about a scam where people have responded to an email about a European city guide and have found they are being billed for an advertisement they never intended to take out. The parliament is looking into this and we advise people to ignore any bills they are sent by the people concerned. (Anyone unsure whether they have been caught or have actually subscribed to a genuine advertising scheme – and so do need to pay up – should get in touch with me or another Scottish MEP).

For the Strasbourg session, I am hoping to speak in two of the debates – one on better regulation and one on sustainability in the fishing industry. But there is a wide range of other things to be dealt with – from the organisation of the market in milk and milk products through the rules about passengers carrying liquids on aircraft to coping with natural disasters. The last are particularly in our minds after the floods in the UK and, more recently, the terrible forest fires in Greece.

Soon, too, I have to start writing my report on rights-based management in fisheries. Unfortunately, the timing of a workshop on it means that I have to bow out of a regional development committee visit to Ireland.

With a second Strasbourg session and my party conference this month, there is a busy time ahead. On these or any other issues please contact me at info@elspethatwoollmep.org.uk or at my constituency office, Olympic House, 2nd Floor, 142 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3BU, telephone 0141 243 2421.

MEP Elspeth Attwooll

Man convicted of sexually assaulting girls

An Arran man has been convicted of serious sexual offences against two young girls.

David Watson was found guilty following a trial at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court which ended last Thursday.

The 48-year-old joiner, formerly of Brodick, had denied a charge of lewd and libidinous behaviour against one girl when she was aged between seven and 11.

He had also denied two of-

fences of indecency against the other girl when she was aged between nine and 11. A jury convicted Watson on all three charges by majority verdict.

Bail was continued for the father of four to appear for sentencing later this month and for background reports.

The offences happened at three addresses on Arran between 1994 and 1999, the jury was told.

The court was told by one

of the girls involved, now a young woman, that she was on a sleepover at the age of nine when she fled during the night to the safety of her own home after being assaulted by Watson.

Watson claimed he had entered the bedroom by accident while looking for a place to sleep.

The other victim, now 21, told how she was asleep when she was awoken by Watson sexually assaulting her.

In denying the charges, Watson said he was in 'complete and utter shock' about the allegations.

The court heard that the girls suffered serious changes to their moods and behaviour following the attacks.

The Arran Banner would like to make it clear that Watson was not the father of any of the children present at the addresses involved, and that he was the only person charged with the offences.

Join the world's biggest coffee morning

The charity MacMillan Cancer Support is encouraging Arran residents to hold a coffee morning in their village to help people affected by cancer.

Taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning is one of the easiest ways to help MacMillan to fund more nurses, provide financial help and supply reliable cancer information.

A spokesman for the charity said: 'We can all make coffee. Every cup counts and it doesn't matter how much you raise, £10, £20, or £200, it all makes a difference to people living with cancer.'

'You simply have to get people together and put the kettle on.'

If islanders cannot host

their own event visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee to find a coffee morning nearby.

People should telephone 0845 062 1246 to register their coffee morning.

Police appeal over wilful fireraising in Kildonan

During the weekend of August 24-25 there was a report of wilful fire raising at the old garage in Kildonan, commonly known as the old church hall.

Police are appealing for information.

Lochranza Choir Rehearsals
Will re-commence on Monday 17th. Sept. at 7.30 pm, in Lochranza Village Hall.
We aim to have a concert early in December, so it is important for all existing members to attend. We could also use some extra voices and will warmly welcome anyone who wishes to sing with us.

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Renewable energy plant approved by council

A renewable energy plant which will process non-hazardous waste and generate power for the national grid was approved by North Ayrshire Council's planning committee on August 28.

The committee agreed to an application by Biogen Power Ltd of Westby to build the plant at Oldhall West industrial Estate at Irvine.

It will process up to 80,000 tonnes of waste a year and produce seven megawatts of electricity.

A spokesman for North Ayrshire Council said: 'The committee was told that the plant will make a positive impact on efforts to make sure that the council does not exceed its landfill allowance. A minimum of 90 percent of the waste processed at the plant will come from North Ayrshire, the remainder from areas of east and South Ayrshire close to the site.'

When completed it will be capable of processing 22 percent of waste produced by North Ayrshire every year.

A pollution prevention and control permit will cover operations at the plant.



Fire-fighters demonstrate the effects of a chip pan fire at Arran Agricultural Show b35fire1

Fire service chip pan demo unit here to stay

Strathclyde Fire Service has denied that its valuable chip pan fire demonstration unit is to be withdrawn.

The unit is a custom-built box in which a chip pan fire is simulated compounded by the effects of water.

It was recently seen at Arran Agricultural Show when community fire-fighters Tam Stewart, Alistair Gillies and community safety co-ordinator Liz Brady recently gave a display.

This week the fire service said it wanted islanders to know that the unit would be in service for a long time to come as it was an integral part of the service's area plan.

The fire service offers the demonstration free of charge and the unit is often seen at large gatherings.

At the agricultural show Alistair described that a kitchen could be set

alight easily if even a small amount of water was put on a naked flame.

He said the best way to deal with any fire would be to get out, get the fire service out and stay out.

He said: 'The demonstration unit is very important as it shows you just how quickly a chip pan fire can take hold and the effects of trying to put it out the wrong way.'

'We take these units to lots of open days throughout the year as it is essential that people are shown how to deal with fire properly.'

The fire service offers free home fire safety visits with trained personnel from local stations carrying out a fire safety check of homes. It also provides and installs smoke alarms.

To arrange a visit contact your local fire station or telephone 0800 0731 999.

Islanders urged to speak out about housing needs

A list of recommendations in the Craigforth Report on affordable housing on Arran is one thing. What kind of social housing islanders want is another.

That is why Arran Community Council (ACC) needs islanders' views to strengthen its case for social housing provision.

It is hoping to inform as many islanders as possible so they

can have an independent say.

At its August meeting ACC said it realised it needed community backing to strengthen its case with North Ayrshire Council (NAC) and so it can speak for the whole island.

The report is a long-awaited study of housing needs on Arran commissioned by North NAC and Communities Scotland.

NAC has adopted the report's findings and its 16 recommendations.

Isle of Arran Homes, the provider of social housing on Arran, is revising its allocation policy in the wake of the report.

Discussed were planning restrictions, shared equity, changes in planning policy, second/holiday homes, building costs, types of site for affordable housing, different

types of housing schemes and defining exactly what a key worker was.

A scheme for 20 affordable homes and a small biomass plant at a 10-hectare forestry site at the Heights, between Lamlash and Whiting Bay, is being considered.

ACC members met Fergus Tickell of Northern Energies Development recently about the scheme. The Forestry Commission was also making encouraging noises about the possibility of giving land for such a purpose, the meeting was told.

