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NFU pushes for relaxation on animal movements

The National Farmers Union Scotland (NFUS) has been pushing for early lifting of some of the heaviest movement restrictions introduced since the second outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Surrey last Wednesday.

While the top priority is the eradication of the disease, this outbreak could not have come at a worse time for Arran's farmers.

The recent weather conditions have also added to the pressure with poor rates of grass growth and very wet ground.

A spokesman from NFUS told *The Arran Banner*: 'The next two weeks will be critical for this area, if we don't get livestock moved away from our farms we will face a terrible winter and the knock-on effect will be very poor lambing results next spring.'

'We have identified three key priorities for action this week, assuming that there is no spread of the foot and mouth virus out with the protection zone in Surrey.'

'Firstly, we must see a welfare scheme for smaller hill lambs to ease the pressure on the hills and fields.'

'Secondly, we must be allowed to move livestock to different fields and buildings within the same farm business and, thirdly, because of the complete shut down on livestock sales, we must see the early release of the 2007 Less Favoured Area Support Scheme to enable farm businesses to continue to trade and buy in extra feeding.'

Any farmers who have concerns or questions can call NFUS on 0131 472 4000.

Split grows over fish farm plans

Arguments are mounting over proposals for a massive new fish farm in Lamlash Bay.

This week, Neil McLean, one of Arran's most respected wild fish anglers, spoke out in support of the farm bid by Marine Harvest.

However, Sally Campbell,

a marine ecologist living in Lamlash, has challenged the validity of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) presented by Marine Harvest.

Both Mr McLean and Ms Campbell have written extensive letters to *The Banner's* (see page 8), with the latter listing many questions that

she says remain unanswered by the EIA.

She states that there is a lack of information, knowledge and clarity in the EIA, and that it did not present 'a robust scientific case' in support of the fish farm which would be the largest off mainland Scotland.

Only last week, MSP Kenneth Gibson joined the outcry against Marine Harvest's plans to create 14 large pens off Clauchlands Point.

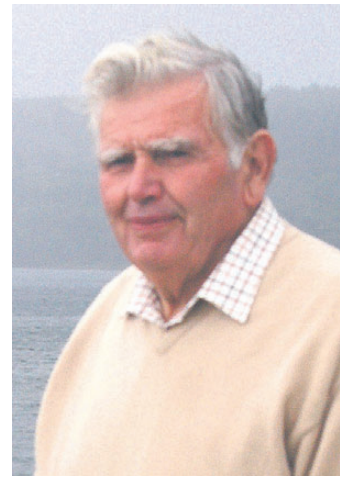
He claimed it 'could be very harmful to the surrounding area', and has lodged an objection with North Ayrshire Council's planning committee which is due to consider the fish farm application in November.

In a letter to the council, Mr Gibson states his concern at the prospect of more than 1,000 tonnes of waste being deposited during the farm's 22-month cycle, and of fears of a negative impact on the area's wildlife such as seals and sea otters.

However, Lamlash man Neil McLean (71), chairman of Arran Angling Association for the past 40 years, insists concerns being voiced about the new fish farm are not based on facts.

Mr McLean told *The Banner*: 'I don't subscribe to the view that fish farms cause a problem in open water, like Lamlash Bay.'

'Talking as someone with the wild fish interests very much at heart, I do not see any problems with the new fish farm proposal; indeed I can see it



Angler Neil McLean

would be beneficial to the island's economy and create jobs.

'I have been a freshwater fisherman for more than 60 years and caught my first sea trout when I was ten.'

'There is a lot of rubbish being spoken about this proposal by people who don't know what they are talking about.'

'It was claimed in another Arran publication that John Fredriksen, the chairman of Marine Harvest, had said that salmon farms should not be situated near runs of wild salmon. But he was misinterpreted; he was referring to sea lochs, not the open sea where the flow of water is much stronger.'

Mr McLean, who has fished for Scotland on more than 25 occasions, was also heavily involved in the development of sea angling around Arran.

He told *The Banner* that he had no concerns about the eco system of Lamlash Bay and

surrounding burns and rivers if Marine Harvest was given approval to create the largest fish farm off mainland Scotland.

That view was shared in last week's *Banner* by another Lamlash man, mussel fisherman Billy Currie.

According to the environmental impact assessment carried out by Marine Harvest last year, the new development would create four new full-time jobs as well as five part-time posts during the busiest periods.

The assessment also reveals that 5,221 tonnes of feed during a 22-month cycle would produce 1,170 tonnes of waste released into the sea.

But it states: 'The open nature of the site is expected to favour the dispersal of nutrients which would be diluted such that they should have a negligible effect within the environment.'

Almost 100 objections were lodged when Marine Harvest first released its environmental impact assessment last year.

When the application does come before the planning committee in November, councillors are expected to look closely at any possible health implications to those involved in the new council-run Arran Outdoor Education Centre, due for completion soon. What, for example, would be the pollution implications for young people swimming in the water as part of capsizing training?

• See letters — page 8



Married in Zazuar, Burgos, Spain on July 28 were Gloria Bueno, youngest daughter of Trinnie and the late Carlos Bueno, of Zazuar, and Blair Macmillan, only son of Iain and Sandra Macmillan, of Knowe Road, Brodick.

Nieces and nephews of the couple were attendants, as was David, Gloria and Blair's 14-month-old son. Family and friends journeyed to Spain from Arran, other parts of Scotland, and Canada and the USA for the wedding.



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Police files

Shoplifting charges

Two Kilwinning men, aged 39 and 42, have been charged with theft by shoplifting of an electrical item and a quantity of alcohol from the Co-op store in Shore Road, Brodick, on Monday.

Theft of bench

Police are appealing for information following the theft of a garden bench from Glenisla Hotel, Lamlash, overnight between Saturday and Sunday.

Contact Arran Police at 01770-303812.

Car vandalised

A car parked overnight at Arran High School was vandalised sometime between last Thursday and Friday.

Man arrested

A 19-year-old Arran man was arrested on Monday evening in Glen Place, Brodick, in connection with a number of outstanding warrants.

He was expected to appear at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on Tuesday.

Country dancing

The new season of Scottish country dancing begins on Tuesday at Brodick Church Hall at 7.30pm.

Beginners and improvers are welcome to evenings of laughter and exercise. Lose the extra pounds and meet new and old friends alike every week.

Area manager says volunteer stations desperately need new members

Praise for island's fire crews

The islands fire crews are operating to a very high standard, according to area manager David Morrison who visited Arran on Tuesday.

He said: 'In the last six months the crews on Arran have had to deal with a number of tragic road accidents. They have dealt with these incidents extremely well and I am very pleased at their performance.'

David Morrison comes to the island once a year to visit all the fire crews around Arran.

He said: 'Arran is very lucky to have a good fire presence spread around the island. Between the three retained stations in Brodick and Lamlash and the volunteer stations in Lochranza, Blackwaterfoot and Corriecravie they serve the island very well.'

Part of his visit is to assess what level of training and new equipment is needed to enhance the operations of the island's crews.

He explained: 'This past year training has increased from every six weeks to monthly which has dramatically enhanced the service they provide.'

However, he said that al-



Area manager David Morrison, centre, with the retained firefighters in Lamlash. b38fire1

though Brodick now has a full capacity crew of ten members they still need volunteers for the smaller units.

He explained: 'At the volunteer stations we are currently running about three crew members short. We really are desperate for some more volunteers.'

While on the island he is also promoting the fire safety initiative, which was first highlighted in The Banner at the end of May.

The free service is open to everyone on the island. Fire crew personnel visit homes and inspect potential escape routes, electrical sockets, flexes and

even arrange to have smoke detectors fitted.

David said: 'In some of the more rural parts of Arran it can take up to 20 minutes for a fire crew to reach you. It is so important that everyone has a fire alarm that is working properly.'

Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

has a number of important events organised on Arran during the autumn, including a large exercise involving all the island's crews at Brodick Castle.

In addition, a number of units will be getting new equipment as well as more training on the mainland.

Snapshot of a village's history

A history of Kildonan in pictures will be showcased in the Village hall this weekend between 11am and 4pm daily.

Due to the success of last year's event there is now an even larger collection of pictures of Kildonan in days gone

by. The exhibition is free but all donations will go towards the Kildonan Hall roof appeal.

A display of work by Kildonan SWRI including the award winning 'lets go green' will also be on show. It will close each day between 1pm and 2pm.

Radio focus on Arran

Radio Scotland star Robbie Shepherd will dedicate his 'Reel Blend' programme this Sunday afternoon to focusing on the attractions of Arran.

Robbie and his producer Jennifer Cruickshanks visited the island last week, and his programme of traditional music and song and folk will be interspersed with a 'flavour of Arran'.

Ms Cruickshanks told The Arran Banner; 'Robbie and I took a day trip and visited Brodick Castle and the Heritage Centre.'

'We also met singer Mairi MacInnes from Lamlash, Alistair Dobson from 'a Taste of Arran', and a Goatfell ranger.

'This is part of a five-week series focusing on Scottish towns and villages and looking at what they have to offer residents and visitors.'

'The other places are Melrose, Dunkeld, East Neuk of Fife and Dornoch.'

The programme is BBC Radio Scotland between 1.05pm and 3pm on 92-95fm or 8-10 medium wave.

Festival success

FEIS ARAINN and the Arran Fiddle Club said their music festival on September 1-2 was a success, and down to the involvement and assistance of many people.

These include the staff of Arran primary schools and the high school, Jo Morgan, Dave Tapson, Aileen McLaughlin and Mark Brown, Arran Outdoor Education Resource, and the Feis 'fairies' who were there when needed for raffles, sandwiches, juice bars, taxi service etc, and the children who took part for working so hard and being so enthusiastic.

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School gate fiasco is finally sorted

Red faces after buses could no longer get through gap

Brodick Primary School will soon have new gates — the correct size this time.

At the end of the summer holidays head teacher Angela Fisher was dismayed to discover that the council had fitted some new school gates, and that they were considerably narrower than old ones.

As a result the school buses could no longer drive into the school grounds, forcing the children to be dropped off outside.

In the past the school buses have always driven into the playground to drop off the children away from the busy road.

Shirley Anderson, chairman of the Brodick School Council, said: 'I contacted North Ayrshire Council last week and they did say that the gates would be removed by the end of the week, which they were.'

New school gates are expected to be in place, but *The Banner* understands that a lot of questions have been asked about how such a basic mistake arose and about the money wasted.

