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# Government minister says Arran is ideal for change Crofting move brings hope of new housing

Crofting could be established on Arran within the next few years – creating much-needed affordable housing.

The new Scottish Government revealed this week that it sees a strong case to extend the crofting tenure in Scotland to include Arran and other

areas presently excluded such as Bute, Nairn, Elgin, Granton-on-Spey and Tomintoul.

Environment minister Michael Russell was in Brodick on Monday to announce that he is to consult on the possible expansion of crofting outside the traditional counties.

It will now be included in the considerations of the Com-

mittee of Inquiry on Crofting, headed by Professor Mark Shucksmith, which is expected to report to ministers early in the new year.

Mr Russell revealed to The Arran Banner that he believed the island to be ideal for a pilot scheme involving up to 12 crofts.

They could possibly be established on Forestry Commission land. He had already entered into discussions with the commission and said had been met with an 'open door'.

He said he had been impressed by the Forestry Commission's 'willingness, flexibility and adaptability'.

Landowners would also be encouraged to apply to the Crofters' Commission to create crofts.

'I do not see land as a problem to the development of crofts in new areas,' said Mr Russell. 'Scotland has plenty of land.'

The environment minister, who also outlined his vision to a public meeting in Lamlash Community Centre, said: 'In 1886 when the Crofting Act went through, a number of small areas were excluded. What went wrong in 1886 we can finally put right.'

'Crofting is a successful means for keeping people on the land, and we can adapt it to meet housing needs.'

'The first forestry crofts could be established here as a pilot scheme, and hopefully land-

owners will also do everything



Environment minister Michael Russell. b40msp1

they can to become involved. 'Jura recently had six new crofts created and that resulted in six new homes for young families. That made a huge difference to the island.'

Mr Russell acknowledged that there were many processes to go through in the months ahead, but said there was an enthusiasm and willingness to cut bureaucracy and make things happen quicker. The finer details would largely be influenced by the crofting inquiry.

The minister said these developments were all part of the new SNP administration's determination to tackle the lack of affordable housing in Scotland.

'We accept there is a need to create 30,000 affordable homes during the next five years, and the political will is there to make it happen.'

He added that land for self-build purposes could also pos-

sibly be released alongside the crofts. 'Land is not an issue. The main problem is getting all the ducks in a row regarding planning and all the relevant agencies.'

Accompanying Mr Russell in Arran was the island's MSP Kenneth Gibson, who revealed he was taking every opportunity to highlight Arran's housing needs and seek solutions to highlight the lack of affordable properties for young people.

Drew Rutter, convener of the Crofters' Commission, said there was no minimum or maximum size of land needed to qualify for grant aid of around £20,000 per croft.

He added that there could be 'an imaginative use of land, not simply limited to growing vegetables or rearing animals. It could involve any kind of sustainable lifestyle connected to the land.'

The Scottish Crofting Foundation this week welcomed the decision to consult on the possible extension of the Crofting Counties.

SCF director Donald Linton said 'There has been a lot of interest in some areas, particularly Arran, about what crofting tenure might mean for smallholders and farmers. Lots of effort has gone into getting this debate going — people in Arran have been discussing this for at least two years. Government encouragement to consider all the issues can only be good news.'



Danielle Dillon and Calum Monteith, both from Kilmory, were married at Lagg Hotel on September 15.



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## Police files Theft of money from caravan

A caravan was broken into at Kilmory Farm in the Southend of the island last Saturday night.

At some point during the night a sum of money was stolen from the caravan.

Police are following a positive line of enquiry but anyone with any information should phone them on the Strathclyde Police number 0141 532 2000.

## Crackdown on the carrying of knives

During the first three weeks of October police in Arran will be carrying hand-held metal detectors as part of the Safer Scotland anti-violence campaign being enforced throughout the Strathclyde police forces.

Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'This is part of the communities against knives project. If you have any offensive weapons or knives then please bring them to the police station in Lamlash and hand them in.'

At the weekends the police will carry hand-held metal detectors and retrieval equipment to use on anyone they suspect of carrying a weapon.

# Injured Holy Isle walker sparks large-scale rescue operation

A hill walker was airlifted from the Holy Island by navy helicopter on Saturday afternoon after breaking her ankle.

The Ardrossan woman sparked rescue operations by the Lamlash lifeboat and the coastguard service after the



The injured woman is airlifted off the Holy Isle.

alarm was raised by her three companions around 2.20pm.