The plant would also supply electricity and heating. 'This is a completely new form of development,' said ACC secretary Alison Prince. 'There would be crofting as well and the plant could deal with a lot of waste from the island because you

can put paper and cardboard in it as well as clean timber.'

Craigforth revealed that 23 per cent of residents were born in England and that there was an exceptionally low proportion of 16-29-year-olds due to 'out-migration'. This reflected remote and island Scotland as a whole.

It stated: 'To buy a house on Arran in 2005 would have typically required an annual household income of £57,000 - more than 100 per cent more than the average income.'

'It is almost impossible for first-time buyers to access the market without substantial savings or financial assistance from family.'

'Among individuals interviewed there was very mixed views on whether or not second homes (as opposed to holiday accommodation) were on balance a good thing or a bad thing.'

'However there seems to be a common misconception among Arran residents that the level of such accommodation is higher than it actually is (40 per cent or more often being quoted rather than the 26 per cent evidenced by this research) and that the scale of provision has been growing much faster than it has.'

'However, among almost all those interviewed there was considerable common agreement that, notwithstanding their long-standing tradition on Arran and the benefits they may bring to the local economy, the scale of second/holiday homes is completely out of kilter with that of affordable housing.'

The report suggests a need to plan for 150 additional units of affordable housing by 2011.

'There is a misperception that the policy that Isle of Arran Homes used to allocate its houses is biased towards housing those from the mainland over locals,' it continued.

'Evidence since the stock transfer in 2001 suggests that this is far from the case.'

'Indeed the vast majority of lets has gone to people already living on Arran.'

'There is a strong feeling that the allocation policy should give more priority to those who are locally employed and in particular key workers.'

'However, there are varying views about how to define a key worker and which types should be given any degree of priority in trying to access the social rented sector.'

The Craigforth Report can be viewed through www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk.

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Wednesday	AQUA FIZZ - 9.45 to 10.30am (HOTEL) YOGALATES - 10 to 11am (STUDIO) SCHOOL SWIMMING (from Aug) - 12.30 to 1.30pm (HOTEL) CIRCUIT TRAINING - 6 to 7.15pm (GYM) HOCKEY - 7 to 8pm (GAMES HALL)
Thursday	SCHOOL SWIMMING (from Dec) - 9.30 to 11.30am (HOTEL) SENIOR FITNESS - 9.30 to 10.30am & 10.45 to 11.45am CARDIAC REHAB - 12.30 to 2pm (GYM) PILATES - 6 to 7pm (STUDIO) AEROBICS - 6 to 7pm (GAMES HALL)
Friday	AQUAFIZZ - 9.45 to 10.30am (HOTEL POOL) CIRCUIT TRAINING - 6 to 7.15pm (GYM)
Saturday	KARATE - 11.30 to 12.30pm (GAMES HALL).
Sunday	FAMILY GAMES- 2 to 3pm (KIDS & ADULTS) (GAMES HALL)
Mon - Thur	SWIMMING LESSONS - 4 to 5.30pm (HOTEL MON & SPA) Contact Sally Hunter on 600952 for information on lessons

During these classes the availability of equipment, music, space may be restricted to non participating guests. There is no access to the gym/pool during circuit classes & school sessions unless taking part in the class.

Class times may change without notice, please contact leisure for more details on times, prices & information on any of the classes.

Aerobics classes will start from Thursday 20th September 2007

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Garden Notes

by Kathy Sayer

Fluctuating temperatures have confused plants and encouraged garden pests such as slugs

Gardeners everywhere are asking 'where did the summer go?'

If we are already into autumn what colour can we look forward to in our gardens?

It seems as though so many of those autumn plants have already passed their peak of flowering. Some buddleia and hydrangeas were in full bloom in June. It might be worth cutting off some of the dead heads to see if more flower buds will form in the next few weeks.



Nerines are on schedule to flower as usual in September

But, as always, there are surprises - it looks as though many spring-flowering azaleas and 'rhodies' are going to have a second blooming.

Fluctuating temperatures are confusing some plants but not autumn flowering bulbs like shocking pink nerines and white or purple colchicum autumnale which are on schedule to flower as usual in September.

Pests have flourished, especially slugs. It is worth trying to reduce their numbers.

I have met a couple of folk who keep them as pets and they can live for many years in such luxurious, safe conditions.

I'll continue to go on slug-hunting trips in the dark putting my captives into a jar containing salt to kill them off. Up-turned empty grapefruit skins act as a lure.

Other folk rely on the 'slug pubs' to drown them.

Whenever you disturb the soil slugs and their eggs are exposed for the birds to feed on and if the sun dries out the eggs they will die too.

If you do resort to using slug pellets please be careful. Make sure that frogs, toads, hedgehogs, cats, dogs and toddlers

cannot be poisoned too. I noticed that at Holy Isle's organic garden they laid hairy leaves from 'comfrey' symphytum on the surface of the soil, around susceptible plants, discouraging the slugs.

In greenhouses, I like to keep a couple of pots of African marigold, which seem to keep aphids etc. at bay. Outside it is often as easy to snip off the new shoots of plants with concentrations of aphid on and dispose of them well away.

Perhaps we will get some good sharp frosts this next winter that will help check the pest population.

Get next year off to a good start by buying and planting spring flowering bulbs.

From the very early, cheery little yellow aconites eranthus hyemalis in January to the late flowering Tulips of May. So many gardens here tend to be exposed to the wind, so choose the shorter varieties of bulbs that should stay upright.

If you have squirrels visiting your garden you may need to put fine chicken-wire over the bulbs to stop them being dug up.

Then there are the mice ... who would be a gardener?



Gardeners' enemy No1 - the common slug



McLellan Festival

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 Tickets available from Book & Card Centre, Brodick.

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Photo Competition 2007

CLOSING DATE MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

It's that time of year again, when we ask Banner readers, locals and visitors, to share with us their photographic gems from the last year.

As in previous years, whether your pictures are magnificent Arran's views, make us roar with laughter or bring tears to a glass eye, we will enjoy seeing them all.

Now in its 27th year the 2007 photo competition will follow the usual highly successful format. It is open to both residents of and visitors to Arran, and entries should be in one of two classes: People (and/or animals) and Places. The only proviso is that all entries **MUST** have been taken on, or around, Arran after August 2006

Each year, after the competition has closed, we select as many entries as possible to show in The Banner prior to announcing the winners in early October. The Banner therefore reserves the right to publish entries.

The closing date is Monday 10 September and the decision of the judges is final.

Send your entries to: editorial@arranbanner.co.uk, or, if technology is not your thing you can still send us prints of your favourite photos by filling in the address form. Please send a SAE if you would like your pictures returned.

