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More care for elderly

Council prepares for rise in number of pensioners

A largescale change in care for the elderly on Arran is being undertaken by the local authority.

An inevitable increase in the population of pensioners on the island has prompted a new initiative from North Ayrshire Council.

Now a review of older people's services on the island has been carried out by NAC and NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

The review looked at current services against a projected rise in the number of people of pensionable age on Arran. A rise of 12.12 percent from 2006 to 2016 will be followed by an even bigger increase of 31 percent by 2031.

A plan to meet this rise was approved by the council's executive committee last week.

The council's social services will establish a 24-hour mobile response service to provide prompt action and help to prevent hospital admission, provide a range of intermediate care and rehabilitation services and provide better transport for day care services, such as a replacement for the 15-seater minibus now no longer suitable.

Day hospital

Among other areas to be reviewed are provision of day hospital facilities and provision of a more effective service for those with hearing problems.

Responses to the action plan were wide-ranging and constructive.

For instance, people wanted to see more buses suitable for older people and wheelchair users. The most popular improvement was the need for a dial-a-bus service on Arran.

Councillor Peter McNamara, the council's executive member responsible for services to adults and the elderly, said: 'This review has certainly given us a comprehensive picture of the needs of the elderly on Arran, now and in the future.'

'We want to give older people the confidence and assurance they need to live safe, secure and dignified lives in their homes and their communities.'

'They need to feel that if they require skilled or urgent help it will never be far away. We will work hard with our partners, our carers and communities to meet these aspirations.'



The 70th birthday celebration party of Lamlash Church Guild with president Vivienne Haigh, seated, and from left, Morag Campbell, vice-president, Margaret Fowler, secretary and Mary MacKenzie, treasurer. 02_b38chu01

Tea party celebrates 70 years of guild

The ladies of Lamlash Church Guild celebrated the guild's 70th birthday with a tea party in the church hall last Tuesday.

Secretary Margaret Fowler read the minutes of the first meeting, held in St George's Church hall in January 1939. Later that same year, after war broke out, a fortnightly work party was set

up to knit items for HM Forces and women evacuees living on the island were invited to attend. Minutes for December 5 1944 show that meetings were held in St George's hall, but they moved to Lamlash Church hall, in 1948 when the two congregations joined with one minister. Margaret said: 'The present

guild meets fortnightly from the end of October to the end of March and is no longer restricted to women, though to date men have been rather reluctant to come along! Meetings consist of a short devotional opening, a speaker and a cup of tea and chat. A warm welcome is extended to all.'

You better believe it!

Richard Wilson is an accomplished Shakespearian actor but he is probably best known for his portrayal of the grumpy old man Victor Meldrew with the catchphrase; 'I do not believe it!' in the popular television series One Foot in the Grave.

What few people would know is that Arran is his favourite holiday destination.

The Daily Telegraph has a Saturday travel section and one of the regular features has celebrities sharing their holiday experiences.

Last Saturday it was Richard Wilson's turn and to answer the question: 'Which was your best holiday?' Richard said: 'I've got very fond memories of family holidays on the Isle of Arran. We used to go to a little hotel in Glen Sannox whose proprietor Peggy was like an auntie to me.'

Paddling

'I had wonderful times there and one of my chum's parents would go to Arran too. We'd end up cycling, walking and occasionally paddling in the very cold sea. Sometimes I'd go out for the day with Peggy's husband who was a shepherd.'

Farmer James McKinnon of North Sannox Farm told the Banner: 'Peggy was my mother. She and my father Gibby ran the Ingledene Hotel from 1938 to 1970 while my dad farmed North Sannox. I well remember Richard Wilson, his real name was Iain, not Richard, but I haven't seen him for more than 50 years.'

'He came here on holiday with his parents Johnnie and Effie for years. Johnnie was a foreman in the Govan shipyards and used to joke that he came to walk the hills with my father and get away from the smoky and drinking atmosphere of the shipyards. I've been asked by various people to get in touch with Richard, so I might try again.'



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Woman fined £150 for causing a disturbance

A Lamlash woman who caused a disturbance outside a local hotel has been fined £150.

June Shankland, 44, admitted disorderly conduct, shouting, swearing, threatening others and breach of the peace at the Aldersyde Hotel last October.

Her not guilty pleas to riotous behaviour and a separate breach of the peace at the hotel were accepted at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

Sentence had been deferred for good behaviour. Shankland, of Aldersyde Cottage, also admitted separate charges of obstruction and resisting arrest while on bail, relating to her drunken behaviour at Arran War Memorial Hospital in June.

The court heard she shouted and swore at three nurses after pretending she was ill, keeping them from treating a genuinely sick patient.

Shankland then struggled with police as they tried to handcuff her at the scene. She had been drinking on the day of the offences and was undergoing a detox programme, the court heard.

Sentence for the latest charges was deferred for good behaviour.

Shankland, who had four previous convictions, served two years residential training after being convicted of a double assault and breach of the peace at Alloa Sheriff Court in 1981.



Smudge gets into training for her sponsored stick-fetch.

Theft from car

A number of items were stolen from a car that had been parked across from the Pierhead Tavern in Lamlash for two weeks between August 21 and September 4.

Police are appealing for witnesses. Meanwhile, the window wipers were stolen from a car parked at Smiddy Brae in Whiting Bay at some point between 10.30pm on Thursday September 10 and 1.30pm the next day.

Police are appealing for any information that may help lead to the culprit.

Smudge will stick to raising cash for school

An Arran dog will be chasing sticks for money next week.

Smudge is a 12-month-old German Wire-Haired Pointer and her owners George and Mairi Christie will be taking her down to the beach on Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on the tides.

Mairi said: 'Smudge loves the sea. She is going to do sponsored stick-fetching for the children of James

McFarlane School in Ardrossan.'

The Ardrossan school opened in 1988 and is purpose-built for pupils from North Ayrshire and Arran with complex additional support needs. They have severe and complex difficulties including autism spectrum disorders, often with challenging behaviour and multiple disabilities.

Smudge, George and Mairi are running this sponsored stick-fetch on

behalf of Arran Rotary Club and in co-ordination with the Largs Rotary members. The enthusiastic dog will collect a stick for each of the 24 children in the school to help furnish a soft room for the youngsters.

A soft room helps the children to be free from a wheelchair for a time and get therapy from music, sounds and lighting.

Mairi said: 'Smudge is hoping to

do her swimming marathon next Wednesday at 11am in Brodick if it is not too stormy. She likes it stormy but it would not be safe. She looks forward to raising a lot of money.'

Readers will be familiar with Smudge who is usually seen waiting outside Bilslands or the Old Pier Café in Lamlash with her pal Bracken, a large Bernese Mountain dog.

Breach of the peace charge

A Kilmory man has been charged with brandishing a bottle and terrifying witnesses.

Brodie Bonar, 20, is accused of trying to get into a house in Torrylinn Place, acting aggres-

sively and placing others in fear and alarm in April. Bonar, of Torrylinn Farm Cottage, denied breach of the peace at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court and faces trial in November.

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Accused admits driving without due care and crashing tender into wall

A fireman from Corriecravie was cleared of drink driving after claiming he polished off a bottle of vodka after crashing his fire engine.

Alistair Linton, 50, returned the badly damaged tender to its garage without telling colleagues after crashing it into a wall.

Vodka

He said he then took a bottle of vodka to the Corriecravie shore and drank it with his dog sitting beside him.

Police later found Linton staggering along the road and arrested him after he tested more than double the drink drive limit.

Firefighter cleared of drink driving

But at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court he was cleared of drink driving after Sheriff Seth Ireland accepted his story.

Linton, an antiques dealer of Ashgrove, Corriecravie, admitted driving without due care and attention, hitting a wall and damaging the fire engine. He was given four penalty points and admonished for the offence in May 2008.

His not guilty pleas to taking the engine without consent and driving without insurance were

accepted.

Linton said the crash happened at about 3.30pm after he grounded the engine on a stone on a farm track, damaging the steering.

He then returned it to its garage and went to the shore to drink the vodka.

Alarm

Colleagues found the damaged engine and a farmer raised the alarm after spotting tyre marks at the crash scene.

Linton was picked up by

police at 6.30pm and failed an initial breath test. He was taken to Lamlash police office where by 8.30pm he was still two-and-a-half times over the limit.

His defence lawyer Gordon Ghee ordered a medical report from expert Dr Paul Skett of Glasgow University. The report analysed Linton's blood alcohol levels and concluded he had started drinking after the incident.

Linton resigned from his

post as retained firefighter with Strathclyde Fire and Rescue after being charged.

He said after the case: 'I did damage the fire engine and continued driving, which I shouldn't have. I then bought a bottle of vodka after I finished duty and drowned my sorrows.'

Trouble

'My business was in trouble and my partner had had a stroke. I told the police I had only started drinking after I

finished work but they didn't believe me.'