A council spokesman said: 'We were asked to replace the gates at the school. New modern gates were fitted but were found to be not quite wide enough. The problem was spotted immediately and they were taken down immediately. New wider gates are on order.'



The entrance to Brodick Primary School — minus the new gates after they were found to be too narrow. b38gate1

Giant jellyfish washed up at Blackwaterfoot Midges' wings clipped by cold weather



Helen Stavrinides inspects the giant jellyfish washed up on Blackwaterfoot beach.

A family holidaying on the island spotted a huge jellyfish on an Arran beach.

Nicola Stavrinides from Glosop in the Peak District said: 'While we were on Arran in August we saw a giant jellyfish washed up on the beach.'

A few weeks ago the family were on their way back from the Kings Cave at Blackwaterfoot.

They were strolling through the water-cooling off their feet when they spotted it in the shallow water.

Nicola continued: 'In 23 years of coming to Arran we had never seen one nearly so big on the shore. It was about three feet in diameter and had giant tentacles.'

SCRATCH your arms no more, or at least a little less — there will be almost a third fewer midges to torment Arran residents and visitors next year.

Studies by Scotland's leading midge expert indicate that we can expect a decline in the pests next year after a dismal summer for Scotland's most ferocious insect.

The fall is mainly due to the relatively late spring, which saw Scotland shiver through March, and much of April and which delayed the onset of the midge season by a month.

Samples of midges across the Highlands and Islands showed that numbers of the insects were typically down by about 32 percent, with Fort William, traditionally one of the most notorious locations for midges, down about 50 percent and Skye down about 30 per cent.

Dr Ali Blackwell, an expert in midges from Edinburgh University, said: 'We can predict there will be about 30 percent fewer midges overall next year from the numbers which were around this year and were able to lay eggs which will hatch for next year.'

'It is still very dependent on the weather conditions. The appropriate conditions might allow them to lay enough eggs next year for the population to recover in future years.'

She added that a cold snap early next summer could reduce midge numbers further by killing off millions of larvae just as they are emerging from months in Arran soils.

The dates to watch out for are around June 7 to 10.

Lamlash improvements meeting on Monday

The next meeting of the Lamlash Improvements Association will be held on Monday at 7.30pm in the ACVS room in Lamlash.

Congratulations to last month's winner of the 50/50 club Mrs Pat Sillers.

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Bowel cancer screening kits go out to 50-74 year olds

A former cancer patient from Ayrshire is urging Arran residents to take advantage of the bowel screening programme now being introduced in Ayrshire and Arran.

Jim Dawes, 73, of Alloway, is welcoming the news that the new screening kit will identify people at risk of bowel cancer — even before they have symptoms. And his message to people who do have worrying symptoms is: ‘Get medical advice now. I realised I had a serious problem — and that’s what saved my life.’

Jim’s story starts one morning in November 2005, when he noticed a significant amount of fresh blood left behind in the toilet bowl after a bowel movement.

He telephoned his GP and was seen the same afternoon. While Jim’s symptoms could have been caused by a ruptured blood vessel or haemorrhoids (piles), the GP was not taking any chances, and referred Jim to the colorectal clinic at Crosshouse Hospital.

Jim’s speedy reaction led him to the door of colorectal surgeon Mr Bob Diament, who performed a colonoscopy. This procedure involves the doctor or nurse looking into the colon (sometimes called the large intestine or large bowel) using a thin, flexible telescope called a colonoscope.

Jim explained: ‘After the colonoscopy, Mr Diament showed me a picture of what looked like a line of red scarring. He told me he was not certain that it was cancerous at that stage, but that it would become so, and I was going to need major surgery.’

Jim, the former purchasing manager with Johnny Walker in Kilmarnock, confesses that he was stunned when he learned the news. However,

given the choice of going home and spending Christmas with his family and thinking about the implications of surgery, or taking advantage of a last-minute space on Mr Diament’s theatre list, Jim preferred not to wait.

So less than a month after his symptoms appeared, Jim was admitted to Crosshouse Hospital, where Mr Diament operated successfully on him, removing the cancerous portion of bowel and rejoining both ends, avoiding the need for a colostomy bag.

Jim recalls: ‘I had been told to expect to stay in hospital for three weeks, but on Christmas morning Mr Diament came to examine me again. By midday I was on my way home to Ayr to enjoy Christmas dinner with my family.’

Jim hopes that by sharing his own experience, he can convince other people that, the sooner they seek help, the better their chances.

‘I wouldn’t hesitate to tell people, if you suffer rectal bleeding, don’t wait and hope it will go away. If it’s what I had, it won’t go away.’

‘This screening programme is your piece of mind. If you do have something, then you have bought yourself time to tackle it.’

For more information on the Scottish Bowel Screening Programme, call 0845 270 0030 (calls charged at local rate) or visit www.bowelscreening.scot.nhs.uk.

Testing kits are being delivered this month to the homes of people aged between 50 and 74 in Ayrshire and Arran. The test on bowel motions, which is done by the individual in the privacy of their own home, can detect bowel cancer very early before symptoms occur. When completed, the test can be returned freepost to the Bowel Screening Centre.



Jim Dawes, centre, Mr Bob Diament, colorectal surgeon, and Aileen Roy, specialist nurse for colorectal cancer, with the kits that are being delivered to homes in Ayrshire and Arran.

RNLI fundraising success

THE ARRAN Branch of the RNLI has had a successful summer raising more than £6,000 for the organisation.

At the end of July house to house collections raised £3,480.54.

The annual coffee morning in Lamlash in August made £1,081.59.

Two golf tournaments, in Shiskine and Whiting Bay brought in £535 and £278.50 respectively and the ferry collection gained another

£682.55. The winner of the Famous Ships quiz was Mrs E Cook of Kilmory and the runners up Mrs Wright of Huntly Gardens, Glasgow and Mrs D Ewen of Craigie, Perth.

They were both given gift tokens.

The sum raised was in excess of £200 (some of the income was not kept separate

and went into the collection boxes).

A big ‘thank you’ to all our volunteers and to the people of Arran, and visitors, for their generosity.

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Bid to pursue cash to improve roads

Arran Roads Forum has begun the process to seek funding that would dramatically improve the island's many sub-standard stretches of road.

It is actively look at how to attract the millions of pounds necessary to improve the strength, width and safety of roads. Blind summits and narrow, difficult corners with poor visibility remain all too common, particular in the south.

This week, Councillor Margie Currie revealed how the forum was seeking to have the roads formally appraised as a prelude to making grant bids to the Scottish government and/or the European Union.

Councillor Currie said that with some ground-work having already been carried out by North Ayrshire Council that appraisal could be completed as early as next spring.

She told The Arran Banner that she believed a strong case could be made for substantial funding on three key points: increased volume of traffic, the amount of forestry extraction, and, not least of all, the requirement to meet 2012 legislation that all buses should be able to cater for wheelchairs and the disabled.

'That requires a certain width of bus, and while we have one such bus already operating in Arran, it is limited to the 14 miles of road between Brodick and Whiting Bay,' said Ms Currie, one of four ward councillors for Arran and Ardrossan, but the only one resident on the island.

She said the state of Arran's roads was no criticism of the council's road department. 'It is only too well aware of the roads' shortcomings, and would be delighted to have more money to spend on improving them.

'The department's budget is largely limited to maintenance, and it is a historical fact that our roads were not properly laid.'

Councillor Currie said the Arran Roads Forum, which meets every few months, was very much a working partnership between the community and the council.

She added: 'Any money we were able to source would be likely to come in tranches which would mean the worst parts of our roads would have to be prioritised.'



Forum member Councillor Margie Currie

'We are not alone in having these problems. Much of the country's rural network has been underfunded in recent years, in favour of the main roads, but I think we can make a strong case for our problems to be addressed and the situation improved.'

'If we could have a road-widening programme, that would alleviate a lot of our difficulties around the island.'

Richard Wright, Arran's assistant island's officer for North Ayrshire Council and also a forum member, said: 'What we want to do is widen, strengthen and resurface the roads. Up to £20 million could easily be spent on Arran.'

'I lived on the island for seven years, and I am well aware that the roads are a huge talking point.'

'I think we do a good job on staying on top of potholes, particularly in the winter, but the kind of long-term work we are talking about will require massive funding.'

Beads, feathers and flappers!

This Sunday, Brodick Castle will host an exhibition of exquisite 1920s costumes with collector Irene on hand to talk about the assortment and demonstrate the craft of Tambour beading.

The exhibition will run from 11am till 3.30pm and is free with entry to the castle

Back in the 1970s Irene Barnes came across her first 1920s beaded dress in a shop with the unlikely name of 'High Camp and Carcass'.

She wore it to a New Year's eve party and was hooked. She has become a collector.

Irene came to Arran often on holiday and she remembers the family renting a cottage in Lochranza for a fortnight for the princely sum of £18. This was 40 years ago, however.

A few years ago the opportunity to buy a house in the village arose and she upped sticks from Cambridge to make her home on the island, bringing her large collection of garments, bead work, machine embroidery, patterns and photographs with her.

The 1920s saw the country emerging from one war with the next well over the horizon. It was a time of jazz music, art deco, bathtub gin, the model T and flappers!

The flapper redefined modern womanhood. There were drastic, some said shocking,



An exhibition of beautiful 1920s costumes will be on show at Brodick castle this weekend.

changes in women's clothing.

Women smoked, drank, voted and danced.

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She 'parked' her corsets and went in for rayon stockings held up by garter belts.

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MSP promotes the island during packed four-day visit Arran's attractions sold to the Spanish

Arran was at the top of his agenda when Cunningham North MSP Kenneth Gibson visited Catalunya in Spain last week.

In a four-day visit paid for by his Catalan hosts, Mr Gibson spoke at a series of high-profile events in Barcelona, Blanes and Riudecanyes.

'The visit had a dual purpose,' the SNP MSP told *The Banner* on his return. 'The first was to commemorate Catalunya's National Day, on September 11.'

'I spoke at meetings to let the Catalan public and members of the two Catalan nationalist parties, Esquerra on the political left (who are in a Government Coalition with the Socialists in the Catalan Parliament) and Convergence and Unity, on the political centre-right, know what is happening in Scotland.'

'Events in Scotland are front page news in Catalunya. Those who support an independent Catalunya are excited by what is happening here and look to Scotland to 'show the way' for them, in the hope that if Scotland holds a successful independence referendum, Catalunya can follow suit!