Maximum of 6 photos per entry.

Name.....
 Address.....

 Title of picture.....

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Tutors Innes Watson, guitar, and Lynsey Tait, fiddle, with their pupils in the guitar/fiddle class. b36fe11

Whiting Bay workshops strike the right note

Ceilidh proves to be weekend highlight

Whiting Bay Primary School rang to all kinds of music last weekend at a series of workshops for fiddle, percussion, guitar, whistle and bagpipes.

Forty children attended the highly successful weekend organised by Feis Arrain and The Arran Fiddle Club.

They worked and played hard learning new tunes and techniques and having a go on instruments they had not played before.

Local children were joined by youngsters from the mainland including a group from The Southside Fiddlers, Glasgow.

Alistair Paul of The Arran Fiddle Club, said: 'The highlight of the weekend was a ceilidh on Saturday night in Whiting Bay Hall, where the children had the chance to show off some of what they had learned.'

'Alistair Gold and Iain Clarke kicked the night off with a couple of rousing pipe tunes followed by a varied set of

tunes from the fiddlers, joined on stage by the guitarist.

'Katharine O' Donnelly, Fraser Blain and Naomi Paul of The Arran Fiddle Club, all did solo spots.

'The tutors then took over for a lively evening of virtuoso performance and ceilidh dancing. No sooner had the music started than the floor was filled with dancers and stayed that way for the evening.'

He added that all the children left with smiles on their faces and fired with enthusiasm, and were looking forward to seeing them next year when the Feis returned to its normal spot in the summer holidays.

The Arran fiddle club restarts classes for children on Sunday September 16. There will be a new class for absolute beginners.

Adult classes will restart on Sunday October 28.

For more information contact Alistair Paul on 302881.



left to right Katharine O' Donnelly, Lochranza, Fraser Blain, Sannox, Anna O' Donnelly, Lochranza, Cara McCabe, Whiting Bay and Naomi Paul, Brodieck, with, rear, Cecilia Paul and Aileen McLaughlin of Feis Arrain and Alistair Paul of Arran Fiddle Club. b36fe15



Calum McCrimmon, a descendant of the McCrimmon pipers to MacLeod of Skye, and his pupils Iain Clarke, 10, of Shiskine, and Alistair Gold, 14, of Brodieck. b36fe13



Cameron Paul, 14, from Lamlash has a go on the drums watched by tutor Ted McKenna, a lecturer at North Glasgow College. b36fe12

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Shiskine Football Club hosted the annual football dance in Shiskine Village Hall after the Arran Football League Cup Final last Friday night.

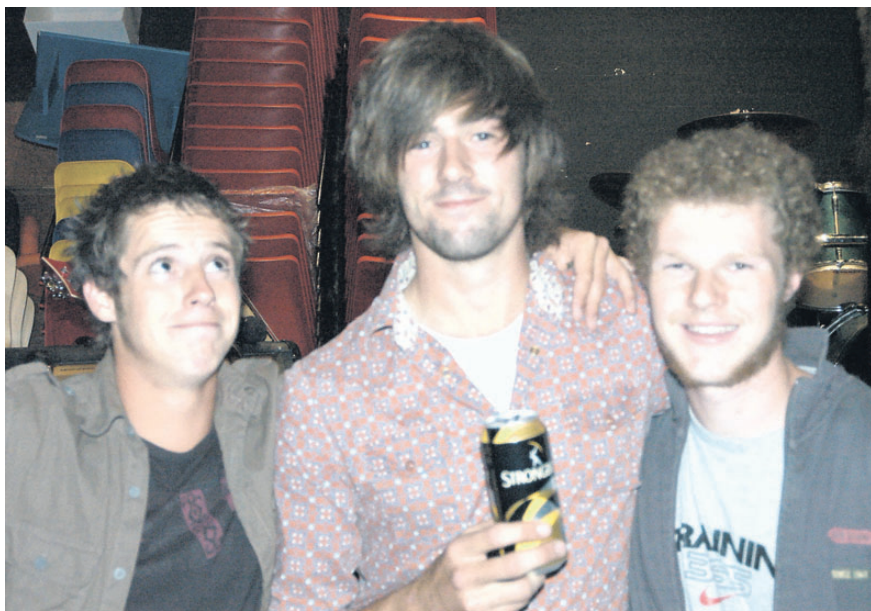
DJ Garraway and The Queeves provided music as the Shiskine boys celebrated their win over the Southend. The Queeves belted out their customary selection of indie rock classics as the young girls swooned at Sandy Kerr's feet. Then DJ Garraway finished off the night with some disco classics that had everyone up on the dance floor.



Graham Todd, Colin Ribbeck, DJ Garraway, Jamie Murchie and Chris Stewart helped the Shiskine team celebrate their win. b36soc6



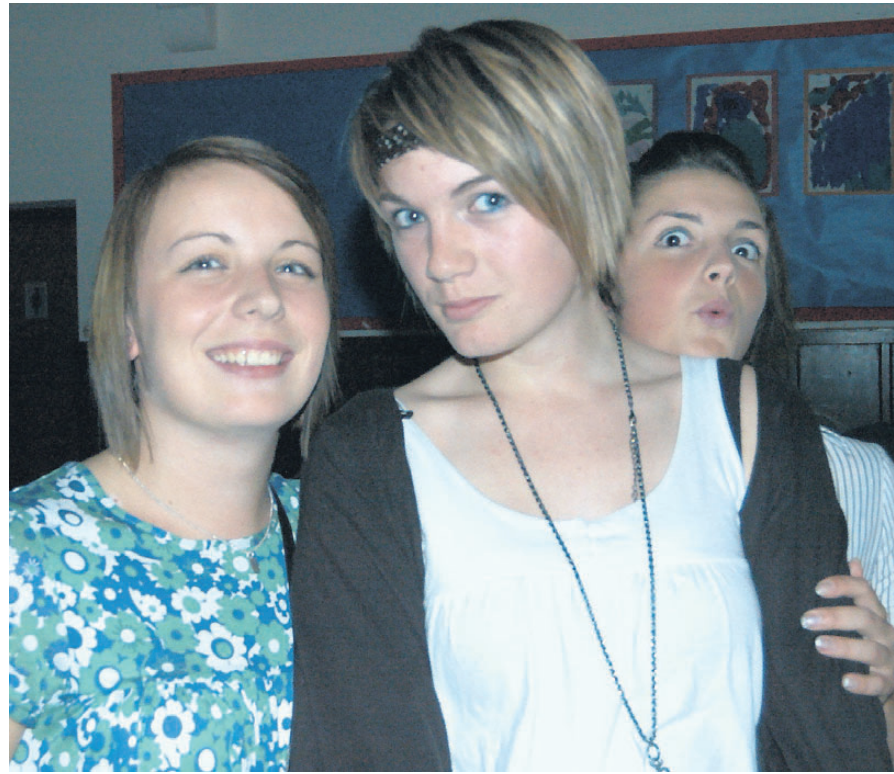
Iain 'Ugg' MacDonald shows us his moves on the dance floor. b36soc3