Linton's lawyer, Gordon Ghee, said it was the first case of its kind he had come across.

Mr Ghee added: 'I was delighted the sheriff accepted his defence of having been drinking after the event. The case involving a fire engine was a very unusual one, so unusual it almost had to be true. You couldn't make up a story like that.'

Health consultation under way

A public consultation into local health care has entered its second month and the strategy team will be returning to Arran on Wednesday 23 September at 7pm in Brodick Hall.

The team from the project, 'Your health - we're in it together', have been criss-crossing Ayrshire, talking to people about the future of local health care in the community.

The term Primary Care describes all those health services that play a central role in the local community, acting as a first port of call for a wide and varied range of ailments and common conditions - for example, GPs and dentists as well as community nurses and the allied health professions such as physiotherapists.

The draft strategy includes a range of recommendations for the future of local health care, focusing in particular on: Transforming community relationships, providing patients and professionals with better information, improving health, greater consistency in the healthcare, improving the quality of services and delivering more care in community settings.



Andrew Smith (left) and Sherie Walker (right) of Altachorvie Country House with Tim Keen, secretary of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team. 01_b38mrt01

Vital donations to mountain rescue team

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team received a significant donation from the managers at Altachorvie Country House in Lamlash last week.

Andrew Smith and Sherie Walker presented Tim Keen, secretary of the rescue service, with a cheque for £150 raised through its annual donations.

Tim thanked the pair for the contribution and said that it would be used to buy important equipment to help the team carry out searches on the hillside.

Walk

Walking tour operator HF Holidays, the owner of Altachorvie, support all local mountain rescue and air ambulance teams in areas where its guests walk.

Sherie said: 'HF Holidays is also committed to the natural environment and donates also through its Pathways fund to worthwhile countryside projects like the Arran Access Trust.'

Altachorvie has been in the hands of HF Holidays since 1924 and groups of up to 15 can be seen enjoying the glens, the ridges and coastal routes that Arran has to offer.

'Eight members make up our team at Altachorvie, recruited mainly from Lamlash and Brodick, with three in the kitchen and five general assistants,' said Sherie.

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Goldie and Lardner back '3Rs' for Arran

Arran's Conservative candidate for Westminster met with Annabel Goldie, the leader of the Scottish party, last week to discuss the way forward for education at the island's secondary school in Lamash.

The Scottish Conservatives held a conference on education in Edinburgh last week, but due to his own commitments as a primary teacher Philip Lardner had to catch up with the Scottish Tory leader on a one-to-one basis.

Mr Lardner said: 'As a teacher myself, I know how important it is to get across common sense views to the people influencing policy.'

'Annabel was keen to hear of my own experiences and the views of parents, as well as keeping me up to date with the ideas presented at the conference.'

The Conservatives argue that improving reading, writing and arithmetic should be the number one educational priority, and a recent YouGov poll has shown that the overwhelming majority of people in Scotland see improvement in the '3Rs' as far more important than lowering class sizes.

'Seventy-six per cent of those asked chose improving standards of reading writing and arithmetic as their top priority,' said Philip. 'This was opposed to 16 per cent who thought it should be lowering class sizes for under sevens to a maximum of 18 children.'

'It doesn't always have to cost more money to improve education - concentrating on the right priorities is the key.'



Youngsters from Brodick Nursery enjoyed a day out to the Clan Horse farm park in Kildonan.

For the children at Brodick Nursery the visit to Clan Horse Farm Park was a chance to get up close to some animals.



Brodick Nursery enjoys a day on the farm

Youngsters from Brodick Nursery enjoyed a day out to the Clan Horse farm park in Kildonan recently.

Vicki Yuill of the NAC Children's Outreach Services, said: 'We like to get out and about with the children.'

'It is important that learning also takes place outwith the nursery environment and that young children get the opportunity for such experiences.'

This was the group's first trip to the farm park they certainly had lots of fun.

Facts

Karen Augier made them very welcome and gave the children lots of interesting facts and information on all the animals.

'It was a great hands on experience which allowed the children very close contact with some of the animals in a safe environment,' said Vicki.

Following their feedback the favourites with the children were the goats and donkeys. The nursery would like to thank Karen and Lewis for looking after them so well and remind people that there is still time for a visit before the weather deteriorates completely.

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25TH - 27th September

Friday 25th September 2-3.30pm, Shiskine Primary School
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Saturday 26th September 11am - 1pm, Shiskine Primary School

Display of photos, memories & extracts from log books; wander around school and playground; morning coffee; Homecoming certificates available from VisitScotland rep; Shiskine Valley presentation by Charles Currie; meet up with former classmates, members of staff and locals.

11am - 2pm St Molios' Church, Shiskine

Have a look around the building; browse through cradle rolls which are on display; display of photos; update on the Clachan Church project by Jack Murchie; soup & sandwiches.

7.30 - 9.30pm, Shiskine Hall, Shiskine

Homecoming Quiz with quizmaster, Charles Currie. Cheese & wine and raffle. £4 adults, £3 child, £10 family.

Sunday 27th September 12 noon St Molios' Church, Shiskine

'Back to Church Sunday'. An all age Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Service. Soup & sandwiches after service.

All are welcome to the above events. We hope this will be an exciting time for everyone with an interest in Shiskine to meet up and share memories. Let's make it a weekend for young and old to remember.

Music, art and dance festival comes to Corrie

Next Friday heralds the start of a three-day festival of music, art, dance and sound healing in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall.

WeeMAD is described as an evolving mini-fest and from Friday September 25 to Sunday 27 September, home-coming

artist Clare Galloway will be co-ordinating a full programme of weekend workshops for children and adults with healing sessions, concerts and sound journeys.

Clare will be arriving at the beginning of the week and setting up her magical bell tent to

work from the landscape she has retained close connection with since leaving the island for art school in 1991.

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Veterans families to attend First World War thanksgiving service

Relatives of Arran's soldiers who fought in the First World War are being invited to attend a national service of thanksgiving, which will be held in Westminster Abbey on Wednesday 11 November.

It is anticipated that Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend.

The Service will be a significant national event attended by public figures and broadcast live on BBC1.

It is hoped however that the congregation will, for the most part, be people who are related or in some way connected to those who saw service in the First World War.

Attendance is by invitation only and the Lord Lieutenant for Ayrshire has been asked to help select the congregation by nominating people from his area.

Any person who fits the criteria and wishes to attend should contact the Lord Lieutenant's office at the address shown below before Thursday 1 October.

In the event that there are more applications than tickets available a ballot will be held.

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Arran's ageing population

Dramatic evidence of Arran's rapidly ageing population has emerged this week as figures show that the number of pensioners now exceeds those under 16 for the first time.

This demographic shift promises a future of tax shortfalls, a greater burden on the NHS and steadily increasing retirement ages.

Based on 2006 figures almost one in four of the population of Arran is now aged over 65 compared to just 18 per cent and 16 per cent in North Ayrshire and Scotland respectively.

The large increase of older people living on the island will lead to financial pressures upon the council due to the increased costs of providing services for older people.



Rab and friends on their bikes at Brodick pier. 02_b37rab01

It's 'on yer bike' for Rab at sixty

One of Arran's enduring characters celebrated his 60th birthday last week with a bunch of bikers among his many friends.

Rab Walker, self-styled general farm worker and all-round handyman, can regularly be seen whizzing around the island on his special modified three-wheeler, made from the front section of a motor bike and back end of a Del Boy Reliant three-wheeler,

scarf flying in the wind. To help him celebrate his 60th birthday a number of friends brought their bikes and three-wheelers to Arran from as far afield as Edinburgh and Dumfries for a party in Whiting Bay Hall.

Rab can now leave his bike at home and take advantage of a senior ferry card and bus pass.

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Rotary club welcome special visitor

District governor gives talk on future of Rotary

Members of the Isle of Arran Rotary Club had a special visitor last week when the district governor came to the island.

Andy Slater and his wife Eileen met a large number of Arran's Rotarians at the meeting and gave a very interesting talk on the future of Rotary.

The governor presented his special banner to Mairi Christie, president of the club, to mark his visit to Arran and in return he was presented with Arran Rotary's local banner, which depicts a picture of the island.

Mairi presented Gillean Bussel, former president, with her past president's badge and Johnny Corbett was given his new vice-president's pin.

Mairi Christie said: 'Andy talked of the efforts by Rotary to stamp out polio across the world and the fact that the end

is now in sight. 'He also talked about the different projects going on across the district, and congratulated Arran's club on their work and also the people of Arran for their continued generosity.'

Much of the money raised by the Arran club is used to help people and organisations on the island but the Rotary is not just about fundraising.

'It is also about fun and fellowship which is certainly true of Arran,' said Mairi. We have already had several most enjoyable social occasions since the new Rotary year began at the beginning of July.'