'Politically, the most im-

portant meeting was a press conference held on September 10 at which a professor of constitutional law, representing Esquerra and one of Spain's 21 supreme court judges, representing Convergence and Unity, launched, together with Mr Gibson, the 'circle of studies' group, a new movement to push forward Catalan independence by uniting their parties on this issue.

'This event was of such significance that ten TV channels, 19 radio stations and dozens of journalists from every corner of Spain attended.'

'Numerous interviews followed, including an appearance on Catalan Newsnight on which the other guest was the Dalai Lama, highlighting Tibet's campaign for autonomy within China.'

The second reason for Mr Gibson's visit was to promote links between Scotland and Catalunya. To this end, at a four-hour reception in the Catalan Parliament, he met with many government ministers and discussed cultural, social, sporting, tourist, educational, economic and technical links between Scotland and Catalunya.



MSP Kenneth Gibson, second from left, with some of the many friends he made during his four-day visit to Catalunya.

Mr Gibson even suggested to the sports minister that he ask Joan Laporta, president of Barcelona FC, to invite Scotland to play a Catalan select at the Nou Camp next year.

At each event, Mr Gibson felt it important to support and promote Arran. Having been kindly given a variety of good-

ies by A Taste of Arran, these and a plethora of hotel and other brochures promoting the island were distributed in the Catalan parliament. All were very much appreciated.

Said Mr Gibson: 'Tens of thousands of Scots fly to Catalunya from Prestwick to Barcelona and Gerona every year. With so much to offer in Arran from beautiful scenery to golf, to delicious food and excellent accommodation, we need to get more folk travelling the other way. After all, Arran is only 90 minutes from Prestwick Airport.'

Asked for the highlight of his visit, Mr Gibson replied: 'Riudecanyes, a small village of a thousand people 80 miles from Barcelona. The locals were delighted to have a member of the Scottish parliament address them on their national day.'

'I was astonished to see more than 600 villagers sitting neatly and expectantly in rows out in the local square.'

'I was asked to speak for at least an hour, with translation,

and then took questions. I have to say that finding such a large, hospitable and enthusiastic audience in such a small place was truly astonishing.'

'Afterwards everyone stood silently while a piper played Flower of Scotland and the Catalan National anthem. It was very moving and just goes to show how Scotland is now truly on the political map.'

Afterwards Mr Gibson left for the airport carrying a number of gifts, including a poster to commemorate the victory of his team, St Mirren, over Barcelona in 1922, a Barcelona shirt, bottle of local olive oil and a history of the town.

Mr Gibson concluded: 'It was a wonderful visit and I met scores of lovely people. I believe it has strengthened Scottish/Catalan relations and raised the profile of Arran in an area of Europe with lots of goodwill towards Scotland and great potential for bringing tourists to our country, and Arran in particular.'

Willie's troubles pour in

No one likes when it rains all day – but for Willie McNish, of Kildonan, it can bring additional problems.

Two or three times a year now the Shore Road below Church Brae can get flooded, with the overspill finding its way into his garden.

It happened again last Saturday morning, leaving some cars unable to use the road.

'The water was eight inches deep, so some cars had to turn back,' he told *The Banner*. 'Walkers could also not get past.'

'This is becoming a regular occurrence when we get exceptionally heavy rain. It's like a burn coming down Church Brae.'

'It is not causing problems for my house but the garden is suffering. I cannot grow anything where it floods.'

'I am having to walk up and down the hill with a spade to try and clear blockages.'

The retired local government officer added: 'It is my belief that the Jetpacher used for covering up potholes is blocking some of the offlets.'

'The same thing happened back in February and I raised the problem then with North Ayrshire Council.'

Richard Wright, the assistant island officer, told *The Banner* this week: 'I intend meeting with Mr McNish this week to see if we can find out the cause of this and come up with a solution.'

Kildonan SWRI first meeting of the season

The first meeting of the 2007/2008 season will be held on Tuesday, September 25, at 7:30pm in the village hall.

The guest speaker is one of their own members, Gillian Lythgoe, who with the help of some other therapists, will be giving an overview and taster of holistic treatments.

The competition is 'something made with brambles'.

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Wildlife festival promises fun

Whatever your plans are for next spring do not forget to put May 14-21 in your diaries as the dates for the 2008 Arran Wildlife Festival.

This year's event was a huge success with many events fully booked weeks in advance. Next year promises to be just as exciting and the festival organisers are keen to provide island businesses with plenty of notice to help them make the most of the event.

The festival will run from Wednesday to Wednesday incorporating eight days of fun wildlife-related events, guided walks, and talks from wildlife and geology specialists. Visitors can expect plenty to see and do during the week with activities for all ages and interests.

Kate Sampson from Brodick Castle Ranger Service was involved with many of the events from this year's programme.

She said: 'We had a huge range of things happening this year including wildlife shore walks, a family fun day, and of course Sammy the Squirrel who came over to Arran to visit and talk to the primary school children which was great fun!'

'During the week other events covered all sorts of exciting wildlife from butterflies to bats



Arran bird recorder Jim Cassels leading the eagle walk in Lochranza during this year's Wildlife Festival. b38bir1

with dinosaurs and hen harriers along the way. We are really looking forward to building on the success of this year's programme.'

The festival is organised by a partnership of local people and businesses with support from VisitArran, SNH and the RSPB.

The overall aim of the festival is to celebrate Arran's special wildlife and to promote the island as a unique wildlife destination.

Island businesses can benefit from the festival by offering

accommodation packages and activities during the week.

The organisers are keen to hear from anyone who would like to offer a promotional package or event as soon as possible as well as looking for feedback on this year's event to help island businesses get the most out of the festival.

If you would like to get involved please contact either Zoe Clelland of the RSPB on 0141 331 0993, (zoe.clelland@rspb.org.uk) or Lucy Gibbons on 01770 601339 (eider@hotmail.co.uk)

Market garden's caravan bid refused by council

A Kildonan couple have been refused council permission to site a temporary touring caravan within their new market garden.

Mr and Mrs J Miller, of Lillybank, Kildonan, had argued it was necessary to prevent the theft of agricultural implements, weather damage and loss of crops to wild animals.

North Ayrshire Council's planning committee rejected the application on Tuesday on the grounds that it would be contrary to the Isle of Arran Local Plan.

It said the applicants had failed to demonstrate a need for a caravan at that location, which would have been sited in a countryside area. It would have been detrimental to the visual amenity and set an undesirable precedent for further unnecessary development within the countryside.

Councillors were told that two residential properties, the nearest being Osprey Cottage, adjoined the west of the site.

T. Southall of Osprey Cottage and John Van Bogierejen, of nearby Woodend, had objected to the application.

The Millers told the council that their first year's crop (potatoes, tomatoes, shallots, lettuce, peas, broad beans, cabbage and brussel sprouts) are near to or have matured.

However, they said, the depredation of local wildlife on the two-acre garden has meant the loss of 350 broad bean plants, 400 pea plants, 700 lettuce and 200 cabbage plants, mainly to

pigeons, crows, pheasants, while deer continue to eat young plants. The deer, they said, can also cause considerable damage to the potato crop.

The Millers said that if they could maintain an irregular presence on site at night and particularly around dawn, they could prevent much of the loss from occurring.

They also stated that they had suffered vandalism, in as much as the gate to their hen run had been deliberately tampered with on three occasions. If the hens are set free, they uproot young plants in search of food and can cause significant damage.

The Millers stated that a small mobile touring caravan would meet their requirements pending potential approval for a house on the site.

The applicants said that a third of the site was planted with potatoes and they hoped to increase that to a half.

One polytunnel was erected, with plans for two more.

Two years ago, they had an application for a retail market garden and a house on the site refused, and in January 2006 an enforcement action was pursued to secure the removal of an unauthorised caravan on the site. It was subsequently removed.

The planning report suggests that much of the problems outlined by the Millers could be overcome by improved fencing and locks and CCTV.

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When you see a football picture in a newspaper everyone is active. Normally two or three players are engaging with each other or with the ball, while those further from the ball are ready for action, or at least following the action. Indeed the basis of spot-the-ball competitions is that direct lines from each player's eyes should intersect at the one point and give away the ball's position.

A picture of Northend Thistle a couple of weeks ago which told of their proud position of perhaps being the worst football team in the UK, obeyed none of these rules. Three people were close to the ball but only the Shiskine player appeared to have any determination to do something with it. Northend players further off looked more like spectators, standing around in an exceedingly casual manner, certainly not expecting to get a kick in, let alone win the match.

It is quite fun of course to have a run of so many years without a win. I think their part namesake, Partick Thistle, also rides on a reputation of glorious failures. Yet it is probably something to be rather proud of too, that they can enjoy themselves while eschewing the usual rivalries which follow every other team. Because everything else about football, especially football support, seems particularly distasteful.

At its best football support is absurd in the enthusiasm some show for a few chaps kicking a ball around. At its worst, well we all know the bitterness between Rangers and Celtic supporters, and even the occasional bitterness between Lamlash and Brodick to say nothing of the foul language. Did not a Colombian player in the last World Cup get murdered after letting in an own goal?

But it is the silly tribalism of less aggressive support — identifying yourself with one team to give yourself an identity — which leads to this. What was the relevance of Everton footballers getting so mixed up in the funeral of Rhys Jones? Pavarotti with his wonderful voice only became a household name when one song was used for football. The excellent Michael Howard who was recently Tory leader should have lost votes when he claimed to support Liverpool football team.

Why do so many people feel they must claim to support some team? Support for any team is considered better than to have no interest at all. In fact I believe that football is really a minority interest and most of those who make the spurious claim of support just fear they will be thought of as odd, or worse, to say they are without interest.

Only once have I have played football — in Colombo, Sri Lanka, against a team of barefoot players who thrashed us. I was relegated to goals, the usual slot for hopeless players. I sensed that, had I been better, it might have been quite fun. But that is miles from non players who fanatically follow without taking part. Did not Bill Shankly claim that football was more important than life or death and, while he may have been tongue in cheek, his gullible supporters believed him? It is also a far cry from the bandwagon of fashion which almost forces some to express support for some team.

Northend Thistle may not only be the worst team in Britain, they appear to have discovered something quite special. That a game is a game which they can play for the fun of it with none of the pretence of copying bigger teams. May they become the worst team in Britain. It will be something to be proud of. Mind you, there was something nice about the Scottish goal last week, especially against France.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

And Jesus began to teach them, saying "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Matthew 5:8

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Letters to the Editor



Lamlash fish farm debate

Sir,
With reference to a recent article in another Arran publication about the proposed second fish farm, I would like to make the following points.