Left: Iain 'Keano' Kean with Queeves members Sandy Kerr and Paul Tinto. b36soc4



Holly Walker and Lindsay Stewart taking a breather outside the hall. b36soc1



Above: Dawn Anderson, Eilidh Kerr and Kirsty MacBain take a break from dancing for a photo. b36soc7



The Queeves always draw in the crowds of adoring fans. b36soc8



Peter MacDonald and Colin 'Coco' Cameron catching up over a beer. b36soc2

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September 5, 1987

In good faith

Arran's new MP Brian Wilson is feeling rather bruised after asking some perfectly legitimate questions about a submarine lying disabled on the seabed off the coast of Arran.

The incident was alleged to have taken place some ten days ago and 95 sailors had to be rescued after their submarine had been lying helpless for several days.

Then, this week, it was widely reported to have been a hoax and Brian has been reported in local and national press as having been led up the garden path for the 'claims' he is supposed to have made.

But the truth is Brian Wilson did not make any claims.

Heave ho!

Arran Rugby Club started its training sessions again this week but this season they will not just be practising against each other for they have bought a scrummaging machine.

Apparently they are quite a normal part of a club's equipment these days.

The thing is that eight big heavy forwards need another eight like them to push against.

But in a small club like Arran they might have to push against eight lightweight backs and it is no contest.

Coopers closes

Coopers Brodick store finally closes today.

One face will not be lost to the Brodick grocery scene, manager Alan Little, well known for his good shop management and his unique brand of humour which allows him to insult the customers yet still has them queuing up for more of his jibes.

Alan will take his skills and

his fun across the road to Curries of Brodick.

Old soldiers' reunion

Some 40 members of the 11th Commandos met on Arran last weekend in Arran's third commandos reunion.

Guest of honour was Lady Laycock, wife of Brigadier Sir Robert Laycock, and the party enjoyed visits to the museum, the castle, a service at Lamlash Church and a reunion dinner at the Douglas Hotel.

Arran provisions goes from strength to strength

Arran Provisions continually moves from strength to strength with its mustard and jams being served as delicacies to passengers on British Midland flights.

In their flight magazine they have a big write up on the background to the company and its products.

An Comunn news

The nights are drawing in and ceilidh time is here again.

The first of the new season's events takes place in Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday, September 12.

Jim McRae and his band will be there and Sheena Walker makes a welcome return to sing for us.

Machine knitting club

The Isle of Arran machine-knitting club begins its new session with fortnightly meetings beginning this Monday.

Anyone interested in machine knitting should come along and have a look at the wide range of fabrics and garments that can be produced on a domestic



Arran's rugby team pictured with the new scrummaging machine at the first training session of the new season. B36twe3

knitting machine.

Cup final

It was standing room only last weekend at Ormidale Park as a near capacity crowd gathered to witness the 1987 knockout final between Shiskine and Lamlash.

Despite some frantic goal attempts from the reds in the closing minutes the score remained 2-1 in favour of the solid Lamlash team who were worthy league and cup champions.

Arran stock sales

Messrs A and J Wilson Ltd sold 1736 sheep, 48 cattle and three calves within the Pier market, Brodick, on Thursday August 27 at its second annual special sale of sheep.

Crossbred ewe lambs averaged £41.36, a £6.61 increase on last year. Overall cross lamb average at £33.65 was £5.34 up on the year.

House for sale

Corrie: Detached stone cottage, lounge, dining/kitchen, and bathroom, three bedrooms — £30,000.



The Arran Football League Cup Final took place between Shiskine and Lamlash. b36twe1



Forty former members of the 11th Commandos at Brodick Castle as part of their reunion tour of Arran. b36twe2

Arran yachts come out tops in Scottish two-handed race

Although Arran Yacht Club had only three entries among the 75 for this year's Scottish Two-Handed Race, two came first in their respective class while the third was narrowly beaten into second.

In Class 1, Peter MacKenzie's Hot'n'Tot, Andrew McLaren crewing, prevailed for the second year running in a field dominated by modern designs much more race-oriented than the 28-year-old Moody 33.

Class 1 boats sail the long course from Largs around Arran and finishing back at Largs, covering up to 100 miles.

The south-westerly breeze meant beating into the wind



Peter MacKenzie, Andy McLaren, Steve Scott and Angus Campbell with their trophies at Largs.

past Bute, around the Cock of Arran and well into Kilbrannan Sound.

With more than 20 knots of wind off the north of Arran and well down the island's west coast, and prolonged gusts of up to 30, paradoxically, the two smallest boats in the class,

Hot'n'Tot and Largs-based Sigma 33 Rascal were best placed to take advantage. Both were able to carry their full mainsail and No. 1 Genoa throughout and lost little in the process; some of the larger, notionally faster boats designed for racing crews of 10 or more unable to perform to their potential.

At the halfway mark at Iron Rock Ledges, at the south-west corner of Arran, Hot'n'Tot alone gybed early and ran close along the Arran shore and passing Pladda lighthouse had a 10-minute advantage in corrected time over Rascal.

The Moody joined the bulk of the fleet to take the shortest road home whereas the Sigma joined the minority running out to mid-firth looking for better wind as the breeze died with the sunset.

Rascal's tactic worked, but not enough to cancel Hot'n'Tot's earlier gain and thus the two oldest, smallest boats took first and second, separated by only four minutes after 14 hours of racing.

What's New Pussy Kate, Steve Scott's new Parker 235, crewed by Angus Campbell, took on the boats of Class 4 over the shorter 40-mile course from Largs around Holy Isle.

These were running out of

wind off the east coast of Arran and Steve and Angus worked this to their profit.

On the outward leg, the well-matched twin Sadler 25s from Kip, Whirligig and Silenus, had led the class, the slightly heavier boats possibly better able to take advantage of the strong winds early on.

At King's Cross, Whirligig led for several miles over What's New and skipper Keith Agnew admits he thought he had the race won, but the return leg to Largs turned into series of stop-start mini-races from hole to hole in a sloppy left-over sea, erasing all earlier gains. Steve and Angus made the most of the fluky unpredictable puffs, aided by wise use of their asymmetric kite and took the class by six minutes on corrected time, leaving second and third place to the Kip Sadlers. The third AYC boat to win her class was Ian Cameron's Sun Odyssey 40, Loonautics, in restricted sail (no spinnakers) Class 5. Also sailing the shorter Holy Isle course, the boats experienced the same frustrating conditions on the return leg and Ian was unlucky to miss first place, piped by under two minutes by the J-110, Skerryvore II.