It is now possible for people who cannot attend every meeting because of work or other commitments to still become part of the organisation as the rules have now been relaxed to meet the needs of today.



Rotary vice-president Johnny Corbett (left) with Eileen Slater, Andy Slater; district governor, president Mairi Christie and secretary Douglas Meldrum.

Local members attend guild meeting

Local Guild members Diana McMurray and Helen Knight of St Molios Church in Shiskine travelled to Dundee last week for the annual meeting of the Church of Scotland Guild.

More than 2,000 members from across the country converged at The Caird Hall in Dundee for a day of fellowship and the launch of the movement's new theme 'Called to act justly', under

the strategy, 'What does the Lord require of you?'

Chaired by national convener, Betty Dunn, the day was a moving testimony to the work of the Guild.

Reflection

There was a reflection from the current moderator of the Church of Scotland, Rt Rev Bill Hewitt, who reflected on the theme of justice with a focus on climate change.

He was followed by key-

note speaker, Mary Miller, an experienced Scottish medical worker, who gave her first-hand testimony about the plight of those with HIV/Aids in Zimbabwe.

The full and varied programme included news and reports on aspects of the Guild's work, including information on the new projects the Guild will be supporting in the coming three years.

Commenting on the day,

Helen Knight said that it was a wonderful privilege to be present in the Caird Hall to hear two interesting speakers.

Focused

'Mary Miller, in particular, spoke very movingly of the conditions with which people of Zimbabwe daily have to cope,' she said. 'She specially focused on the children who's communities are devastated by HIV/Aids.'

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Rights of vulnerable adults 'at risk'

Local MSP and deputy convenor of The Scottish parliament's education committee, Kenneth Gibson, has condemned a vote by Labour and Lib Dem MSPs to deprive vulnerable adults within the children's hearing system of legal support to enable them to participate fully in proceedings.

The Scottish government sought to ensure the system is compliant with the European Court of Human Rights by enabling parents who may not be able to follow proceedings, for example due to mental disability in cases where their children may be taken from them, to have access to state funded legal advice.

Legal support is already allowed within the system, but state support for those whose circumstances make representation essential, was not previously available. The Scottish government introduced the measure but parliamentary approval is required for it to continue.

MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'I am deeply disappointed with the actions of my fellow committee members. This should be about children not politics.'

'By voting this move down, opposition parties leave Scotland facing a situation where the opportunity to correct a wrong is not taken and the decisions of the children's panel and the actions of the government could be subject to review, appeal and compensation cases.'

'Labour and the Lib Dems voted to remove support for vulnerable people to participate in fundamental decisions over the future of their families.'



Ary Bleshovsky in his Brodick home. 02_b38art01



'Japanese Actors' by Ary Bleshovsky. It will be shown at the exhibition in Staffordshire next month.

Arran's artistic talent transported south

The incredible work of one of Arran's resident artists will be shown at a special exhibition in Staffordshire next month.

Ary Bleshovsky of Brodick has been asked to take part in the exhibition by Rachel Huyton, the principal arts manager

for East Staffordshire Borough Council, whose father lives on the island.

Rachel said: 'As my father, Stan Huyton, has lived on Arran for more than 20 years now, I have been regularly visiting the island and enjoy the local art

that is shown on Arran.'

Rachel met Ary during a visit to Arran and straight away she decided to arrange a show of his work in the Midlands.

Ary now lives in Brodick but was originally from Lithuania. Following a career as a sur-

geon, he decided to study the art of marquetry during his retirement on Arran. Marquetry is described as requiring a steady hand, eye for detail and much patience.

Forty of Ary's works have been carefully packed up and

transported down to the Midlands. They will be exhibited at The Brewhouse Arts Centre in Burton upon Trent next month.

Ary will be attending the opening event on Saturday October 24 at noon.

Lamlash SWRI

Members please note that the new session begins on Wednesday October 7 at 7.30pm in the café at Arran High School.

The speaker will be Alison Prince and her subject will be 'My Family, part two'.

The competition is 'A Limerick' (five lines) and the exhibition is a family photo.

All are warmly welcomed.

Arran livestock sales

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Letters to the Editor



Is this really in children's interest?

What do the letters ISA conjure up? Up until this week it was a tax-free means of saving money for the general public by investing modest amounts in Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs). The scheme was introduced by the government to encourage more people to save responsibly for the future.

Now those same letters have taken on a very different and sinister meaning. A new government quango calling itself the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) has been set up to help prevent unsuitable people from working with children and vulnerable adults.

All very laudable and it may well do that, but it may also drive genuine and innocent people away from the notion of helping others.

Arran has dozens of voluntary organisations, many of them dealing with children and vulnerable people. These groups depend on the good nature and charity of those who are prepared to selflessly give of their own free time as helpers and leaders. Will all these volunteers be willing to jump through bureaucratic hoops to prove they are innocent? And it will cost them to do it?

The premise is that you are guilty until you prove yourself innocent. In principle the new ISA should protect youngsters, but in reality it could drive people away from the voluntary sector. The losers then will be the youngsters themselves. Without willing volunteers these organisations could have to close down. Youth clubs, after-school groups, junior football and rugby, scouts and girl guides are just some of the organisations that may fall under this legislation.

In many quarters this new development is seen as a further example of widespread data collection by the state and it has to be asked how effective ISA will be.

At last, older generation given the prominence it deserves

A new initiative by North Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire and Arran is recognising the importance of providing first-class services for the elderly on the island. Through no fault of its own, Arran has a growing population of people of pensionable age.

These people deserve access to public health and care services and this new scheme should go a long way to addressing this unusual imbalance in population. We are all living longer and a large proportion of youngsters choose to leave the island to make their way in the world. No-one would suggest that Arran is becoming one large old folks home, but at least it is reassuring that as we travel along life's path, the local authority will look after us.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

And Jesus began to teach them, saying: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.' (Matthew 5:9)

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Hijacked by HIFAR

Sir,
I would like to congratulate your newspaper on the report of housing plans 'out of touch with people's needs'.

The points made by Mr Ferguson were spot-on, and he and the Banner are to be commended for being brave enough to say what the majority of the community are thinking.

The subject of affordable housing has been hijacked by HIFAR and the Community Council. Being a single parent I have no desire to live in a remote location. This headlong pursuit of alternative housing has to stop and a pinch of common sense injected into a very important and pressing issue.

Talk of clachan developments andcrofting initiatives show how out of touch HIFAR and the Community Council are with 'what the people want'.

Rural communities are struggling to keep young people in farming and these groups are wasting valuable time exploring how to get people with no knowledge of the land into farming.

Are they mad? The only mud I intend to get on my shoes is the stuff I pick up crossing the Co-op carpark. I don't know any yummy mummy who wants to be up to her jeans in mud in a housing development straight out of Braveheart.

Plans for the new development at the McLaren Hotel originally had affordable housing attached but this was another grand failure.

If these groups really want to get an island housing initiative that works and suits the needs of the real people why don't they listen to Mr Ferguson and get some tried and tested one-and-a-half storey dwellings built inside the village envelopes and give people on low incomes a chance at having a secure future without having to marry a farmer.

Yours,
**Jeanette Tweedley
Montrose Terrace
Whiting Bay**

Housing clarification

Sir,
With reference to your front-page article and editorial in

Arran Banner issue 1717 concerning housing, we would like to clarify a few points.

The public consultations held last month, an integral aspect of the NAC funded feasibility study into Forestry land for housing, were designed to measure the level of support for the concept.

The study (by Housing Plus and Neil Sutherland Architects – respected and renowned throughout Scotland) is still ongoing and not due to report until the end of September.

The Arran Banner was not represented at the consultation meetings and Mr Ian Ferguson did not attend any of the consultation meetings.

The study is not restricted to isolating one single site on which to build a large housing estate.

It is to identify all possible sites and to grade them for suitability, regardless of size.

The aim of HIFAR is to seek housing alternatives for those people on Arran who are unable to access social housing (waiting list in excess of 250) but who have the means and enthusiasm to ensure for themselves a secure and productive future here.

The current study stems from the National Forest Land Scheme, instigated by the Forestry Commission, to provide land for affordable housing.

It would be a disservice on our part to refuse the opportunity to explore the possibilities.

Housing on forestry land will not suit everyone, but neither will living on a large, hidden housing estate. Some of both will help but neither is a single solution.

If your newspaper had attended the open consultation in Lamlash, it would have witnessed the imaginative approach to the study and seen the number of young working Arran people who, far from being despondent, were inspired by the ideas and not discouraged by the 'remoteness' of the sites.

Remote is Australasia, where a number of Arran's disenfranchised offspring have already relocated.

The future of every Arran village is in the balance and the creation of a 'fourth toon' will only accelerate their demise.