Mr John Frederiksen, chairman of Marine Harvest, did not state as you infer that salmon farms should not be situated near runs of wild salmon. What he did say was salmon farms should not be in sea lochs, because there is less tide movement. This is well documented for more than 20 years.

Salmon returned to rivers long before fish farms were in operation. As a river fisherman for nearly 60 years I have caught salmon covered with sea lice (*lepeophtheirus salmonis*, which occurs naturally in the sea and is a parasite of wild salmon), many anglers will verify this. The article suggested that only fish farms cause this problem.

The proposed fish farm will have very little effect on ecotourism for the island. I was involved since 1961 in the development of sea angling on this island and it was regarded as a mecca for sea angling. This island had huge benefits from this tourism, and many hotels and guest houses operated a full-year business. The area proposed for the new fish farm has very strong tide movement. The late Matthew Laird operated two large charter boats for sea angling and had to use ex-RAF parachutes to slow the boat's drift. I also used a five-foot drogue for the same reason.

When Mr Houston, who owned Holy Isle, died it was gifted to the University Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW). It was for the protection of rare breeds of animals, and a marine laboratory was to be set up. One of the first projects these marine students studied was tidal movements around the island. When the tide flowed from the south entrance, it flowed out the east entrance. However, when the

tide ebbed, very little entered the bay from the east entrance, due to the strong flow going down the back of the island. The bay just seemed to empty out the south entrance. The students could not explain this phenomenon. After a number of years, UFAW had to give up the island due to cuts in grants.

The reason sea angling ceased around this island was due to removing the protected area status, from Corsewall Point to the Mull of Kintyre. This allowed large boats to fish. Before, it was only boats under 40ft and seine net only.

COAST's plan to have a no-take zone is a waste of money, and will take years to develop. It would be a better plan to have the whole bay closed and would regenerate quicker.

To date I have not seen any serious effect on our rivers due to the existing fish farm in Lamlash. We also have not seen any farmed rear fish and excessive sea lice on them.

While salmon migrate to distant waters to feed and have many hazards to overcome. Salmon boards have been paying money to stop netting around the Faroe Islands.

Sea trout remain in coastal waters and do not migrate. They go out and in our rivers to remove any lice present on them. I am quite confident that first-class management exists at the local fish farm.

Finally, I have been chairman of Arran Angling Association for 40 years and along with my committee know what is best for our rivers. I am quite sure the proposed fish farm would be beneficial to the island's economy and job creation.

Yours,
Neil C McLean,
Hopefield,
Lamlash.

Is it really a robust scientific case?

Sir,
In response to the council insider who told The Banner (page 3 last week) that Ma-

rine Harvest had presented a 'robust scientific case' for the Lamlash fish farm proposal, I would like to highlight some key issues which suggest the scientific case is not robust at all. These I found in analysing the environmental impact assessment (EIA) from Marine Harvest:

- A complete lack of integrated information on the effect of the farm on the marine environment, both short term and longer term. This farm will have 800,000 fish up to 4.5 kilos with peak biomass of 2500 tonnes being fed 5221 tonnes of feed in 22.5 months. It is ridiculous to suggest there will be no damage to the environment and the complexity of marine ecology

- No studies on the ecological effects of the four sea-lice medications on sensitive marine areas at Clachlands point and in the bay.

- There is a lack of knowledge of the sea-lice chemicals' plume effect when tidal and wind currents are a feature of the site, and the long-term effects of chemical and faecal waste on the bottom living fauna

- There is a lack of clarity over the actual feed to be used - and if this feed is from sustainable resources. If fish meal is to be substituted, what will be used, and what research in the marine environment has been done on this substitution?

- There is a lack of any specific ecological studies of numbers, seasonal variations of the seals, birds and benthic living marine mobile animals, and no seasonal plankton studies

- This is close to a SSSI (site of special scientific interest) and is important for varied reasons, all of which will be compromised by the fish farm

- The tourist industry is vital to Arran's economy, and visual amenity critical to that for the walkers, sailors, bird-watchers. An industrial site on one of the finest protected areas is unacceptable

- The EIA fails to mention

electricity delivery to the site, and surely this will be overlaid by pylon, so this site will not be serviced only from the sea as stated in the EIA

- Surveys for chemical analyses shown in the EIA, were conducted in 2002, prior to the opening of the sewage outfall pipe in the same area. So the data given is not relevant to the present situation. Will there be a health hazard with pathogens being released close to fish destined for human consumption?

- Arran people through COAST have worked to protect the maerl beds in the bay as nursery areas for fish and scallops, aiming for a no-take zone. There is hope this will soon be a reality. When this happens there will need to be scientific control sites over several years to monitor the effects of the no-take zone. Possible sites could be around Holy Island and the Dunan shore, and these would clearly also be compromised by this huge industrial site. This whole project, the first in Scotland, would be jeopardised.

- The EIA has nothing on community consultation and the economics for Arran. I understand that under the EU, a social and environmental impact assessment should be made. Where is this?

- The economic value to Arran will be minimal. There is already a shortage of labour on the island. This is a proposal for an industrial site for Marine Harvest (part of a Norwegian company Pan Fish), to maximise profit by increasing productivity, using Arran and the Firth of Clyde as an offshore profit centre. With it will come the potential for severe damage to the offshore waters and marine ecology of the Firth of Clyde.

To me as a marine ecologist, the 'robust scientific case' is like a colander, full of holes and untenable.

Yours,
Sally Campbell
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Lamlash

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He is renowned across the world music scene for the quality of his musical connection with every audience, for his awesome piping technique and for the sheer power of his individual musical expression.

Lochranza writer launches his debut children's novel

Lochranza resident Gus Smith, aka children's writer Gus Grenfell, has just had his debut children's novel published by Usborne Publishers.

The book is called *Woodenface*. Set in Pennine Yorkshire in the middle of the 17th century, it has been described as 'a compelling combination of history and folklore'.

The main character is a girl called Meg, who is a gifted woodcarver. The figures she makes give her access to magical abilities, and she is treated with suspicion in her village. Not only does she have to defend herself from witchcraft accusations, but she also has to try and rescue her father, who has been falsely accused of cloth stealing, and is about to have his head chopped off at the Halifax town gibbet!

It is the first in a planned series of three following Meg's adventures, and is aimed at the 9-13 age group. Copies are available at the Book and Card shop, and a launch event has been arranged at the Burnside Gallery on Sunday, September 22, at 2pm, which will include



Gus Smith with his new book, *Woodenface*

a brief talk, an opportunity to ask questions and book signing. There will also be wine and nibbles!

Gus also has a short story

called *Dolphins* due out soon, in *My Kind of School*, an anthology of school stories published by A & C Black. It is about a boy from an inner city

who finds himself in a small Scottish island school, and the problems he has making the adjustment.

The ideas for *Woodenface* have been with Gus since he lived in the Calderdale district of Yorkshire, before coming to Lochranza in 2001. He likes writing stories about real times and places, reflecting beliefs of the people of the period, and there is always strangeness fantasy and danger lurking beneath the surface.

He has had many short stories and poems published during the past ten years, and one adult novel (*Feather and Bone*) writing as Gus Smith. He used to be an English teacher, but opted for redundancy, to spend more time on his writing and other interests.

It will take several years for all his Yorkshire material to come to print, but, as *Dolphins* shows, he is beginning to take his inspiration from his newer environment. He is married to Lochranza weaver Tessa Smith, and there are now four generations of the family living in the Northend.

New members welcomed to Corrie SWRI

The first meeting of the Corrie SWRI session took place last Thursday, September 13, when new members from Lochranza SWRI (now defunct) were welcomed.

The secretary also welcomed Eleanor Bulger who has taken over as president in place of Brenda England who sadly resigned because of ill health.

The members were then given a very interesting and informative talk and presentation by James Smith who explained his work with 'Aims Advocacy', an independent, charitable organisation that works with vulnerable people over 16 who approach them about problems in their lives.

Seona McLaren thanked the speaker for his thought-provoking talk.

The next meeting is on October 11 when Elma Stevenson will be demonstrating 'cards' and keeping members busy making their own.

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High school news...high school news...high school news....

Rugby is back

The rugby season has started again, with Arran High fielding three teams against Belmont house on September 1. Arran's luck was mixed, with the first-year team winning its game an amazing 22-0; a fantastic start for a team that has never played for the school before. Try scorers were Scott Barbour, Neil Hunter and Ryan Rob, who were topped off by some sound kicking by Emmet McMaster, who converted two of the three tries and a penalty on top.

However, the third-year team was soundly beaten. Missing many of their prominent players, the team suffered from the outset. Only Andrew Earle managed to score for Arran in a 5-33 defeat.

The senior game was intermittent with new players certainly showing they were as good as any of the more established players. Arran played well at times, but in the end the score was 29-14 to Belmont. Arran tries came from now out of action Danny Currie and Kal Masia. Both were converted separately by Euan Evans, who retired from the pitch early due to an injury.

By Patrick McMaster, S5

University challenge

For the past month or so the pupils of S6 have been jetting

off to catch their first glimpses of life in the big wide world. Yes, the call of the big cities has tainted the souls of our young country folk! Glasgow, Stirling, Aberdeen, Dundee and Paisley to name but a few, have, of late, opened their gates to the torrent of fresh young minds.

Open days are a prime opportunity for those young whipper-snappers preparing to be flung from the nest of secondary education to have their first taste of freedom. Available to aid and abet the newcomers are a range of students experienced in subjects across the board, from accommodation to specific courses. Attendees are encouraged to participate in mock lectures, to tour the halls of residence and university site and, of course, the all important student union.

One S6 student, on returning from the Glasgow University Open Day, had this to say: 'The course at Glasgow seemed very interesting. I hope to go there, and not just for the nightlife! The open day really showed me a little bit of what life at a university would be like, I can't wait.'

With several open days still to go the story isn't finished yet, though it would seem that the open days are indeed inspiring students — let's just hope that the universities are ready for them!

By Jessica Gillson and Jamie Cleland, S6

S5 student heads for the stars

More used to fixing quads at the Balmicheal Visitor Centre, keen S5 student Patrick McMaster may soon be heading to space! Or to be more accurate, space school. Nevertheless, it will still involve a long flight and possibly even some freeze dried food, as Patrick may be heading to 'space camp' in Texas.