Jogging group in Great Scottish Run

A number of members of Arran's JogScotland group headed to Glasgow last weekend to take part in the Great Scottish Run, some running in the 10K race and others in the half marathon.

The races both start in George Square and finish on Glasgow Green.

More than 17,000 people participated in the races making it a great atmosphere to be part of. Shonagh Murchie, the group's leader, said: 'Many of the girls from Arran were running for the first time in a half marathon and have been putting in a lot of effort and training for this.'

'Everyone successfully completed their race and should be very proud of their achievements.'

The people who ran the half marathon were Shonagh Murchie, Shona Hume, Mandy Aitken, Liz Kerr, Barbara Crawford, Carol Brown and Rachel Armitage. The girls that ran the 10K were Tracy Gibson and Leigh Kelly.

If you wish to join them for a run they meet on Mondays at 6.15pm in Blackwaterfoot and Thursdays at 5.30pm in Brodick.

Contact Shonagh on 07971 864796 for any information.

Gemma Blythe from Pirmill took part in the Great Scottish Run 10k for the second year running.

Gemma managed to complete



Half marathon runners Shonagh Murchie, Shona Hume, Mandy Aitken, Barbara Crawford, Carol Brown, Rachel Armitage and Liz Kerr.

the course in just less than one hour and 35 minutes.

She was collecting sponsorship money for Scottish charity Aberlour that works with children, young people and families who need additional support, to promote their development and well being

During the last three months Gemma has been training regularly to prepare herself for the challenge ahead.

She said: 'I've been running five times a week. I usually run the five miles to Catacol at least once a week and the other nights I try to run about four miles.'

Gemma arrived back on Sunday afternoon when she declared: 'I feel fantastic. There's no feeling like it. I can't wait to do it again next year but right now I need a shower and a snooze.'



JogScotland leader Shonagh Murchie with Tracy Gibson and Leigh Kelly.

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McLellan Festival

Wednesday 12th September

at 7.30pm, Eden Lodge Hotel, Whiting Bay

'Made on Arran' - words & music written on Arran, in association with Arran Folk Festival - all welcome to contribute.

McLellan Festival

Saturday 8th September - Memory Box: an opera for children devised by Operahouse, will perform "MAGIC" - written on Arran. Brodick Hall at 7.30pm

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McLellan Festival



Thursday 13th, Friday 14th, Saturday 15th September.
Curtain up 7.30pm, Auchrannie Spa

'Jamie the Saxt' in association with Borderline Theatre Company, featuring Tom Freeman as 'Jamie' and Ross Stenhouse as 'Morton', directed by Sharon Miller.

Adults £8, Children/Conc. £5,
Family £10 (2 adults + 2 children)

Tickets available from Book & Card Centre, Brodick

McLellan Festival



Saturday 8th September - Sunday 30th September

Art Exhibition, Burnside Gallery, 10.00am-5.00pm

Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th

& Friday 21st September 1.00pm - 3.30pm

Poetry workshops with Jason Watts at Burnside Gallery, Brodick - all welcome, please contact Burnside Gallery for details (01770 303888).

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EVERYDAY

Brodick Castle Gardens & Country Park 11am - 4pm
Trout fishing, Loch Garbad. Boat or Bank
Hawk Walks, Lamlash
Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick 10.30am - 4.30pm
Lamlash Tennis Courts
 Open from 10am - 8pm

Whiting Bay Bowling Club
 Rink Game, 7pm
Coffee Morning
 Whiting Bay Church Hall, 10.30am
Lamlash Bowling Club
 Rink Game, 6.30pm
Salsa Dancercise
 Shiskine Hall. 6.30 - 7.15pm

THURSDAY 13th September

Senior Fitness,
 Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm
Brodick Bridge
 Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
Badminton,
 Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm
Lochranza Craft Club,
 Hall 2pm
Senior Fitness,
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am & 1.45pm
Cardiac Rehab,
 Auchrannie, 12.45
Outdoor run,
 Auchrannie, 6pm
Pilates, Auchrannie 6pm
Belly Dancing,
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Aerobics,
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm
Outdoor Cricket
 Sannox Oval, 6pm. Newcomers welcome
St Molios Church Coffee Morning 10.30 - noon
Youth Club
 Youth Centre, Lamlash 7pm - 10pm
Arran Junior Singers Practise
 Whiting Bay School 6.45pm
"Jamie The Saxt"
 Auchrannie Spa, 7.30pm

SATURDAY 8th September

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football
 coaching, 10.30am - noon
Arran Dancers
 Brodick Primary School 11am - 4.15pm
Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club,
 Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm
RNLI Shop Open, 2-4pm, Lamlash Pier
Brodick Bowling Club
 Rink Game 2.15pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club
 Rink Game, 6.30pm
Lamlash Bowling Club
 Rink Game, 6.30pm
Disco, Ormidale Hotel 10pm
Brodick Bowling Club
 Rink Game, 2.15pm
Rugby, Ormidale Park, 2.15pm
 Arran v Jordanhill Phoenix
"Magic" - McLellan Festival
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm



TUESDAY 11th September

Senior Fitness,
 Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
Lochranza Swimming Club,
 Kinloch, 11am-noon
Legs, Bums & Tums,
 Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm
Army Cadets,
 Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm
Pop quiz,
 Ormidale Hotel 10pm
Lochranza & Catacol Coffee morning,
 hall 10am - 12pm
Alcoholics Anonymous,
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Pop Quiz,
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran Rotary,
 Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Citizens Advice
 open 10am -2pm 4 - 6pm by appointment only
Guided Garden Walk
 Brodick Castle, 2pm. Meet at reception Centre
Country Dancing
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm



SUNDAY 9th September

Sannox Cricket Club
 Cricket Match, Sannox Oval 11.30am
Alcoholics Anonymous,
 St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
Family Games Kids & Adults.
 Auchrannie Games Hall 2 - 3pm
Open Folk Session
 Ormidale Hotel. 9pm
RNLI Shop Open, 2-4pm, Lamlash Pier
Lamlash Bowling, 2pm