The quick and easy solution proposed by Mr Ferguson shows a disregard for the future prosperity and diversity of Arran.

Hopefully it is not representative of the majority of our population (at time of writing Saturday 12 September at 4pm your online opinion poll had received 23 votes, hardly sufficient to claim a widespread negative attitude toward our efforts).

Yours,
**On behalf of HIFAR
Henry Murdo, Andrew
Grazier, Margo Wheeler,
Ailsa McNicol, John Inglis,
Margo McLellan, Catherine
MacBain and Peter McKinnon**

Cosy arrangement

Sir,
In a previous letter I expressed my disgust at the acronym ARSED used by Community Councillor Ian Small in his roads campaign.

Although this may amuse the more intellectually challenged it has done nothing to enhance the virtues of this beautiful island.

In response to my last letter, community council chairman Mr Laing penned a letter stating that the community council was apolitical and had a neutral view on all things Arran.

Now Mr Laing and several other councillors have burst into the national and local press with an unsubstantiated attack on the local constabulary.

The Banner has enlightened us once again and now we have passed the ARSED affair, the aggressive hats affair and now have the McLarengate affair.

When the development at the McLaren Hotel was first mooted it was going to be this wonderful building with private and social housing and it was hyped by SNP candidate Billy McLaren, supported by SNP MSP Kenneth Gibson then presented to Arran Community Council to be rubber stamped.

It might be me, but I think there may be something uncomfortable about this very cosy arrangement.

Yours,
**George Cummings
Leighletter Row
Lamlash**

Forestry feasibility

Sir,
I hope you will redress the balance after Ian Ferguson's comments in last week's front page article.

Myself and others have worked for years to encourage North Ayrshire Council to launch this forestry feasibility study as part of the process of meeting Arran's housing need so it is galling to read Ian's comments.

The brief for this study is to look at the possibilities for a variety of housing with different delivery mechanisms.

How condescending of Ian to judge that whatever housing comes out of the study will be 'unsuitable' for those in need. Did he ask them?

I note he suggests for them 'an area not noted for its scenery'. He also believes the visual effect will be detrimental to remote areas so is this simply a version of nimbyism?

The oft-repeated arguments about proximity of services have been one of the biggest stumbling blocks to the provision of much needed rural housing all over Scotland. These are the rules on which urban planners thrive but, on Arran, many people thrive in areas not blessed with services in the immediate vicinity.

Hopefully Arran will eventually get the housing it needs including a choice of different types and locations.

The forestry study is part of that bigger picture.

Yours,
**John Inglis
Arran Community Council
Red House
High Corrie**

How many Megrahis?

Sir,
We would make a more reasoned assessment of the justification for Al Megrahi's release if we knew, firstly, how many other prisoners in the past 10 years have been released on compassionate grounds, and, secondly, how many prisoners in that time have died in prison from a terminal disease.

Yours,
**A Blesovsky
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Letters to the Editor

Megrahi affair a serious matter

Sir,
In reply to Councillor Margie Currie, and as I have previously stated, there may be some doubt as to the validity of Mr Megrahi's conviction for the Lockerbie bombing.

I certainly have no desire to see the man suffer unnecessarily, however, the handling of his release, regardless of motive, has been a shambles.

My motives for raising the matter in *The Banner* are simple – this decision has clear implications for Arran.

Not just for our economy, but for all of us who value the principles of justice and truth.

If Mr Megrahi was released on 'compassionate' grounds, why did Mr MacAskill visit him in prison and, it appears, insist he drop his appeal as a condition of his release? Hardly the work of a 'courageous statesman' Margie.

Another 10 minutes or so in the air, and Pan Am Flight 103 could have been falling on Brodick or Lamlash rather than Lockerbie.

Thank heaven the Banner didn't have to report that.

The UK and Scottish governments appear to have been involved in linking Mr Megrahi's release with everything from oil deals to SAS training, and even the funding of a new Forth Road Bridge.

Along the way, the victims have been forgotten – those of Lockerbie and Flight 103, the IRA's Libyan-supplied bombs and even WPC Yvonne Fletcher - who was shot dead from the Libyan embassy in 1984.

Our politicians, it seems, have signed away the victims' rights to learn the truth in order to pursue their own secret agendas.

I think there should be an independent inquiry into the whole affair.

Yours,
Philip Lardner
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Westminster Candidate for 'North Ayrshire and Arran'
52 Princes Street
Ardrossan

Squirrel signs

Sir,
Your photo on the Banner front page last week recalled to me a notice on the entrance road to Brodick Castle. I think it would be seven years ago when I took a photo of this sign.

Vehicles have to travel more slowly on this road because speed bumps are set at a number of points. In spite of the notice and the bumps I saw the odd squashed squirrel even then. It's no wonder lots of the wee animals get killed on the other Arran roads where the traffic moves much faster.

Yours,
A Hannah Ornalinn Brodick



Red squirrel sign at Brodick Castle. b38red01

Trekking joy for Baran

Sir,
My niece and her son Baran, age six, who has Down's syndrome, were here from Preston on holiday for a week at the end of August.

She had a list of phone numbers for Riding for the Disabled and was pleased to see there was one on Arran.

On arrival she telephoned and asked to have her son booked in for a ride during that week.

She was asked if she had social services referral and if she lived locally. Unfortunately she didn't. However she was kindly invited to their next meeting when a ride could be arranged. The meeting was sometime in September. So my husband telephoned the Trekking Centre at North Glen Sannox and they were brilliant.

They offered to take Baran for a ride any morning during that week before or after their

day treks. We arranged to take him early on the Friday morning where we were met by the lady owner and two girls who were going to take him round the field.

They had a lovely pony called Nemo saddled and ready.

Baran was kitted out with hard hat and off he went. He was so thrilled that he sang 'trot along my little pony' all the way round!

Later he was allowed to pet and stroke the pony.

The kindness and understanding shown to this little boy was exemplary and the experience so positive (his first ride ever) that my niece is hoping to enrol him in a Riding for the Disabled Centre nearer her home.

That is once all the relevant forms are filled in, of course. Thank you to all at the North Sannox Trekking Centre especially from one happy little boy. Yours,

Alison Thompson Lamlash

Beaky found and lost

Sir,
Many thanks for your little article about my missing glove puppet.

I should be grateful if you would include a 'thank you' to Andrew from Lochranza and Phyllis and family from Kilmory for all their help.

The good news is that Beaky had been found at Eas Mor car park but the sad news is that he has since disappeared.

Perhaps he has been taken into care elsewhere?

I know that this could seem trivial but for many years Beaky has shared adventures as my little mascot peeping out of my haversack on my treks up hill and dale.

Yours,
Mary Saunders
By e-mail



Graeme Walker of SNH shows the fungus foragers some fine specimens on a rotting trunk. b38fun01

Something rotting in Sannox

On Saturday September 12 Graeme Walker from Scottish Natural Heritage clearly demonstrated that there was something rotting in Sannox during an organised fungus foray.

His two hour guided walk started at the Fallen Rocks car park at North Sannox and he shared his passion for the incredible world of fungi with over 30 residents and visitors.

Well over 30 species of fungi were found and Graeme displayed his extensive knowledge in a most interesting way. The spontaneous applause

of the participants at the end of event was a clear measure of their enjoyment of the experience.

Arran Wildlife Festival Chairman Jim Cassels said: 'This Fungus Foray was an excellent taster for the 2010 Arran Wildlife Festival which will take place from 12 to 19 May 2010 and involve over 70 guided walks, talks and events.'

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As always when we announce the competition in the spring nothing much seems to happen for a few weeks.

Then as the weather improves and the visitors begin to descend the entries slowly begin to trickle in.

The vast majority of entries now come to us by e-mail but we still have room for the more conventionally developed photographic prints.

This year we have seen a huge rise in digital entries for the competition, which is great as it proves that photography is becoming more and more a part of people's every day lives.

We may have said this before but the standard of entries has never been higher with some stunning landscapes and quirky shots of people and animals.

It has been particularly difficult to select winners this year and we have toiled long and hard over the decision.

Before revealing the 2009 winners and second choices in the two categories of Places and people/animals we will, over the next few weeks, be showing a number of the ones that almost made it.



Gay's dug. Peter McCalla, Brodick.



Arran in May. Rosemary Hitcham, Broomfield, Canterbury.



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Kilmory Shore, Sunset. Alistair McDonald, Helensburgh.



The view from my favourite tree. Mairi Christie, Lamlash.



Scotland, I'm available! Maureen Browell, Whiting Bay.



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A blackbird pictured sunning itself.

Bird Notes – Feeling Good

By Jim Cassels

Last month there were reports of interesting bird behaviour.

Birds were seen spread-eagled on the ground, sometimes quite approachable and, in the words of one observer, the birds seemed to be in 'ecstasy'.

In one case the observer watched in amazement as a carrion crow tore at grass and moss in the garden and then lay with wings outspread over the mess that had just been made.