The scheme, set up by Careers Scotland in association with N.A.S.A, was created in a flurry of budget setbacks, with school students now solely running several important departments at the Space Agency, or so Patrick tells us anyway. The programme is helping to create an entire new generation of astro-physicists, which Patrick is only more than happy to be a part of.

Patrick has spent much of his summer writing essays on topics ranging from the effects of micro-gravity on the body to why we should return to the moon, while he was even set the task of designing a Mars Lander. When questioned on why we should invest so much money on space travel when our own planet remains such a terrible mess, Patrick said, 'Most of the money spent on space research in fact comes back here in technology used in every day appliances, so to say it's a waste of money is ridiculous.'

So what would going to space school in Texas entail for our young adventurer Paddy? 'Basically, we design a rocket, build it, and send it into the air, before landing it safely.'

Patrick has attended several seminars and workshops over the summer as part of the space scheme, the most recent of which was last week.

With all this talk of physics and space travel, we can safely say that Patrick's head remains firmly fixed on earth, with the admission that if unable to attend space camp, he will console himself with a trip to the Balmichael tearoom for an ice-cream.

By Liam Turbett, Calum Johnston and Rosie Gillies, S6

Work experience

It's been an interesting two weeks for fourth year at Arran High. Since the start of term, they've been busy preparing themselves for a week of not going to school. Instead, they've been stepping into a bigger picture of their home-island with a week of work experience.

First off, they had to fill out a number of documents explaining who they were, what they were interested in, past experiences, and so on. They were then required to make a phone call to their prospective employer.

And what a week it was. Pupils' choices were certainly

varied, ranging from the Steel-capped boots of the Arran Ranger Centre to the nostalgia of the primary schools. They got up at 7am, swapped their uniform for casual wear and got stuck in. Alas, there were some who did not managed to be placed with their first choice, but it helped them realise that not everything always goes as intended.

After the week ended, they went back to school. All involved learned a lot from our employers about how our chosen career works. And thanks must go out to the adults who supervised us and kept us in order. See you in ten years time!

John Tilbury S4



Lamlash firefighters Stuart Campbell, Paul Jameson, Neil Young, Gordon Sneddon, Peter Holmes and Gerard Tattersfield washing The Banner van. b38was1

Firefighters' car wash a success

An annual car wash in aid of injured firefighters took place last Saturday at Lamlash fire station between 10am to 2pm.

During the four hours the Lamlash crew washed

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Every Tuesday and Friday locals gather in the Lochranza Village Hall to make use of the mobile Post Office counter and enjoy a tea or coffee.

After the Lochranza shop closed two years ago the 'mobile' post office was brought in two days a week.

Villagers gather in the hall to post their mail and the hall

committee provide teas, coffees and a selection of home baking. This is the perfect opportunity for locals to meet up and catch up over a beverage.

In many ways it has become the social centre for the village giving the elderly residents a friendly place to catch up on village goings on.



Terry Crawley from Lochranza pops in to post his mail and have a quick cup of coffee. b38soc3



Peter and Sue Joiner from Florida have been holidaying in Lochranza for 11 years. They always come to the coffee mornings to catch up on local goings on. b38soc1



Ruth Cleland mans the post office counter in the village hall. b38soc2



Hall committee members Marion and Wren Gentleman hosted last Tuesday's coffee morning. b38soc4



Coffee morning regular Kate Hartley from Lochranza catching up with friends. b38soc5

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Photographic competition 2007

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On Tuesday September 10 *The Arran Banner's* 27th annual photo competition came to a close.

We have selected a number of excellent entries, which didn't quite make it to the final cut.

Further selections will be published next week from the record entry of 400 photographs.

Winners and runners up in the people/animals and places categories will be revealed in the *Banner* on Saturday October 6.

If space permits, a best of the rest will be published the following week.



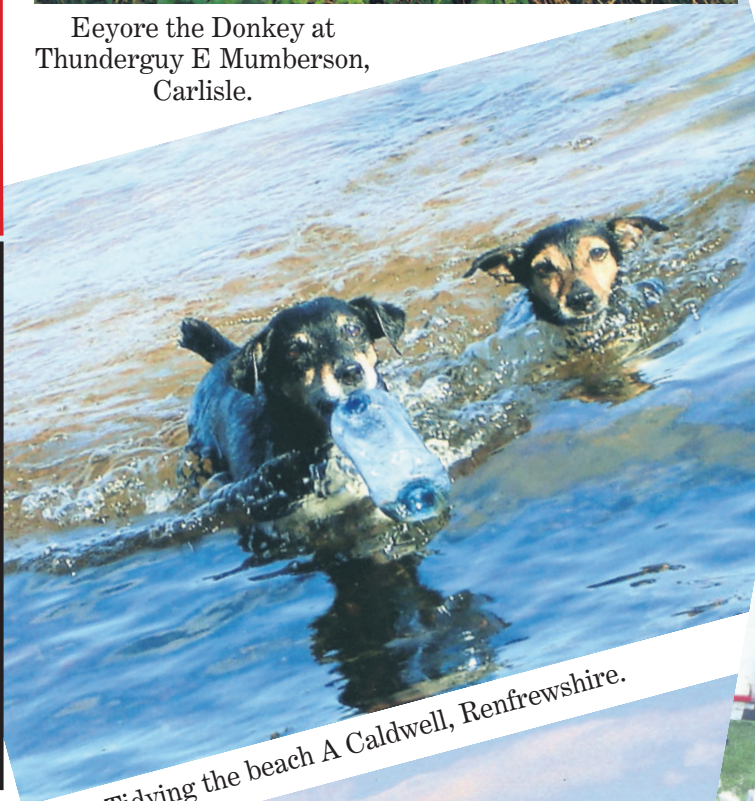
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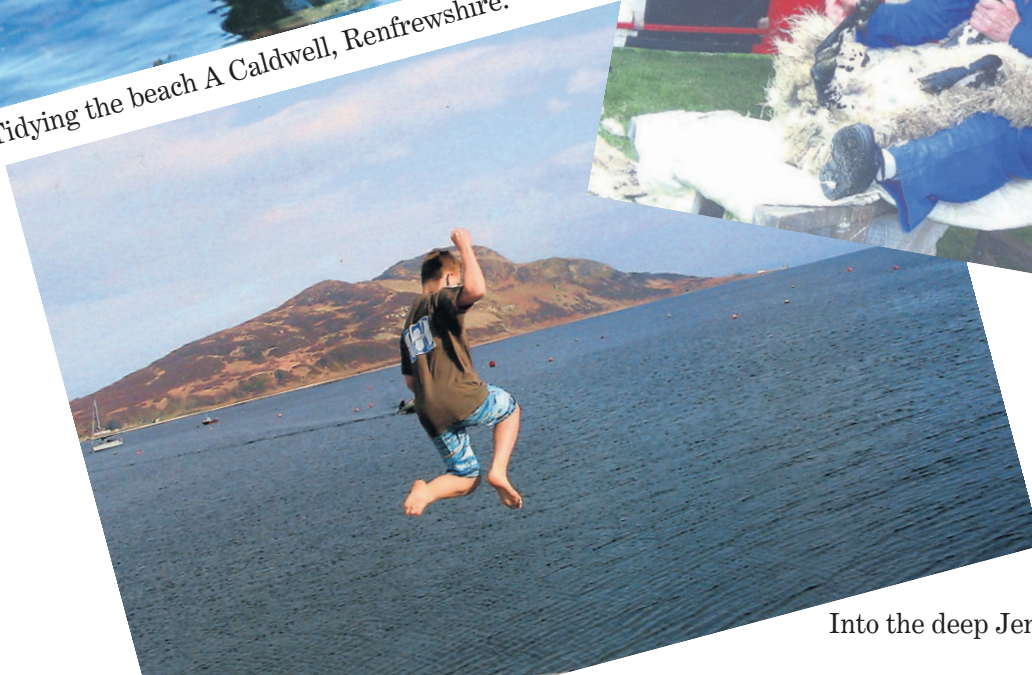
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 Sun - Open Folk Session – 9.30pm
 Tues - Pop Music Quiz – 10pm
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Real Ale (Recommended CAMRA Good Beer Guide)

McLellan Festival

Friday 21st September 2007,
 Brodick Hall, 8.00pm

Music recital: in association with Arran Music Society, the premiere of 'Confluents' by John Maxwell Geddes.

With thanks to SAC, Awards for All & The Arran Theatre & Arts Trust.

Tickets available at the Book & Card Centre, Brodick. Adults £5, children £3, Family ticket £10(2adults+2children).

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Please come and support a **coffee morning** for Macmillan Cancer Support

being held at Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church Hall
Friday 28th September
10.30am – 12 noon
Home Baking for sale




Just pulled off the road for a snack Andrew Perrie, Lamlash.



In the huff Robert Green, Blackwaterfoot.

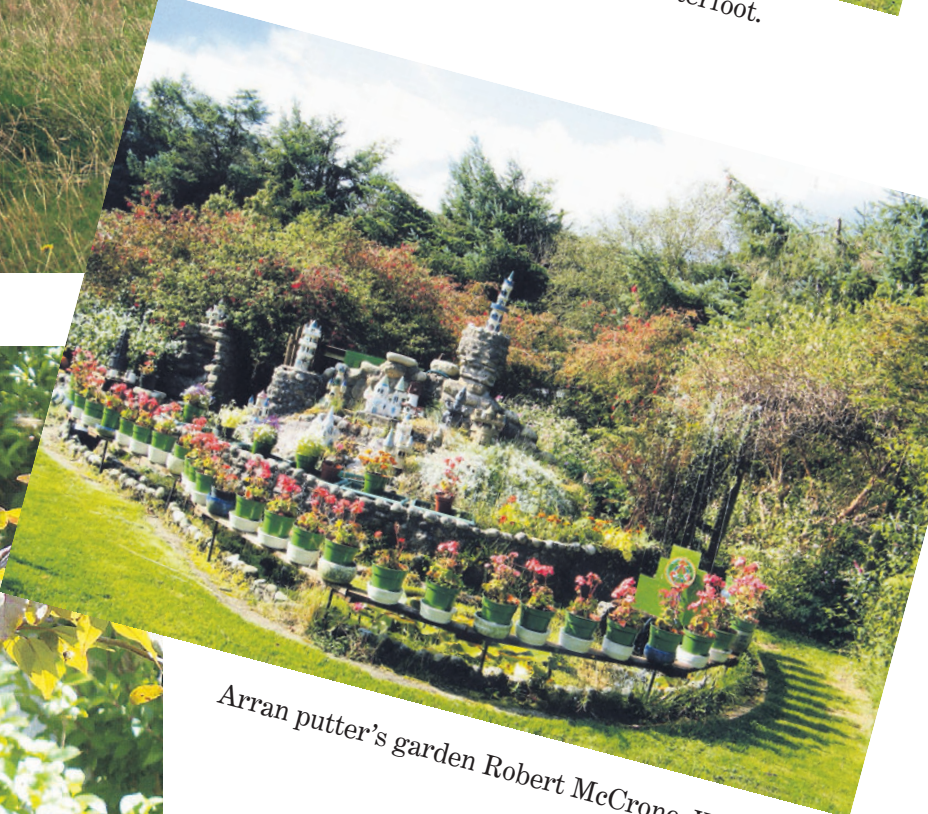
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Brodict Hall @ 12 noon
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coffee morning
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Arran residents urged to take part in outdoor festival

Organisers of the first Arran Outdoor Festival are urging locals to take part in the events as well as visitors.