WEDNESDAY 12th September

Mixed Hockey,
 Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Aerobics class,
 High School 8pm - 9pm
Jnr Rugby Training,
 S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm
Aquafizz,
 Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am
Circuit Training.
 Auchrannie 6pm
Arran Heritage Museum,
 archives and genealogy 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm
Brodick Bowling Club
 Rink Game 6.45pm
Open Folk Session
 Aldersyde Hotel. 9pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club
 Rink Game, 6.30pm
Table Tennis
 Kildonan Hall, 2pm-4pm
Lamlash Bowling Club
 Rink Game, 6.30pm
Bird Walk
 Meet Kildonan Hall, 2pm
Shiskine Beavers
 Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm
"Made on Arran"
 Eden Lodge Hotel, Whiting Bay 7.30pm



FRIDAY 14th September

Arran Pipe Band practice,
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Lochranza & Catacol Coffee morning
 10am - 12pm
Aquafizz,
 Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am
Over 21's disco,
 10pm, Ormidale Hotel
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
Shiskine Tennis Club, Adults, (16+) Club Night
 4.30pm onwards
Whiting Bay Golf Club
 Quiz night 9pm
"Jamie The Saxt"
 Auchrannie Spa, 7.30pm



MONDAY 10th september

Senior Fitness,
 Auchrannie, 9.30am & 10.45am
Over 50s Badminton,
 Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Football coaching,
 Ormidale Park, 6 7.30pm (8-16yrs)
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 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Quiz,
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Weightwise,
 Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm
Cardiac Rehab,
 Auchrannie, 12.45
Circuit Training.
 Auchrannie 6pm
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
Coffee Morning
 Whiting Bay Church Hall, 10.30am
Badminton, Auchrannie
 Sports Hall 8pm - 10pm
Open Folk Session with Earthworks
 Kildonan Hotel, 9pm
Summer Bridge
 Hirsell, Shore Rd Lamlash, 7.15pm
Brodick Bowling Club
 Rink Game, 6.45pm

SATURDAY 15th September

Arran Baptist Church Coffee Morning
 Ormidale Pavilion 10.30am - noon in aid of RNLI
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DRIVE TIMES

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NEW MAZDA CX-7 SPORTS CROSSOVER ON SALE NOW



- Single, highly-specified model, priced from £23,960 (on-the-road)
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The new Mazda CX-7 Sports Crossover vehicle, which goes on sale in the UK tomorrow priced from £23,960 (on-the-road), takes Mazda into a whole new sector of the marketplace. It is expected to define its own market, creating a niche within a niche, by bringing the brand's unique 'Zoom-Zoom' sports car attitudes to the traditional SUV sector. Manufactured in Japan, the 4675mm long CX-7 is powered by the highly efficient 260ps turbocharged four-cylinder power unit also fea-

tured in the Mazda6 MPS and Mazda3 MPS – matched to a six-speed manual transmission and Mazda's unique Active Torque 4-wheel drive system. The fully-independent suspension set-up has also been tuned for European roads and delivers handling agility that is unmatched in this class. This new Mazda combines sensationally spirited performance – top speed is 130mph and 0-to-60mph is achieved in under 8.0 seconds – with exhilarating driving dynamics and genuine everyday practicality, plus

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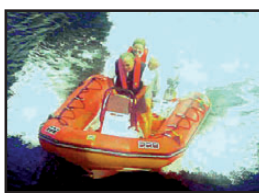
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Died 8th Oct 2006 aged 58 after accident at work. He loved fishing and painting on Arran. His ashes will be buried with his late wife Ann and his mother& father at Lamlash Cemetery on Wednesday 12th September at 2pm. You will be sadly missed by your sister Sandra, Charles and family also your two sisters- in-law and their families

I would like to thank Doctors, Nurses and staff of Arran War memorial Hospital and Crosshouse Hospital for care and attention. Thanks also to those who sent cards and letters and visited me, and to my neighbours for all their help.
Spud Taylor

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CHURCH NEWS

Arran Open Gate Ministries

We are a small group of like minded Christians meeting together to minister to each other and the wider community in spiritual and practical ways. Visitor or local your are welcome to join us.
Telephone: 700424 or 600663.

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Vigil Mass 7.30pm.
Morning Mass 9.30am & 11am.

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 2 September
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service. Please stay and enjoy more fellowship. There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm, and at Craigielea at 3.15pm

Church of Scotland

North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine.
Independent but working together.
Minister Rev Angus Adamson. Parish Asst Mrs Jean Hunter. Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times.
Sunday 9 September
Brodick Church 10.30am. Corrie noon.
Lochranza 9.30am
Pirnmill 10.45am. Shiskine noon.
A service of worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.45pm.

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 9 September
Shiskine 11am,
Brodick 7pm,
Rev David Karoon
All welcome.

Kilmory Parish Church

Sunday 9 September
Public Worship, 10am.
All are invited.
Kilmory Church dates back to the mid 16th century. It is situated at the Southend of the island in a charming rural setting and is well worth finding. Look for the road side signs in Kilmory near the creamery. Holiday visitors of all faiths or none will be especially welcome.
Rev John Webster, locum.

Scottish Episcopal Church (in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 26 August 11am
Holy Communion.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday, 29 August 12.15 pm,
Holy Communion.
All welcome

Lamlash Church

Sunday 9 September
You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 11 am.
Mr Alan Saunderson
All welcome

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 9 September, 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service, 7pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Rev D Macleod
All welcome

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 9 September
in the Ormidale Pavilion,
10.45 Communion
Tea and coffee from 11.10
11.30 Worship Service
'Secure Your Joy'
Philippians 3: 1 - 8
Speaker: David Christison
Everyone very welcome
Saturday 15 September:
Coffee Morning in aid of
RNLI, in the Ormidale
Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30 until
noon

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Brodick Improvements Committee

Annual General Meeting

The Brodick Annual Village Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th October 2007, at Brodick Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. The new constitution of the Committee will be presented for adoption.

The present constitution requires four weeks, notice for any amendments to be made.

All residents of Brodick, Corriegills and Strathwhillan are invited to the meeting to hear about the work of the Committee over the past year, and to give suggestions for improvements.
Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting

Katy Clark MP

will be holding a surgery in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick on Friday 7th September, 2.30-3.30pm.

Councillor Peter McNamara will also be in attendance.

If you require to see Katy outside this surgery please call 01505 684127

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at Legal and Protective Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine* between the hours of 9.00am and 4.45pm on weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) excepting Saturdays and Public Holidays.

Written representations may be made to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective Services) at the address below within the specified time from the date of publication of this notice. Any representations received will be open to public view.

*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 1992

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

Application No: N/07/00743/PP Address: Site To East Of Khartoum, Brodick, Isle Of Arran

Proposed Development: Erection of garage to side of mountain rescue offices

Ian Snodgrass
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE



NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Isle of Arran
Drama Association
AGM
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Community Centre
Wednesday 19 September
7.30pm
All welcome

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Sannox lose Clyde derby

Sannox hosted local adversaries Ardrossan in windy and overcast conditions last Sunday on this third last friendly fixture of the season.