What was going on? The crow was almost certainly 'anting'. Crows do it quite a lot, as do other species. They disturb ants' nests and then spread themselves out encouraging the ants to run over their feathers.

It is thought that this is some form of feather care. The ants help rid the birds of pests like feather mites and louse flies, perhaps by squirting their formic acid around.

On the other hand on a sultry summer's afternoon, after the breeding season is over, when there is plenty of food to be found and the living is easy – maybe then crows just seek out experiences that give them a little tingle.

Spread-eagled birds are sometimes indulging in 'sunning' – even on Arran.

This can be anything from simply standing with their backs to the sun with their feathers rustled up to expose the skin below, to a full spread eagled sunbathing posture with wings and tail feathers spread out to maximise the area open to the sun. Like 'anting' the benefits to the bird are a matter of supposition.

The birds get warmth from

the sun. Some scientists have theorised that the sun's warmth is important in helping dislodge feather parasites, or that the ultra-violet in sunlight helps turn some precursor molecule in the preening oil into vitamin D and that the birds need this vitamin. On the other hand it may just feel good.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net . I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the "Arran Bird Report 2008" and visit this website www.arran-birding.co.uk.

Lochranza's 60s revival

Do you remember the famous dances in Lochranza Village Hall during the 1960s?

If you do then you cannot miss the Homecoming Dance this Saturday.

If you don't, then this is an opportunity to see what your parents and grandparents have been talking about all these years.

'Did you fall in love? Did you have lots of fun? Do you still remember all the old tunes and get a lump in your throat every time you hear them?' said Ethne Cumming, organiser of the dance.

'We hope to recreate the atmosphere, the fun, the music and the memories for all of you who have any sort of sentimental recollection of those amazing nights in the 60s in Lochranza Hall.'

So ladies, put on your stick-out petticoat and

pan stick make up, backcomb your hair and recreate the exciting feeling of wondering if that boy you fancy will ask you to dance!

Gents – don't go to any trouble with your appearance, you never did.

Atmosphere

Just put on your very long sweater and briny nylon shirts and make sure you remember that quarter bottle of whisky in your back pocket!

'The music will be the same, the atmosphere will be the same and we're hoping that a lot of the folk will be the same too – just a little bit plumper, white haired or bald,' said Ethne.

'How can you resist the temptation to go down memory lane at the Lochranza Village Hall 60s revival?'

Saturday farewell to McLellan

The last night of the McLellan Festival this year comes in the form of a ceilidh in the old style – story telling, music, verse, and dancing.

This promises to be a highly entertaining evening with musical MC, Mike Bailey, international story – teller David Campbell, music from Edinburgh singing group The Wild Myrtles, verse with the incomparable Sheila Gilmore, piping from Iain Clarke and dancing from sister Fiona.

Throw in Clarsach from Mandy Hunter and Heather MacLeod, The Arran Fiddlers, community dancing led by Stuart Gough and a famous Corrie supper with wine. Sounds too good to miss.

Country dancing classes

Weekly classes in junior Scottish country dancing will be starting next Thursday September 24 in Lamlash Church Hall.

This is for all children in primaries three to seven and runs from 6pm to 7pm.

Please come along and see how enjoyable country dancing can be. New and past members are most welcome.

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Council tax scam

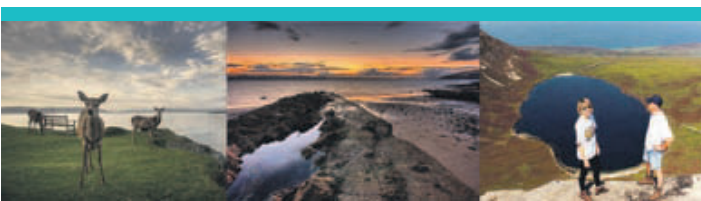
A Whiting Bay lady has reported another variation on the many telephone scams currently being experienced by island subscribers.

One evening last week she received a call from a woman with a foreign accent and claiming to be from the council. The woman told her that investigations had revealed that she and her partner had overpaid their council tax over the past 16 years and were due a rebate.

'She said that all they needed were our bank details and we would get a lot of money back,' said the lady. 'I smelt a rat immediately.'

'We had a similar call a few weeks ago saying that we had paid too much in bank charges and would get a refund if we gave them our account number. Some people might be taken in by it.'

Police advise that people should never reveal any financial details to a telephone caller.

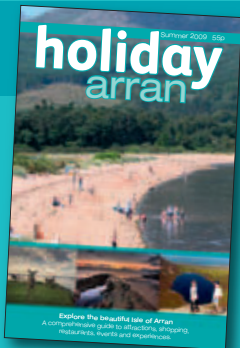


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Last week Archie was outside Corrie and Sannox Hall. Among many correct answers were Michelle and Barry Dobson of Richmond, separately. Barry said: 'Hope I'm right as Mrs D is out and won't have had chance to look yet!' Andrew Wilson from Fife said: 'First time I've sent an entry but I enjoy visiting your site and this feature between annual visits to Arran.' This week he is on the steps, but which steps are they? b38arc01



The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, September 9, 1989

Return of post

Kilmory Post Office has been saved!

Three weeks after it was closed it is due to re-open on Monday after Post Office Counters Ltd had a change of heart.

While it won't return completely to its former hours and remuneration, they have met Kilmory shop owner Paul Bagnall's demands half way.

The result is that one small village post office will shortly be back in business.

Crossed lines?

A 30 metre high communication mast that has been proposed at the southend of the island could be a top secret Ministry of Defence structure *The Banner* was told this week.

And to make matters worse the microwave beams it would

emit when contacting nuclear submarines while under water could cause cancers to people living nearby.

Our previous report on the mast was too trusting said Mr Stanley Mazur who has bought a house at Auchaleffan, near to where the lattice steel structure will be built.

Almost off the ground

Arran's airstrip took half a step forward last Monday when a small group of interested parties assembled at the Auchran- nie Hotel.

They had come to hear from Ronnie Mann about the preliminary study conducted into the viability of an airstrip.

Arran is alone among the Western Isles in not having a place for fixed wing aircraft to land.

At the meeting it was discussed what kind of airstrip the island needs, how large it should be and what kind of surface it would have.

Water ban lifted

Water restrictions in place for the past six weeks were lifted on Monday.

Prohibition of the use of domestic hosepipes has been in force on Arran throughout what has been in fact a very wet August.

Struan's success

Whiting Bay lad Struan Armitage came top in his construction in July and was presented with a cup by the college principal of Bircham Newton, Norfolk.

Struan worked for six months with John Thomson Ltd then under their auspices spent 12 months away at college and has now returned to the company.

Iain Thomson said he was proud of Struan and said he had no doubt Struan would progress to take advantage of the opening the company now offered.

Everyone welcome to see Diana

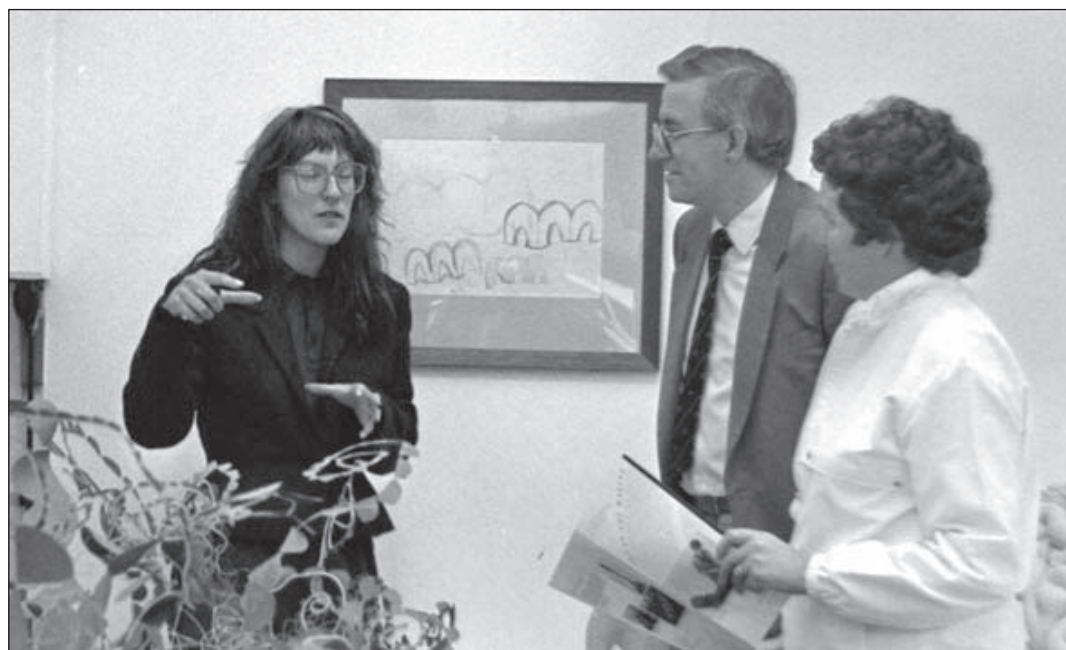
'When Princess Diana visits Arran on September 27 every effort is being made to make sure as many island people as possible get to see her,' according to Iain Russell of Arran Provisions.