Gerard Tattersfield said: 'The festival has been designed to appeal to locals as well as visitors. It gives islanders the opportunity to enjoy events they wouldn't normally take part in and to learn more about the island on which they live.'

The festival takes place during the last week in September.

On Saturday 29 enjoy a number of different mountain walks.

One will cover the three Beinns, Arran's classic horseshoe which takes around six hours to walk or join the guided walk up Arran's highest peak, Goatfell.

There will also be a themed walk over Holy Isle.

If you fancy trying something new there will be a full day of sea kayaking along Arran's beautiful coastline.

In the evening, well-known outdoor enthusi-

ast Cameron McNeish will be speaking in the Lamlash Village Hall about the importance of conserving the outdoors.

On the Sunday there will be a coastal walk to the Machrie standing stones and the King's Cave to see some of Arran's most ancient sites as well as some amazing wildlife.

And there will be more mountains to climb this time the Saddle, Sannox to Brodick, through Arran's great glens.

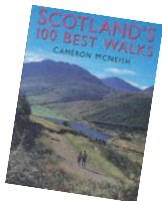
The themed walk will be to the Glenashdale Falls in Whiting Bay or if you prefer take a powerboat tour around Arran. Both are a wonderful journey of discovery and adventure.

In the evening there will be a family ceilidh in Brodick Village Hall with the Boguillie Band.

On Monday enjoy a walk to Claulchlands Point or go pony trekking at Sannox.

Most events will need to be booked in advance. For more information or to book, telephone 01770 303774 or 303776 or email brodick@visitscotland.com

Chance to win a fantastic Cameron McNeish book



To celebrate Arran's first outdoor festival *The Banner* is running a competition giving readers a chance to win a book by Scotland's leading outdoor commentator Cameron McNeish.

A copy of his fantastic 'Scotland's 100 Best Walks' and 'The Munros' are up for grabs for two lucky winners.

To enter just answer this simple question: *What*

is the name of Arran's highest mountain?

If you think you know the answer send it to *The Arran Banner*, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ or you can e-mail it to editorial@arranbanner.co.uk

Please include a contact telephone number.

The competition closes on Wednesday, September 26. Good luck!

Bird notes — by Jim Cassels

Golden eagles and wind farms do not go well together

In the June edition of the *Scottish Bird News*, the quarterly magazine of the Scottish Ornithologists' Club, there was an interesting article entitled 'Windfarms and golden eagles, the Argyll experience'.

It was interesting in that it gave details of breeding golden eagles in Argyll over an extended period of time.

The permission of the author, Mike Gregory, has been given for the use of his findings in these notes.

In his study he compared the nesting success at two sites, Beinn an Tuirc and Beinn Ghlas, areas where wind farms were developed, with those of other sites in Argyll out with the development areas.

The data, that he used, had been collected by members of the Argyll Raptor Study Group over the last 40 years on up to 29 golden eagle territories in Argyll.

These individuals were licensed by Scottish National Heritage (SNH) to visit each territory throughout each breeding season.

Meticulous records were kept. These included: whether or not the resident adult birds were present in the territory; whether or not there was an active nest; the number of eggs laid; the number of chicks hatched;



Golden eagles are disappearing around wind farms.

and the number of birds who fledged.

The Beinn an Tuirc data was compared with all other Knapdale and Kintyre sites. The Beinn Ghlas data was compared with other Argyll sites.

At the Beinn an Tuirc site the last time a chick was reared was in 1997 when survey work for the wind farm started.

Since wind farm construction work started in 2001, breeding productivity has been zero.

In both 2006 and 2007, no eggs were laid and the resident male had disappeared.

In marked contrast the remaining pairs in Knapdale and Kintyre have all bred successfully on at least one occasion during the same period since 2001, rearing 12 chicks in total.

At the Beinn Ghlas site, wind farm construction started in 1999. Since then there has been no evidence of occupation by a resident pair of eagles.

The territory appears to have been abandoned. During the same period the two adjacent pairs of eagles have each successfully reared three chicks.

There are undoubtedly lessons from this rigorous study that wind farm developers should learn. Mike Gregory concludes: 'Wind farms and golden eagles do not go well together. Extreme caution should be exercised when considering any further proposals for wind power development in raptor country.'

With our rich bird life on Arran we would do well to reflect on this Argyll experience.

Enjoy your birding.

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

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For further information, please ring Mr Ramesh Lele 850202 or Mrs Joan Schoup at 600793



Forty people gathered for a Gaelic conversation day in Lamlash on Saturday. b38gal1

Jazz is the sound of Whiting Bay

A NEW Scottish jazz band by the name of Quattro MacJazz makes its first Arran appearance tomorrow (Saturday) during the Glasgow autumn holiday weekend.

Why the unusual name? Trumpeter Lennie Herd explains:

'We had been experimenting for some time with a four-man line-up. It produces a very clean swinging sound, ideal for trad jazz classics. It's also logistically very attractive; no piano to worry about and no drums to carry!

'The band is made up of four internationally-acclaimed jazz players from Scotland, but we thought that the name The internationally-renowned jazz quartet from Scotland was just a

bit too clumsy.

'The idea for the band was discussed by clarinettist Forrie Cairns, entertainer and banjo man Alastair McDonald, and me over lunch in a Glasgow Italian restaurant. A couple of glasses of wine later, Quattro MacJazz was born!

The band have planned a warm-up gig for members of Ayr Jazz Club the night before, but their appearance at Whiting Bay Hall is their first public performance. The concert in Whiting Bay, with a fully licensed bar, starts at 8pm and tickets (£10 and £8 concession) are available from the Post Office, Whiting Bay, the Book & Card Centre, Brodick, or by e-mail from: scottishjazz@aol.com

Gaelic is the talk of Lamlash

Gaelic students from classes all over North Ayrshire and Arran gathered in Lamlash Learning Centre last Saturday for a Gaelic conversation day.

Forty people attended the day, which is organised by Annette Biggar North Ayrshire Council's Gaelic development officer.

Throughout the day the students took part in a number of different classes offered at four different levels, beginners, lower intermediate, higher

intermediate and advanced.

North Ayrshire Gaelic Forum exists to promote Gaelic language and culture in all its forms across the region and to promote the increased use of the language in everyday life.

Annette said: 'We organise courses, classes and cultural and social events to help support the development of local Gaelic groups.

'It is important to encourage co-operation and collaboration between the members.'

It's the write stuff at the castle

At the Brodick Castle Rangers' Centre recently a group of 12 quite apprehensive learners joined an Arran Visual Arts course on calligraphy or the art of fine lettering.

The group was indeed privileged to be taught by Tony Curtis who had come all the way from North Lincolnshire. Tony is a fellow and recent chairman of the Illustrious Society of Scribes and Illuminators.

He proved to be a first-class teacher as well as being a meticulous master-craftsman with tremendous enthusiasm and a lively sense of humour. His authority, skill and kind encouragement soon had every member ruling lines with needful accuracy and writing in ink with broad nib pens.

With course notes provided and a model alphabet to copy the class were soon establishing confidence with the foundation hand designed by Edward Johnston who re-established calligraphy in Britain. This basic round hand is a firm grounding for all future development using different styles.

Tony was pleased and almost astonished by the rapid success of everyone in gaining control of the pen and the accurate writing of the letters

— such was his impression of the class that he has said that he will happily return if invited. Between pen-practise Tony gave short talks about calligraphy and very instructive demonstrations of the detailed precision needed.

Such was the developing skill that class members were moved on to writing words and to thinking about and preparing the layout for the presentation of their chosen quotation that all had been asked to bring.

A coloured decorated capital letter was to be added to the piece and the class were given the necessary instruction and resources for this purpose. But time ran out so the group have arranged to stay together and to meet regularly so as to complete their project and further their development and interest.

Enthusiastic applause accompanied a very warm vote of thanks to Tony for all that he had so generously given.

Encouraged by success and aglow with the creative energy engendered by a superbly skilled mentor the group dispersed clutching their highly commendable lettering with broad smiles. Is this the beginning of 'The Scribes of Arran'?



Public Notice

Jackson Carlaw, MSP for West of Scotland

is holding a surgery at Arran Library, Brodick, on **Monday 24 September** from 2.00 – 3.30pm.

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THE WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2005 ("THE 2005 Regulations")

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Any person affected, or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the application may make representations about the application to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address: The Registry, SEPA, 5 Redwood Crescent, Peel Park, East Kilbride, G74 5PP not later than 15 December 2006, quoting reference number CAR/L/1015850.

A copy of the application may be inspected free of charge, at the above address, between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays) or by prior arrangement at the SEPA Ayr office, 31 Miller Road, Ayr, KA7 2AX, telephone number 01292 294000.

Written representations received within 28 days of this advertisement will be taken into consideration in determining the application. Any such representations will be placed in a public register unless the person making them requests that they should not be. Where such a request is made there will be included in the register a statement indicating that representations have been made which has been the subject of such a request.

The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday September 19, 1987

Want your drive done?

Well watch out if you do. A number of people on the island have nearly been conned while one or two have actually fallen prey to sharp dealers.

The Lochranza Outdoor Centre was approached last week by men who said they were working on the roads and had a quantity of tarmac left.

They offered to tarmac the whole area around the centre at one third the going rate but proprietor Hugh McKerrell smelt a rat and contacted the roads department.

Collision

A pick up truck and a dustcart collided on the road into Lochranza at 8.30am last Tuesday.

The driver of the truck was slightly hurt.