Sannox bowling was looser than of late and the 16 extras at the end proved one of the deciding factors of the outcome.

Jonathan May struggled to find his line and looked increasingly uncomfortable as Lambert, at number one for the visitors, strode into form with some assured leg-side strokes.

The visitors went into the drinks break at a confident 64 for 2.

With wickets in hand and despite the vagaries of the pitch, Ardrossan were looking to make around 150.

However Pomeroy from the quarry end and Marriott/Kemp from the cemetery end temporarily locked the batting down to give the home side a distinct feeling of being in the driving seat. Ardrossan went to 90 after 30 overs.

Ardrossan made some basic between-the-wickets errors

allowing Sannox no less than five run outs.

Haggarty and Pomeroy came out to bat for Sannox after lunch in sunnier drying conditions. Scott Weir wasted no time in getting off the mark with a boundary off his first delivery. The partnership of Haggarty and Weir took the total to 40, well within the ask, before Weir defended a delivery that popped into the hands at slip. Weir 23.

Sannox still had considerable batting to come so the outcome did not seem in any doubt so long as batsmen could keep focussed and be patient.

It was beginning to be clear that the balance of power had shifted Ardrossan's way.

In the end Ardrossan held it together better than the home team. Sannox 95 all out.

May 4 overs 0 maidens, 0 for 20. Brookes 8 overs 0 maidens, 1 for 26. Dunn (cap) 8 overs 2 maidens, 0 for 19. Pomeroy 8 overs 3 maidens, 1 for 7. Kemp 4 overs 0 maidens, 1 for 17.



Sannox Cricket Club took on Ardrossan on Sunday but were defeated by the opposing team's superior batting skills.

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Northend lose again — but fans don't want win

Northend Thistle, the team that many call the worst in Britain, competed against Carradale FC on Saturday for the coveted Kilbrannan Cup.

The Arran team haven't won a game in 15 years so this was a chance to prove that they weren't as bad as the media has reported.

However, one supporter was overheard saying: 'We don't want to win a game now, we'd lose all our credibility.'

Northend needn't have worried.

Carradale were undoubtedly the stronger team and despite a promising start from Northend the visitors were soon storming ahead.

Northend have a number of good players that showed a great deal of potential during the game but, as ever the team always seems to be very unlucky.

The final score was a respectable 7-4 to Carradale.

Not be disheartened, the scoreline is certainly a big improvement on last year's score of 13-3.



The yet again defeated Northend team after the game on Saturday. b36nrth1

Lamlash Bowling Club

Since the nights are beginning to draw in Lamlash Bowling Club's rink nights will start at 6.30pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

The closing day of the season will be Thursday October 4.

Whiting Bay Bowling Club

Irene Dickson of Milngavie is the winner of the Whiting Bay Bowling Club boats and ships quiz.

There were only three entries with all the answers correct and many had only one or two wrong.

Summer bridge results

The results on 3 September were:

N/S 1 L Trickett and E McNiven, 2 M Lemort and T Martin, 3 J McArthur and L Robertson.

E/W 1 M McGill and E Silars, 2 M Bruce and D Bruce, 3 A Cattenach and D Cattenach.

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Arran's Sam Casey is lifted high in the line out but Mid Argyll steals the ball.

Arran rugby triumph in first league game for seven years

Arran Rugby Club's senior team travelled to Lochgilphead for their first league game in seven years.

Despite rumours that the team were going to struggle against their Mid Argyll opponents at the aptly named Mushroom Field, they managed to beat the home team with an impressive final score of 33-10.

The try scorers for Arran were Jamie Murchie (2), Murray Picken (1), Donald Murchie (1), and Ben Tattersfield (1).

Jamie Murchie also added to the tally when he successfully slotted home four conversions.

The Arran team for the trip to Lochgilphead was Robbie Adamson, Ben Tattersfield, Robbie MacDonald, Murray Picken, Sam Wheeler, Jamie Murchie, Fraser Gough, Glen Stewart, Gregory Cameron, Ally Judge, Niall McMaster, Ewan Stewart, Donald Murchie, Sam Casey, Mark Wetton, and substitutes Calum Rae, Alan McGrath and Craig Ingham (not used).

This Saturday, September 8 the team plays at home against Jordanhill Phoenix.

After a lunch for all ex-players and club members the game will kick off at 2.30pm at the Ormidale Park, Brodick.

The following weekend is scheduled to be jam-packed with games.

On Saturday, September 15 the seniors travel away to the Isle of Mull and on Sunday September 16 S1/2 are home to Kilmarnock at 12pm.

The same day the Girls are taking part in a training day at Kilmarnock.

Sea fishing competition a success

Catches of mackerel save the day

A successful sea fishing competition was organised by Pirnmill Angling Association last Sunday despite fish stocks being very low.

Seven boats took part with entrants from all over Arran bringing back large catches of mackerel.

However, because there were very few cod and ling caught they were unable to award the original prizes for heaviest bag, biggest cod, biggest ling, best flatfish and most variety.

Treasurer of the Angling Association Dougie Munro said: 'There just isn't the same numbers of fish to catch. We all caught a lot of mackerel but nothing much else.'

'We decided to give young Ian Logan a prize for the biggest catch because he got more mackerel than any of us.'

This was the first sea fishing competition to be organised by the association and they hope to hold another one next summer.

Right: Some of the entrants in the sea fishing competition in Pirnmill were from left to right Keith I'Anson, Peter Richards, Anthony I'Anson, Raymond Jeffrey, Liam I'Anson, Dougie Munro, Ian Drain and Lee Popplewell. b36fish1



Golf



Brodie Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday August 28 the second August Medal SSS 67, CSS 67, 26 entries.

Silver: 1 J Barclay (15)63, 2 E Sinclair (15)65, 3 B Livingstone (6)67.

Bronze: 1 C Butler (33)67, 2 K Sizer (36)71, 3 I Rollo (28)72. Scratch B Livingstone 73.

Summer Cup Wednesday Aug 29 CSS 64, 53 played: 1 Joe Rae (18)60, 2 Douglas Robertson (16)62, 3 Iain Macdonald (9)63 BIH. Scratch Jamie Duncan 70. There were eight magic two's

Junior Championship: Ewan Smith and Alexander McNeil contested this year's final. Ewan took an early lead, Alexander fought back to go into the lead. Ewan needed to win the 18th to square the match then went on to win the first extra hole. Congratulations to Ewan, this year's Junior Champion. Commiserations to runner-up Alexander.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday August 30 Commando Cup and Summer Cup CSS 64.