The Lamlash based company has already approached all the island's primary schools to have them present when the princess attends the official opening of the factory.

The message from Iain Russell is: 'Please come along. Everyone is welcome and we want to make the princess as welcome as possible so that she remembers her day on Arran and that means meeting the people of Arran.'



Angus Campbell of Shiskine, a member of Blackwaterfoot Voluntary Fire Brigade for 18 years, was presented with a long service certificate by the chief of D Division, divisional commander Gilbert.



Above: Brodick bank manager Robert Armour and his wife admire an island exhibit at the Scottish Art Council travelling show last Wednesday, helped by curator Susan Christie.

b38tw05



Starting a new life in confectionary are Ann and Tony Drake from Northampton who have taken over the Arran Sweetie Kitchen at the Douglas Centre in Brodick. b38tw02



Faye Black and Lindsay MacDonald put the new Pirnmill Hall to good use at the inaugural dance.

Kilmory Hall Fete

SAT 26th Sept at 2pm

Free Entry

Jaffa Cake Eating Competition • Teas and Homebaking
Human Fruit Machine • Bric-a-Brac
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NAKED SUNDAY

Kilmory Hall

SAT 26th September

8:00pm - 1am Only £5

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Friday 25th – Sunday 27th September

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Garden Club

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and National Poppy
Collection. Speaker Paul
Stewart.

At the Ranger Centre,
Brodick Country Park
Thursday 24 September
at 7.30pm
Everyone Welcome



Summer Weddings



Russell Douglas and Deborah Kerr both from Perth were married at Lamlash Registry Office on Wednesday 19 August.



Katie Douglas and Robert Howe were married in Nottingham on 24 July. Katie is the middle daughter of Isabel and the late James Stewart of Corrie. Pictured with the couple are Katie's daughters, Karen and Joanna and their cousins Alasdair and Eilidh. b37wed02NO



Alison Woodward and Stuart Andrew Fletcher from Marple in Cheshire were married on Friday 28 August in the drawing room of Brodick Castle. They had decided to come to Arran on holiday and then a couple of months before the visit decided that Brodick Castle would be a lovely place to get married. 'The Castle was fabulous place to get married and the staff were superb, they helped to make our day very special. We got married in the Drawing Room and then had a champagne reception in the entrance hall followed by dinner in the 1869 restaurant at Auchrannie Hotel,' said Alison. 'We had a wonderful day and lovely honeymoon - Arran will definitely be somewhere to return to for our anniversaries.'



Robert Mullin Dawson and Elizabeth Wilson were married in front of friends and family by registrar Linda Murchie at The Kildonan Hotel on Saturday 5 September. Robert is the son of Mary and Robert Dawson and Elizabeth is the daughter of Lily and the late Thomas Wilson. Robert's granny Helen Young was brought up on Arran at Hill Head Farm with her cousin John McKinnon. Robert and his family are frequent visitors and all love Arran so they couldn't think of anywhere better to get married.

Photo courtesy of Amanda Trotter Wedding Photographer.



Scott MacMillan and Fiona Thomson were married in Kildonan on Saturday 1 August. More than 60 relatives and friends travelled to Arran for this hugely enjoyable celebration with some coming from as far as America, Russia and Greece. Scott and Fiona, who became engaged at Glenashdale Falls last year, would like to say a big thank you to the local registrar, both sets of parents and in particular to the owners and staff of the Kildonan Hotel who worked so hard to make the occasion such a great success.

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

Brodick Castle, Gardens & Country Park
Trout fishing
Hawk Walks
Fitness Assessments, Gym Induction, Personal Training
Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick

11am - 4pm
Loch Garbad, Boat or Bank
Lamlash
Auchrannie Spa & Gym
10.30am - 4.30pm

SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football
Karate
Family Games Kids & Adults
Fun in the Spa Pool
Over 21s Disco
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Bingo Night in aid of Lochranza Pontoon
Newsband Live
McLellan Festival
Indoor Car Boot Sale
Lamlash Splash

Coaching, 10.30am - noon
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
2pm
2pm
2.30pm
Arran High School, 10am
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm
Bar Eden, 9.30pm
See Page 9
Whiting Bay Hall, 10am - 5p
Lamlash Pier 11am

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Alcoholics Anonymous
Family Games Kids & Adults
Fun in the Spa Pool
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
Model Ship Exhibition
Folk Session

St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Library Annexe, 1.45pm
Brodick Castle, 11am - 3.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Senior Fitness
Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Cardiac Rehab
Circuit Training
Citizens Advice
AB Attack
Aerobics Class
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Folk Session
Summer Bridge
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game
Quiz Night
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games
Kickboxing
Lamlash Football Club EGM

Auchrannie 10am & 11am (Gym)
Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm
Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
Open 10am - 2pm
KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm
KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 8pm - 9pm
Kildonan Hotel, 9pm
High School, 6.45pm
6.45pm
6.30pm
6.30pm
Eden Lodge Hotel Whiting Bay, 9.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm
KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm
Tennis Court Pavilion, 7pm

TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club
Arran Civic Trust
Legs Bums & Tums
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Pulmonary Rehab
Open Music Session
Indoor Bowling
Junior Hockey Club
Brodick Toddler Group
Body Conditioning Class
Youth Club
Senior Fitness
Rotary Club
Motocross Practice

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Ormidale Pavilion 7.30pm
Auchrannie Spa 6pm - 7pm (Studio)
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)
Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm
Church Hall, 10am - 12pm
KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm
Kildonan Hall - 6pm
Auchrannie, 10am - 11am
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Southbank Farm track, 6pm - 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

Hockey
Core Strength
Jnr Rugby Training
Aquafizz
Circuit Training
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy
Kickboxing
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game
Beavers
Pre school Music & Drama Classes
Isle of Arran Drama Assoc AGM
Healing Rooms
Friends of Brodick Castle - Talk by Bill McLaughlin

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm (Games Hall)
Auchrannie 5.30 - 6pm
P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.15pm
Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am (Hotel Pool)
Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm
KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm - 9pm
Ormidale Park, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
2pm
6.30pm
6.30pm
High School, Lamlash 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, Various Time
High School, 7.30pm
High School, 7.30pm - 9pm
Castle Tearoom, 7.30pm

THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

Senior Fitness
General Knowledge Quiz
Citizens Advice
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Cardiac Rehab
Table Tennis
Legs, Bums & Tums Class
Indoor Bowling
Cricket Practice
Smoking Cessation Group
Brodick Embroidery Group
Youth Club
Cubs
Garden Club
Junior Scottish Country Dancing (P3 - P7)
Scouts

Auchrannie 10am - 11am
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Open 10am - 2pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Auchrannie Gym 2pm - 3pm
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Auchrannie Hall 7pm
Sannox Oval, 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 12pm
Brodick Library 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
Shiskine Hall 6.30-8pm
Ranger Centre, 7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Shiskine Hall 8-9.30pm

FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

Arran Pipe Band Practice
Aquafizz
Citizens Advice
Quiz
Adult Tennis
Over 21's Disco
Shiskine Homecoming Weekend
7th Sons & The Spitfires Live
Foundations at the Cabin
Wee Mad festival
Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
Open 10am - 2pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 4.00pm - 6.30pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
See ad on page 4
Bar Eden, 9.30pm
Brodick, 7pm - 9pm
See ad on Page 13
Corre & Sannox Hall, 10am - 12.30pm

SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

Red Cross Coffee Morning
Shiskine Homecoming Weekend
Quiz
Naked Sunday Live
7th Sons & The Spitfires Live
Fete
Coffee Morning
Wee Mad festival

Brodick Hall, 10.30am - 12.30pm
See ad on page 4
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Kilmory Hall, 8pm - 1am
Drift Inn, 9.30pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
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Arran High School
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Sunday 20 September
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 Shiskine 11am
 Sunday School meets in the Church Hall
 Brodick 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)
 Rev Kenneth Cameron
 All welcome

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Vigil Mass: 7.30pm
 Sunday Morning Mass 11 am

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH
Sunday 20 September
 Worship will be conducted by Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.

Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and other items. Please stay and enjoy more fellowship.
 All most welcome.
 At 6.30pm in the Church transept, there will be an informal evening service of praise and discussion.
 All welcome

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 20 September
 Holy Communion, 11am.
 Revd Paul Fletcher
Wednesday 23 September
 Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
 All Welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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Sunday 20 September
 Rev. Gillean Maclean
 Kilmory 10am
 Lamlash 11.30am
 In both churches:
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)
Sunday 20 September
 11am
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 Evening Service, 7pm
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ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.
 Brodick Hall
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Sunday 20 September
 10.45am Communion
 Tea and coffee from 11.20am
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 Speaker: Willie Wright
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 North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.
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Sunday 20 September
 Brodick Church, 10.30am
 Corrie Church, 12pm
 Lochranza, 9.30am
 Pirmill, 10.45am
 Shiskine Church, 12pm
 A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

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 BOYLE/GORDON
 Jimmy, Aileen, David and Gordon wish to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy on the death of their mum, Mabel.
 Thanks also to the Rev Gillian McLean for a wonderful church service and to all the medical personnel for their assistance.

BIRTHS


MICHAEL INNES
 Born September 8th 2009 at AWMH. Welcome and good luck!
 A lovely wee brother for Natilie, ALastair, Ben, Archie and Daisy.
 A huge thankyou to Donna and Elaine for everything

PERSONALS
 "The Broons" would like to thank all friends and neighbours who joined our family in the garden to help celebrate three special family birthdays last Saturday.
 The cards, lovely gifts and the best of company gave all of us a great day to remember 'Many thanks'

Remembering our loved ones.
 Daughter and sister Katie, died September 1990 and husband and father Tony, died November 1991.
 There is not a day passing but I am not thinking of you.
Mum, Roderick, Nina and family



Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday September 1, September Medal, CCS 70 (RO). Silver: 1Brenda Livingstone 7(70) BIH, 2 Pat Adamson 17(70), 3 Liz Sinclair 15(71). Bronze: 1Kate Sizer 28(75), 2 Lesley Murray 28(78), 3 Hazel Rore 25(79). Scratch Brenda Livingstone 77. Liz Sinclair had the only magic two.

Gents: Wednesday September 9, Summer Cup, 40 played, CSS 64. 1 B Jenkins (9)59, 2 J Rae (19)62, 3 I Sillars (14)63, scratch B Jenkins 68. There were only three twos, P McCalla, I Sillars and B Jenkins. Bruce Jenkins also won the Captain's Prize, a very well filled wine rack. Wednesday was the last night of the Summer Cup, so overall results for the season as follows.

Summer Cup Winner: Kenny McMillan 304, runner-up: Sam McCalla 305 (just beating Angus Raeburn on a better six round total), Scratch winner: Ewan McKinnon 327, runner-up: Jimmy Armit 332. Twos winner: Ewan McKinnon with 16, runner-up: Jimmy Armit with 15, Eclectic winner: Ewan McKinnon 47, runner-up Jimmy Armit 48.

Thursday September 10, final of McClelland Medal (handicap matchplay). M Keir beat R McCrae. Saturday September 12, final of Merchants Trophy (handicap foursomes), W R Duncan and B Walker beat N Hume and A Raeburn. Sunday September 13, Brandon, 24 played, CSS 63. Sweep results: 1 J Rae 80(19)61, 2 D Robertson 80(18)62, 3 B Jenkins 71(8)63 (BIH from J Armit and R McCrae), scratch W Armit 68. First class Brandon Bruce Jenkins, Second class Brandon Joe Rae. There were an amazing 12 twos, B Jenkins, R McCrae, D Hendry and W Armit got two each, T Raeside, D McKinnie, D Rudge

and J Rae only got one.

Fixtures: Saturday Sept 19, AGA Seniors handicap at Shiskine, open draw at 1pm.

Sunday September 20, sweep and Hirsell Trophy, draws at 8.30am and 1pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: A beautiful day for an enjoyable game of golf which was won again by Elizabeth Sinclair 81-15=66 and second was Ellie Jones 83-14=69. We had two scratch winners this week: Elizabeth Sinclair and Sheena Murchie and a two at the 16th hole by Jackie Winship. Well done all.

Gents: Thursday September 10, Senior Medal was played in excellent weather conditions with course in good nick despite the Autumn top dressing. 1 EI Cannon 79-17=62. Summer Cup, 17 played. There was one magic two from Craig MacEachan. Scratch I Bremner 73. 1 Ian Bremner 73-8=65 BIH, 2 Todd Jameson 80-15=65, 3 Andy Pattison 75-9=66. Saturday September 12 the delayed qualifier for the Arran Grouse, only six pairs competed. There were three magic twos. 1 Todd Jameson & Sam Handley 78-12.5=65.5, 2 Lee Girbow & Andrew Wales 73-6=67. Sunday September 13, final of the Jamieson cup, 14 played. There were two magic twos both by D Wales. Scratch Iain Murchie with 69, 1 Drew Wales 73-7=66 BIH,

2 Iain Murchie 69-3=66 BIH, 3 Ian Bremner 74-8=66. Winner of the Jamieson Cup Euan Evans 64+64=128, runner-up Norrie McIntyre 66+66=132.

Fixtures: Every Thursday summer cup arranging times with starter. Final event for the season Thursday 24 September also completion of the season's eclectic and Medal. Sunday September 20 final of the Scratch Cup at 9.30am and 1pm.

Arran Golfers Association

Up and coming fixtures: Seniors Handicap at Shiskine Golf Club on Saturday 19 September from 1pm from yellow tees. Arran Grouse Finals at Machrie Bay Golf Club on Saturday 24 October from 1pm.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 9 September, 19 played in the second last round of this year's Summer Trophy, SSS 63, CSS 63. 1 Eddie Hope (15)63, 2 Wolfi Kroner (15)65 BIH, 3 Graeme Crichton (17)65 BIH. Nicol Auld won scratch with 68 and Wolfi had the only magic two. Sunday 13 September, 19 played in the Captain's Prize, played as a Stableford, 1 John Simmons 40 points, 2 Colin Wannop 39, 3 Wolfi Kroner 38 and scratch Nicol Auld 65. Graeme Crichton had the only magic two of the day with a pitch-in at the 9th. Many thanks

to captain Jim Hainey for his hospitality on the day and his generous prizes.

Fixtures: Sunday 20 September, Arran Grouse Foursomes qualifier, make up your own groups or come for a draw for a partner at 11am. Wednesday 23 September, Medal.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 3 September, Ladies 18-hole Medal. 1Sylvia Money 106-34=72, 2 Fiona Crawford 85-12=73 BIH, 3 Jenni Turnbull 91-18=43. Best scratch Fiona Crawford 85. Thursday 10 September, 12-hole Medal winners competition. Silver: 1 E Ross 55-10=45, 2 P Adamson 56-9=47, 3 C Stewart 58-9=49 BIH. Bronze: 1 L Murray 59-16=43, 2 E Henderson 71-24=47, 3 S Brookes 61-13=48. Best Scratch E Ross 55.

Competition winner Pat Adamson.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday September 12, Whisky Cup 2nd Round.

1 B Rooney 75-16=59, 2 S Beardsley 66-6=60, 3 M Sherwood 67-6=61.

Whisky Cup. 1 B Rooney 120, 2 M Sherwood 121, 3 E Mckinnon 121.

Fixtures: Saturday September 19, no game at Corrie due to ALGU competition.

Saturday September 25, Captains Prize, shotgun start at 1pm.



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Sannox fall twice in one day

Just when Sannox thought the bar could not have been set lower, it reached a new nadir when Kilmarnock came to the Sannox Oval last Sunday for the home team's penultimate cricket match of the season.

A lamentable batting performance by the home team meant that there was time for a second match, and a second defeat.

Winning the toss Colin Haggarty and Tony Brookes took to the field in brilliant sunshine.

Hamilton opening the Killie bowling from the pavilion end and was quite devastating. Speed and swing unhinged Brookes for a duck after nine minutes. Jonathan May traipsed back after another six minutes for another duck. Tim Pomeroy at number four found the face and the boundary with one of the only poor balls of Hamilton's spell and nicked another single before being bowled by an innocuous delivery from Gibson.

Skipper Chris Marriott applied his shoulders for four but was caught soon after. Eric Dunn rode at least three lives for his two. Jake Leese at number 10 looked purposeful for five before being caught.

All this time, opener Haggarty was working steadily away keeping up his end. But the lamentable total of 35 all out bore heavy on the Marriott brow as the teams turned around. When Adams fell to Dunn in the third over Sannox sensed a possibility but McSed



Jonny May of Sannox.



Danny Brobson of Sannox.

comprehensively dismantled the Sannox attack winning the match single-handedly in the fourth over on 36 not out.

With play concluding so early the captains agreed to another 15-over match and after lunch Killie continued to bat.