Chernobyl still affecting farming

With Chernobyl still very much in the air farmers are now able to have their sheep live-monitored on the farm and at Thursdays market sheep were on sale from both restricted Arran farms although marked as such.

In the meantime Arran Against the Bomb think monitoring sheep isn't enough and this weekend they are bringing over a radiation monitor to test for radiation wherever it may be found.

Schools come out top

HM Inspector of Schools have published the results of inspections on a further 46 Scottish schools.

This includes two on Arran, Kilmory and Shiskine primaries.

Both reports are glowing over all areas of the school's work and covers organisation, teaching, language skills, number skills and the 'overall learning experience.'

Annual vintage rally

The East Ayrshire Car Club's usual display of elegant cars was somewhat depleted this year either due to the lateness of the season or another competing vintage event.

Still their was an interesting mix with a few newcomers, including a very posh Humber, several perky little Austin Sevens and a mini bus from about the early 40s.



Tom Pate with his 1928 Morris Oxford and Johnathon Harrison of Brodick who was casting admiring glances at the gleaming bodywork. b38twe3



'Spud' McKinnie grimaces as he lets in a goal during the champions v Arran Select annual game. b37twe1

Death of a well-known face

The death occurred last Sunday of Mr Hamish Hume who was well known as the purser on the ferry for many years.

Mr Hume who died of a heart attack had just returned from holiday the day before and was due to rejoin the ferry shortly.

From Thurso originally he joined the railways in 1943 and the Caledonian Steam packed Company in 1959.

Announcement

Nicol/Currie: Bus for guests for the Nicol/Currie Wedding leaves Gordons, Lamlash at 7.30pm and Co-op Brodick at 7.45pm on Saturday September 19. Returning after the dance.



Married in Corrie Church were Lesley, eldest daughter of Audrey and Brian Allsop of Sannox to Kenneth, son of Mr and Mrs R Cameron from east Kilbride. b38twe2

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Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick 10.30am - 4.30pm
Lamlash Tennis Courts
 Open from 10am - 8pm

SATURDAY 22nd 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
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

Annual Fete
 Kilmory Hall, 2pm

A History of Kildonan in Pictures
 Kildonan Hall 11am - 1pm & 2pm - 4pm
Exhibition of Work by SWRI - "Let's Go Green"
 Kildonan Hall 11am - 1pm & 2pm - 4pm

Coffee Morning
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm. Usual stalls

Bingo
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm

Live Music "The Newsband"
 Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9.30pm



SUNDAY 23rd 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
Lamlash Bowling, 2pm

A History of Kildonan in Pictures
 Kildonan Hall 11am - 1pm & 2pm - 4pm
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MONDAY 24th 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)
Badminton,
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Quiz,
 Cameronia 9.30pm
Weightwise,
 Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm
Cardiac Rehab,
 Auchrannie Gym, 12.30pm - 2pm
Circuit Training,
 Auchrannie Gym 6pm - 7.15pm
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
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, 6pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club
 Rink Game, 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club
 Rink Game, 6.30pm
Salsa Dancercise
 Shiskine Hall. 6.30 - 7.15pm

TUESDAY 25th 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
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
Pulmonary Rehab
 Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm



Table Tennis
 Kildonan Hall, 6pm-8pm

WEDNESDAY 26th 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 - 10.30am
Circuit Training,
 Auchrannie 6pm

Arran Heritage Museum,
 archives and genealogy 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm



Brodick Bowling Club
 Rink Game 2.15pm

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
Shiskine Beavers
 Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm

Yogalates
 Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am

Ladies Darts AGM
 Drift Inn, 7.30pm

THURSDAY 27th September

Senior Fitness,
 Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
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
 Auchrannie, 12.45
Outdoor run,
 Auchrannie, 6pm
Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 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
Brodick Embroidery Group
 Brodick Library, 7.30pm

Cardiac Rehab,
 Auchrannie Gym, 12.30pm - 2pm

FRIDAY 28th 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

Circuit Training
 Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7.15pm

Coffee Morning
 Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church Hall, 10.30am

Coffee Morning
 Lochranza 7 Catacol Village Hall, 10.3am - 12pm

SATURDAY 29th September

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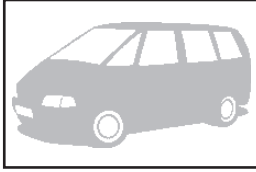




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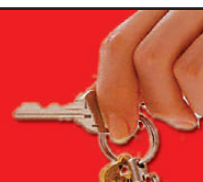
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Lovingly remembered, Katie my daughter, Sister, sister in law and aunt.
Died 22nd September 1990, also my husband, devoted father and grandfather, Tony Died 7th November 1991
"The years go by but precious memories remain"
Mum, Roderick, Nina and family

Alan and Pat de Maid Memorial
A Service will be held at Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland, Sandbraes, Whiting Bay, on Sunday October 7th at 10.30 am to include a short memorial to celebrate the lives of Alan and Pat de Maid who sadly passed away earlier this year. After the service the de Maid family invite you back to Carrick View, Kings Cross
Please R.S.V.P. to williamfernie@aol.com or 12 Oaklands, Kemnal Rd, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 6LZ

CHURCH NEWS

Church of Scotland

North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill 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 23 September Brodick Church 10.30am. Corrie noon. Lochranza 9.30am Pirmill 10.45am. Shiskine noon.

A service of worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.45pm.

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 23 September Shiskine 11am, Brodick 7pm, Rev David Karoon All welcome.

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 23 September Worship will be conducted by the Church Worship Group at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service. Please stay and enjoy more fellowship. All most welcome

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kilmory Parish Church

Sunday 23 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 16 September 11am Holy Communion.

Coffee after service. Wednesday, 19 September 12.15 pm, Holy Communion. All welcome

Lamlash Church

Sunday 23 September You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 11 am. Mr Alan Saunderson All welcome

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 23 September Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick Evening Service, 7pm 5 Glen Road Prayer Meeting Wednesday 26th, 7pm Rev. D. Macleod All welcome

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 23 September in the Ormidale Pavilion, 10.45 Communion Tea and coffee from 11.10 11.30 Worship Service 'Progress in Purpose' Philippians 3: 12-16 Speaker: Rev Kenneth McNeish Everyone very welcome

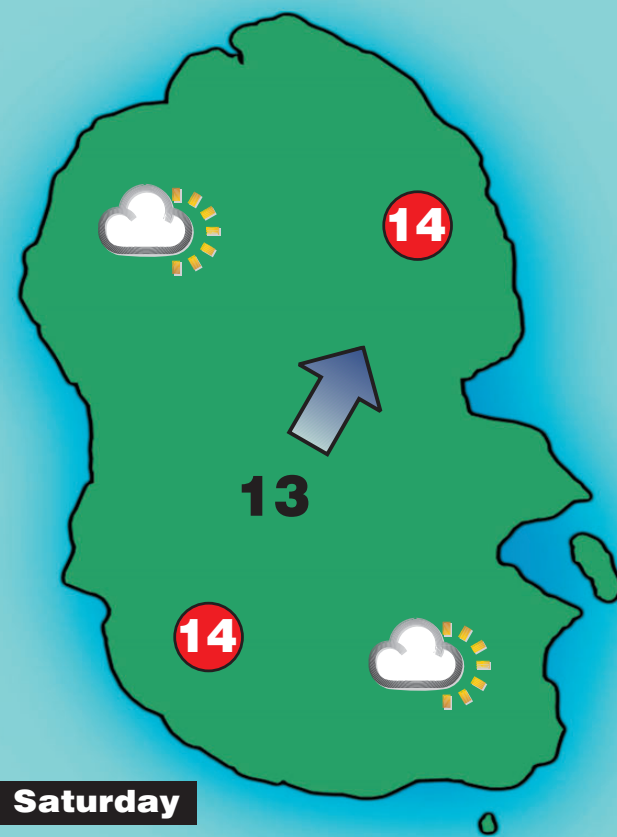
Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, September 22 2007** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	0138	1.2	0732	2.4	1355	1.4	2022	2.6
Sun	0251	0.9	0915	2.6	1502	1.1	2141	2.8
Mon	0340	0.6	1020	2.8	1549	0.9	2232	3.1
Tues	0422	0.3	1105	3.0	1632	0.7	2317	3.2
Wed	0501	0.1	1148	3.1	1712	0.5	2259	3.4
Thur	0539	0.0	1225	3.2	1752	0.3	****	**
Fri	0039	3.5	0617	0.0	1301	3.2	1830	0.3

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Lamlash)

Blackwaterfoot	+0.25	Machrie	+0.25
Corrie	+0.20	Lochranza	+0.15
Whiting Bay	-0.02	Brodick Bay	+0.25
Kildonan	-0.05		



Saturday

Saturday, September 22

Sunny intervals to be expected with a moderate south, south-westerly wind.

Temperature 14°C.

Sunday, September 23

Light rain is expected but winds and temperatures similar to Saturday.

Monday and Tuesday

Light showers with strong south-westerly wind. Temperatures around 13°C

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate
Claonaig/ Lochranza - Moderate

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Sannox end season on seven-wicket win

On a day that would have seen the going being described as heavy, when only intrepid golfers would have ventured forth and then only with waterproofs and brollies, and even rugby matches would have been cancelled, Sannox, Scotland's most ambitious village cricket team, took to the field for the last friendly of the season against Greenock club Morton.

Their was a hint of madness in the air but the visitors having

come so far seemed determined to play on this the second day and match of their tour. With standing water on most of the five wickets and heavy rain steadily falling, the least unsuitable strip was decided upon and the captains went to the toss for a limited over 20/20 match. Morton won and almost suicide-ally opted to bat.

Turton and Hogg sloshed to the stumps, Turton seeming with serious intent slash-

ing wildly for his five before Jonathan May yorked him centre stump. Hogg never looked comfortable and was LBW to Tony Brookes. Belton and Grigg also fell bowled to Brookes. Forbes at number four dug in and remained not out at the end.

Inspired captaincy saw Chris Marriott brought on as a bowling change and he saw off Mather and Ransey in the same over. Morton were in trouble at

26 for six after 14 overs. But Morton splashed, paddled and struggled their way to 59 for 8 after their 20 overs. Alluding to the conditions one was heard to observe 'it was a defensible total'.

The rain had eased slightly as Pomeroy and Hackett took to the field for Sannox. The ask of three and over was already exceeded by the third over with Sannox on 16 for no loss after some aggressive Hackett

stroke play. But Hackett tried to run a Pomeroy edge leaving himself short and was run out from an accurate throw from fine leg. Jonathan May put on two before being caught behind off a sharply rising ball and Pomeroy was bowled for 11.