1 J Thomson 78-15=63, 2 A Smith 79-15=64, 3 N Mitchell 82-17=65 BIH over D Ross and J O'Sullivan. Best scratch D Macfarlane 69.

Magic two's D Ross, C Richardson, I Bremner and W Young.

Winner of Commando Cup Jack Thomson. Runner up Alan Smith.

Sunday September 2 Hamilton Bowl CSS level to bogey.

1 L Girbow level to bogey, 2 B O'Connor -1 to bogey.

Magic two from L Girbow. best scratch L Girbow 68.

Winners of Hamilton bowl S McAllister (+4), runner up L Girbow (+2).

Fixtures: Thursday September 6 Summer Cup.

Sunday September 9 final round of Jamieson Cup tee off at 9.30am and 1pm. Sunday September 2 Junior nine-hole medal 1 Harry Thomson 49-13+36, 2 James Todd 49-11=38, 3 Todd Jameson 50-11=39.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday August 28 Medal 1 Marc Blair 63, 2 Peter Emsley 66, Brian Sherwood 68.

Scratch Brian Sherwood 75.

Fixtures: Tuesday September 11 Sweep tee off 12.30pm.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday August 29. The 12th and final round of the Summer Trophy was played by 17 players

and ended in a nail-biting finish. Gus MacLeod, Nicol Auld, Malcolm

Pennycott and Danny Head all needed a good final score to give them tidy best 6 scores, but only Gus managed to improve his scores with a useful 62 to claim the Summer Trophy. The results on the evening were Gus MacLeod (12)62, Gordon Provan (11)65 and Nicky Emsley (11)66.

Scratch was won by Malcolm with 70.

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Shiskine Golf Club

12 Hole Medal Saturday September 1 CSS 42.

First class: 1 S Black 48-6=42, 2 B Sherwood 47-4=43, 3 T Raeside 48-5=43; Second class 1 D Henderson 50-10=40, C Bannatyne 56-15=41, A Hart 54-11=43. Best Scratch B Sherwood 47.

Magic two's C Bannatyne and A Hart.

Fixtures: Thursday September 13, 18-hole medal winners' competition.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday September 1 was the first round of the Whisky Cup.

1 M Sherwood 68-12=56 BIH, 2 T Cotton 74-18=56, 3 E McKinnon 62-2=60.

Congratulations to Ewan on his first hole in one.

Fixtures: Saturday September 8 second round of the Whisky Cup. Tee-off at 9.30am or 1pm.

Would all gentlemen members please note the list for the Ravenspark outing is now posted.

Anyone wishing to go to Ravenspark on Friday September 14. Please put your name on the list at the clubhouse.

Arran Golfers Association

Sunday September 2 Autumn Handicap/Drumadoon Trophy at Machrie.

Played in reasonable conditions with the course in excellent condition.

Thanks to Machrie Tea Room for the soup and rolls.

First Class: 1 John Pennycott 63, 2 Ian Bremner 64, 3 Graham Andrews 65 BIH.

Second Class: 1 Marc Blair 63, 2 Peter Emsley 66, 3 Drew Crawford 67 BIH.

Scratch Dougie MacFarlane 67. Magic two's John Pennycott and Jimmy Armit.

Winner of Drumadoon Trophy Marc Blair 63 BIH. Winner of J C Reid over 55's Ian Bremner 64.

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It's Shiskine — at the double!

League champions score three in five minutes to sink southern cup hopes

When the referee's whistle brought the 2007 Arran Football League cup final to a close last Friday Shiskine celebrated for two reasons. Not only had they won 8-6 on the night, they had also secured a league and cup double for the season. The cup final went ahead on Friday night after it was postponed due to the wet weather. The teams were well matched but league winners Shiskine just had a slight edge over Southend following their league win. As the game began the southerners stormed down into Shiskine's half and it looked as though their continued pressure would pay off, but the ball was cleared and the resulting Shiskine counter-attack provided the first goal after nine minutes, courtesy of Scott Murdoch. It still looked as though a goal was imminent for Southend as Murray Picken charged down the field and passed to Nicky Emsley who put Euan Ingram in on goal. Euan's good attempt at goal missed by a hair's breadth. However, minutes later Nicky Emsley stole the ball from Shiskine and hit an unstoppable long-range drive, taking the score to 1-1. Southend began to gain momentum and a great goal from Euan Ingram took Southend into a 2-1 lead. But soon after, Scott Murdoch levelled the score again to make the half-time score 2-2. As the second half got under way there was a goal bonanza as Shiskine scored three times in five minutes, taking the score to 5-2. Shiskine looked to be coasting but Southend were determined not to be beaten and they replied with two goals to be one behind. The excitement was building up and then suddenly, an opportunistic strike by Euan Ingram levelled the scores once again at 5-5. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be for the Southend. Despite scoring once again they couldn't keep up with Shiskine who scored three more times in the last 10 minutes.



The victorious Shiskine team who not only won the league but also this year's cup final. b36ball1



The Southend team played courageously but it wasn't enough to win the cup. b36ball2

Arran Yacht Club: John Thomson Quaich

On Saturday the last feature race of the AYC Calendar took place in a brisk westerly breeze, around the now traditional course involving the south and North Channel buoys. The race gave Gus MacLeod and Eric Borland a much-deserved first trophy of the season. Although the fleet on this occasion was small, the race was not without interest and incident. Malcolm Kerr had the best start and he was to hold this lead 'on the water' throughout the race. The reach to the south channel buoy in variable wind first allowed Malcolm to build up a significant advantage, only to lose it as more wind came in from behind. It also brought John and Uel Leckie the first of several cap-sizes but they recovered well. Neck and neck with Mal-



colm approaching the North Chammel buoy, Greg Hamill intended to ask for 'water at the mark', anticipating being entitled to right of way. Unfortunately, a minor collision took place while he was still the 'windward boat' and he was obliged to undertake a 360 penalty, losing much of his advantage. Greg's race took a further downturn when he failed to catch his toe straps while tacking and ended up in the water, breaking his tiller extension in the process. With the Leckies already some way behind, this left Malcolm and Gus as the only likely winners. Separated by a considerable distance due to the different intrinsic speeds of the Albacore and GP14, it was hard to know just who would come out on top. Gus's stress was increased by 'picking up a mooring' dur-

Three in a row: left to right, Gus MacLeod and Eric Borland, Greg Hamill, Malcolm Kerr & Susan Knox.

Further championship racing will take place on the next two Saturdays.

Corrected times: 1 G MacLeod & E Borland (GP14) 1.12.22, 2 M Kerr & S Knox (Albacore) 1.12.41, 3 G Hamill (Laser) 1.18.39, 4 J & S Leckie (Laser 2000) 1.37.51.



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