Jonathan May took two wickets off his first two balls but his radar soon went on the blink gifting wides. Pomeroy frustrated the Killie batsmen who tried but failed to get him away. In his second over Pomeroy took the catch of the match off his own delivery diving to his wrong side catching the ball with fingertips. Jake Leese took a fine diving catch at mid-off and Danny Brobson took a powerfully struck waist-high shot at mid-on catching a disappointed visiting batsman out but unfortunately breaking his finger in the process. McSed

heaved 21 before being bowled by Brookes. Kilmarnock ended 75 all out.

Sannox's Brookes and May opened at a lively pace that slowed when Brookes took a fast low delivery straight into the box.

May had been in attacking mood when a quick-ish delivery popped and hit him on the brow opening a nasty gash that had to be treated back at the pavilion. Pomeroy filled the gap for five.

Andy Robinson looked sound throughout his hour and a half at the wicket for 19 not out. May returned and for some time gave Sannox a real chance. But as time ran out a missed off-drive left him stranded a country mile out of his crease.

Marriott, Dunn, Jenks, Leese, Haggarty and Gourlay together



The idyllic surroundings of the Sannox Oval. 02_b38erk01

put on four. Skipper Marriott looked pained, but he will hope to have rectified things before the last match of the season against Ardrossan next week September 20. Final outdoor practise will be on Thursday, September 17, all welcome. For more information phone 600287 or visit www.sannox-cricketclub.com

Nicola rides Midnite Clear to championship

The annual showing show of Arran Riding Club saw a turnout of 27 horses and ponies. The judge for the day was Ms Janice Boyd from Greenock. In-hand classes, with a total of three entries got proceedings underway, quickly followed by the five under saddle classes for different heights of horses.

From Class 7 – under saddle horses over 15hh but not exceeding 16hh, Ms Boyd found her Overall Champion in Dawn Murchie's Midnite Clear ably ridden by Nicola MacAlister, while the Reserve Overall Champion title was presented to Sarah Thomson riding her own Mohawk Mancha.

Jen Gilroy's working hunter course asked many questions of both horses and riders. However, Shannon McAllister on Rosie claimed the red rosette in Class 11. In the junior working hunter Hannah Bone and Lily took the honours. In the open class four combinations rode

clear rounds, and after judging the horses' manners, conformation, type and freedom of movement Ms Boyd selected Janis Murchie and Actors Choice as worthy winners.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and to all those taking part. Sincere thanks to Ms Boyd for judging so thoroughly, and to Douglas for stewarding throughout the day. Thanks also to everyone who helped both before and during the day. To Tommy a very special thanks from the damsel in distress and for making sure the field was in such good condition.

Pony Club Camp will be held at the Greannan, Blackwaterfoot on the weekend of September 25-27. Names for those wishing to attend should be given to Liz Kennedy on 700552.

Results: Class 1 In-hand horses 4yo & under 1 Nicola MacAlister (Barloch Doll owned by Dawn Murchie), 2 Jen Gilroy (Bailey).

Class 2 In-hand horse 5yo & over 1 Tracy Warwick (Cadlan Valley Double Kiss). Class 4 Under saddle 12.2hh & under 1 Daniell Mutch (Iorsa Chantilly Lace), 2 Kirsty Stewart (Merrylegs owned by Cathy McNeil). Class 5 Under saddle over 12.2 to 13.2hh 1 Shannon McAllister (Rosie). Class 6 Under saddle over 13.2 to 15hh 1 Rachael Kennedy (Tinker), 2 Liz Kennedy (Scole Turbo), 3 Sue Tozer (Katie), 4 eq Hannah Bone (Lily) & Lauren MacAlister (Fudge). Class 7 Under saddle over 15hh to 16hh 1 Nicola MacAlister (Midnite Clear owned by Dawn Murchie), 2 Kirsty MacQueen (Calvin Klein), 3 Kirsty MacBain (Akira), 4 Sally Hunter (Fran). Class 8 Under saddle over 16hh 1 Sarah Thomson (Mohawk Mancha), 2 Jennifer Gilmour (Altimo owned by Eilidh Kerr), 3 Jenna Wood (Corrie owned by Diane Lewis), 4 Janis Murchie (Actors Choice). Class 9 Best Rider 10yo & under 1 Danielle Mutch (Iorsa Chantilly Lace). Class 10 Ridden Veteran 1 Indianna (Jayne Faulkner), 2 Bingham's

Pageboy (Taylor Smith) 3 Lochgaire (owned by Jenna Thomson ridden by Amy Latona), 4 Katie (Sue Tozer). Class 11 Working/Handy Hunter (Arran Riding Club Trophy) rider 12 yo & under 1 Shannon McAllister (Rosie). Class 12 Working Hunter (Parker Animal Feed Trophy) rider 14yo & under horse not exceeding 15hh 1 Hannah Bone (Lily), 2 Shannon MacAllister (Rosie). Class 13 Working Hunter (Mr Frisky Shield) rider 15yo & over 1 Janis Murchie (Actors Choice), 2 Kirsty Macqueen (Calvin Klein), 3 Megan McAllister (Ally), 4 Jennifer Gilmour (Altimo owned by Eilidh Kerr).

Overall Champion (The Bert Keachie Shield) Nicola MacAlister (Midnite Clear) **Reserve Champion** Sarah Thomson (Mohawk Mancha).

Best Rider in Show (Yvonne Kerr Trophy) Kirsty Macqueen, Best Turned Out (Betty Smith Memorial Trophy) Jennifer Gilmour (Altimo), Best Condition Horse/Pony Barloch Doll (Nicola MacAlister).

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Arran rugby boys plot pathway to success

Arran boys Ewan Bulger and Robbie Bayne have completed their match programme with the SRU U15 National Pathway Development side the Ayrshire Kestrels with a resounding 41-5 victory away to the Renfrewshire Rhinos at Whitecraigs Rugby Club in Glasgow.

In doing so the Kestrels have maintained their proud record of never having lost to another pathway side and this year scored 192 points whilst only conceding 19.

Thirty-two tries were run over the four matches with only three against with 13 different players scoring.

It was great to see Arran lads Ewan and Robbie amongst the scorers.

Ewan came to the squad as a centre three-quarter but was transformed by his coaches into an excellent second row forward.

His displays in training were so impressive that he was picked as scrum leader for the four match series and acquitted himself very well with one man of the match performance

thrown in for good measure.

The only sad note was that the third Arran lad, Neil Hunter, selected for the final playing squad of 22 broke a bone in his foot while training and could take no part in the matches that were played.

Scintillating

The Kestrels played some scintillating rugby throughout the programme and there is no doubt that many of the players will now be selected to form part of a National Training squad later in the year with a view to progressing to District Level rugby and the SRU National Academy for youth development.

Manager/coach Stevie Edwards said: 'It is great credit to the teachers involved in rugby coaching at the Arran schools and the coaches at Arran Rugby Club that there is now a conveyor belt of excellent talent emerging from the island.

'It is hoped that involvement in the pathway programme will encourage others to take up the sport and join in the success already achieved by this year's and last year's Arran lads.'



Ewan Bulger and Robbie Bayne have completed their intensive training programme with the Ayrshire Kestrels rugby development team.

Arran win with only 12 men

McLaren FP 22
Isle of Arran 39

Arran Rugby Club pulled off an astonishing victory over Dunblane on Saturday - playing almost the entire game with three men short.

The team travelled with 13 men for the match against McLaren FP.

And 10 minutes into the game Arran were left with only 12 men on the pitch when Alec McDonald was carried off with a serious ankle injury.

Captain Murray Picken managed two tries, as did full-back Ben Tattersfield, while fly-half Frazer Barr and flanker Davie MacAllister scored one each for a first win of the season.

Today (Saturday) Arran are playing at the Ormidale Park in Brodick against Jordanhill.

Southend champs are penalty kings

Southend claimed the Cup Final title in a dramatic end to the football season last Thursday night after 20 minutes of extra time and 11 penalties.

The team from Whiting Bay were playing at home against Brodick in the end-of-season finale.

Brodick's Freddie Galbraith scored the first goal of the game just minutes in but this led to Southend clearly upping their game.

Euan Ingram had an incredible attempt at goal but the ball couldn't find the back of net while team mates Frazer Barr and Nicky Emsley also tried their best.

Southend definitely had more

chances on goal than Brodick and when Nicky eventually evened the score before half time it looked as though his team were on to a winner.

As the second half got underway Southend's Malcolm Pennycott scored to take them 2-1 into the lead but they didn't hang onto this for long as Archie McNicol scored for Brodick.

By the full time whistle, referee Ian McDonald called for 20 minutes of extra time to decide a winner.

Despite playing 10 minutes each way, neither team managed to score and the game moved into penalties.

As the sun slowly set behind



Southend celebrate their Cup Final win at Sandbraes on Thursday night. 01_b38cup01

the players there was tension in the air as the entire squad of players took their turn before the net.

Eventually, after a nail biting 12 minutes, Southend slotted the last ball into the net winning the game 11 penalties to 10.

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