Chris Marriott and Tony Brookes knuckled down and pressed on the Sannox advantage. Brookes hit two fine sixes one over mid wicket and another back over the bowler's

head back to the cemetery end and the total steadily increased. By the 14th over the score was 54 for three with wickets in hand. A couple of singles and a four finished it for the host team and both sides repaired to the Ormidale to dry out. This concludes the Sannox season. Indoor practise will start on Monday, November 5, in the Auchrannie. All newcomers welcome. Phone 600 287 for more details.

Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf... Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf... Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...

Delight for Andrew McCrindle as he repeats cup win of two years ago

Saturday September 8 was the new date for the McKinnie Cup with 12 entries this year, the lowest so far.

First off were Scott (driven by Nicol) Jim and Kate. A husband and wife pairing, Kate was heard to say before she went out 'Jim when we are on the course don't tell me how to play'.

Which surprised them all as Jim does not know how to play; he is the only man on Arran with 13 rescue clubs and a rescue putter in his bag.

Next to go were Nicol (winner 2004), Fiona and Jane-another married pairing.

Nicol did an excellent job reminiscent of One Man & His Dog, he kept the girls close to his side at all times.

Following this game was Len (winner 2006) Isobel and Iain MacDonald junior (winner 2003).

Iain showed an early promise until his Mum (Brodict Lady Champion 1995 and 2007) started telling him to slow down his back swing.

Last out were Andy McCrindle (winner 2005) Rosie and Donald.

The shot of the day came from Rosie at the 10th when she managed to hit a cocker spaniel — this is one way of reducing the number of dogs on the course, but the dog was fine and it was the best two balls Rosie hit all day!

The best laugh happened at the 16th when a barbecue had been organised by Freddie and bean-burgers, strawberries, drink & flowers for the ladies.

By the time they retired to the clubhouse the midges were out in force.

The cards were counted and it was close this year in third was Nicol, second was Iain and in first place for the second time was captain Andrew McCrindle with 39 points.

Isobel was the lady winner and was presented with an M&S green jacket, which was worn with caution. When Andy put on his green jacket the pair looked like the well-known entertainers the Krankies.

Auntie Jean presented the prizes wonderfully and eventually Andy filled the cup with most refreshing G&T with a straw for Jim.

There followed a most enjoyable social evening with a wonderful firework display in nearby Stevenston courtesy of Ici McKinnie.

Next year Lottery funding has enabled us



Andrew McCrindle with Isabel McDonald winners of the Gents and Ladies McKinnie Cups.

to have the golf on the Sunday following the Highland Games.

Applications are now closed but letters

detailing family trees and connections to McKinnies will be accepted up to 12.30pm Sunday, August 10, 2008.

Brodict Golf Club

Wednesday winter sweep starts on September 26. Meet at 11.45am for draw, tee off at noon. All welcome.

Ladies: Tuesday September 11, Second September Medal, 12 entries, SSS 67 CSS 67.

Silver 1 P Adamson (16) 67BIH, 2 S Anderson (13) 67.

Bronze 1 T Martin (30) 70, 2 K Kitson (22) 71. Scratch S Anderson 80.

Summer Cup September 12, CSS 64, 56 played. 1 Gordon Hendry (13) 60 BIH, 2 Russell Duncan (9) 60, 3 Matthew Keir (11) 61 BIH. Scratch Jamie Duncan 66.

There were 13 magic twos, Russell and Jamie Duncan getting two each.

Merchants Trophy: winners Keith Aitken and Terry Raeside. Runners up Jamie Duncan and Gus Robertson.

Juniors: Tuesday September 11, MacGillivray Rose Bowl. 1 Gavin Dunn 84-25=59, 2 Euan Smith 91-24=67.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday, September 12. Ten played in the Wednesday medal. SSS 63, CSS 64. 1 Nicol Auld (2) 62, 2 Graeme Crichton (18) 66, 3 Tom Roberts (23) BIH. Scratch was won by Nicol Auld with 64 and the only magic 2 was scored by Gus Macleod. The Bannatyne Cup due to be played on Sunday was postponed due to the heavy rain. Well done to Fraser Peebles on beating Danny Head by 3 and 2 to lift this year's junior club championship.

Fixtures: Sunday 23, captain's prize (Stableford). One draw at 11am.

Sunday 30, Bannatyne Cup. (Please note new dates for the above competitions.)

Shiskine Golf Club

Arran Golfers Association Senior's handicap, September 15.

The event was played from the yellow tees over 12 holes.

The association thanks Shiskine for the courtesy of the course, which was in excellent condition.

Played in dry conditions with a stiff breeze off the Kilbrannan sound making some of the holes a bit tricky.

Sixteen Gents competed and the average age was 63.99.

Five magic twos, Bob Hastings at the 10th, Neil Mitchell at the 4th, Joe Rae at the 10th, Brian Sherwood at the 7th and Alistair MacDonald at the 11th.

Scratch Terry Reside with a 44. First Terry Reside 44-6-38. Second Allan Smith 51-11-40. Third, Joe Rae 52-11=41 BIH over B Sherwood and C Laing.

Prize for the eldest competitor went to Peter Emsley who won the competition at Brodict in 1998 and 2004.

The next association event is the final of the Arran Grouse scheduled for Saturday, October 27, at Machrie Bay from 11am.

12-Hole medal September 13, first class 1 Fiona Crawford 49-6=43, 2 Jenni Turnbull 55-11=44, second class, 1 Jacqui Rankin 69-19 = 50, 2 Sally Brookes 68-13=55.

Best scratch Fiona 49. 18-hole medal September 16, 1 W Kelso 73-5=68, 2 A Napier 75-5=70, 3 D K Henderson 78-6=72.

Best scratch and magic two's go to W Kelso 73.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies medal September 12. 1 Morag Gardner 80-18=62, 2 Pat McDonald 84-17=67. Scratch winner M Gardner.

Summer Cup September 13, 21 played, CSS 64. 1 Stuart Campbell, 69-9=60, 2 Dougie MacFarlane 65-1=64, BIH, 3 Martin Wallbank 82-18=64. Best scratch Dougie MacFarlane 65. Magic twos Matthew Evans at the 7th and Dougie MacFarlane at the 16th.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday September 11, 1 Alan Jeffrey 61, 2 David Wilkinson 65 BIH, 3 Ian Buchanan 65. Scratch Alan Jeffrey 67. Magic twos from Drew Crawford.

Fixtures: Tuesday September 25, medal tee off 12.30.

Tuesday October 2, start of Winter Cup, noon tee off.

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Youngsters defeat Kilmarnock Arran rugby on three fronts

Seniors go down fighting on Mull

As Rugby World Cup fervour increases Arran Rugby Club is ensuring fans have a veritable feast of games to follow from their own doorstep.

Last weekend there were three different matches taking place home and away.

On Saturday the seniors travelled to the Isle of Mull to take on the local team.

Mull is currently top of division three after three significant wins.

Despite having only 13 players, Arran played very well.

Two tries, one from Ben Tattersfield and one from Murray Picken gave Arran a respectable ten points.

However, with only 13 men it was never going to be easy and in the end they were defeated 41-10.

Not to be dismayed though, Murray said his team all played very well and they are hoping to notch up another home win next weekend when they play Bishopton.

Saturday September 22 is Arran's next home game against Bishopton. Kick off is at 2.30pm. Please come along and support the club.

On Sunday Arran S1/3 played against Kilmarnock S1/3.

Kilmarnock arrived with 23 players but one had to go to hospital on disembarkation.

Unfortunately he had taken a tumble on the ferry crossing.

Thankfully the head injury was not too serious and he returned to watch the game.

The game started with only 13 Arran players but by half time the number rose to 15 (as McMaster and on time do not go in the same sentence.)

The weather was atrocious and probably could not have been any wetter.

This did not prevent the boys from producing a good running game of rugby and Arran scored two tries early on.

Kilmarnock pulled their soggy socks up and scored their first try before half time

Score line Arran 15 Kilmarnock 7.

After half time Kilmarnock played an attacking game but Arran defence was very strong.

There were some amazing tackles by both teams

but some of Liam Boal's were very powerful
 More tries were scored with a final score of Arran 21 Kilmarnock 14.

Bert Ramage, coach and referee for the day said: 'This was some of the best rugby and sportsmanship I have had the pleasure of refereeing at this age group.'

'Thank you to all the parents and supporters who contributed to a successful afternoon.'

S1/S2 team: Sam Tattersfield, Robert Taylor, Euan Bulger, Jack Barbour, Ryan Robb Scott Currie, Charlie Currie, Finlay Sillars, Liam Boal, Stuart McMaster, Ryan Boal, Andrew Earle, Emmet McMaster, Kieran McMaster and Neil Hunter.

On Sunday seven brave girls from Arran Rugby Club headed off to Kilmarnock in the horrible wet conditions.

On arrival at the training grounds it seemed soggy and uninviting but as they met the other girls from Ayr and Kilmarnock spirits were lifted and the weather wasn't going to stop them from having fun at their first training day.

The coaching session of 25 girls involved tackling, passing, rucking and ended in a rough game, where Kirsty MacBain put in a spectacular tackle leaving a girl from Ayr with a very sore neck.

Hazel Ramage managed to get her head squashed between the ground and one of the other girl's hipbones which left her rather dizzy and dazed but wouldn't give up.

A big well done to Lynn Ramage, Amie Latona and Libby Raeburn who were the youngest at the session being just thirteen but proved to be just as committed and involved in the training.

Other participants were Shauna Jamieson and Jenna Wood who have been left with some impressive bruises and some new skills to show off.

All the girls feel it was very worthwhile.

The girls train every Wednesday at the same time as the senior rugby team and are hoping to get many more opportunities to play on the mainland.

Special thanks to Bert and Janet Ramage for organising and accompanying the girls on the day.



The victorious S1/S2 rugby team after their win over Kilmarnock.



Arran Seniors at Garmony Park, Isle of Mull were a depleted squad went down by 41 points to 10.



The S1/S2 boys played very well against Kilmarnock despite the wet weather.

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The girls preparing for their training session in Kilmarnock.

Senior badminton begins again

The senior badminton club recommences on Friday October 5 at 2pm.

It will take place in the Auchrannie Spa Sports Hall and will continue every Friday afternoon for ten weeks until the Christmas break.

Everybody (50+ or thereabouts) is welcome.



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