First on the scene was the lifeboat. Its press officer Alan Little said: 'We arrived on island under the impression that the injured woman was a quarter of a mile from the lighthouse on the shore.'

'However, we discovered that she was actually about a quarter of a mile up the hill.'

'When we finally reached her with a stretcher, she was being looked after by a doctor and a paramedic who had been walking with her.'

'She was in considerable pain, and it was decided not to remove her walking boot.'

Mr Little said the lifeboat crew became concerned about being able to take the stretchered woman back down the hill safely in wet conditions. 'We were not confident we could, so we decided to call in the coastguard's cave rescue crew who had all the proper gear.'

The lifeboat then returned to Lamlash to pick up the coast-



The injured walker is strapped to a stretcher before being down off the hill.

guard crew before going back to the Holy Island and bringing the woman down to the shore.

At that point, the rescue took yet another twist. Mr Little explained: 'HMS Gannet was on

exercise nearby and had been listening in on our messages.'

'It duly sent a navy helicopter to airlift the woman off the island, and the decision was taken to fly her straight to

Crosshouse Hospital in Kilmarnock.

'She was accompanied by her female companion, and the other two walkers were taken back to Lamlash by boat.'

## Farmers' relief as sheep allowed off island

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Friday to go straight to auction marts in Ayr and Stirling.

Robbie Wilson is the Arran agent for Craig Wilson Auctioneers in Ayr. He said: 'We are expecting about 1,000 sheep to leave the island on Friday. It is a very difficult time.

No animals have left the island for more than four weeks. It's crucial that we get these animals off to auction now.'

George Tod from Balgowan Farm in Shiskine explained: 'It is time to move these sheep now. The lambs are ready to go to slaughter and if we'd had to wait any longer it would probably have been too late.'

At the beginning of September the National Farmers Union (NFU) reported that Scotland's sheep industry was facing a welfare crisis as lambs were stranded on farms due to the movement ban.

Mr Tod said: 'Even if they

have enough grass to survive just now and temperatures hold up, their mothers will not have enough feed to make it through the winter.'

There is no expected price for the lambs because the market has been depressed badly by the lack of export.

Mr Wilson explained: 'This time last year you would get anything between £35 and £40 per lamb. We will just have to wait and see what happens on Saturday. I would be surprised if they can get £30 this year.'

The NFUS said that the Arran farmers had been relieved slightly by having an abattoir

on the island run by Donald Galbraith in Blackwaterfoot.

Exports to Europe are still forbidden but it was revealed this week that some fresh meat exports will be allowed again on October 12. However, certain conditions will have to be met.

NFUS president Jim McLaren said: 'We need the livestock sales to recommence as soon as possible to avoid a catastrophe. The penalty being paid by farmers was already horrendous and we have to do all we can to get these sheep off to auction.'

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# Dismay as new high school building is delayed until January

Report by JENNIFER LYON

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After a review of building work by North Ayrshire Council and the private sector partner PPP Services North Ayrshire Ltd, it has been decided to defer the handover of the new school until January 7, 2008.

As reported in the High School News this week (page 10) head teacher Douglas Auld described the delay in a school newsletter as 'a major disappointment' but emphasised that the handover must be 'safe, secure and properly planned'.

The delay was announced on Monday when much of the contents of the existing building were already packed, which led to much frustration among the staff.

One teacher said: 'Having spent the last week packing up my department, it would have been nice to hear the news earlier. It hardly came as much of a surprise to anyone though.'

Councillor Margie Currie said: 'I think that this is not surprising. It's really just a pity that they weren't able to make this announcement back in July.'

'There has been such a lot of disruption to the pupils, the head master and the staff and now two holidays will be interrupted.'

Initially the school was to open at the beginning of the autumn term after the summer holidays but this date was then pushed back to the end of October because of two big setbacks.

Dr Jim Tulips, the council's project leader, said: 'This was a joint decision. We need an orderly, safe and secure transfer to the new building and we can't guarantee this given the present progress of building work.'

The October holidays begin this Monday and the teachers have been preparing to start moving in equipment during the three weeks' holiday.

Dr Tulips said: 'This is a disappointing delay but could not be avoided. The move needs to be done during a holiday period and the Christmas holidays offer the next opportunity.'

'Staff have been fully briefed and the head teacher has informed parents. Our private partners will carry all financial consequences of this delay. The council will not begin paying for the school until it is properly handed over in January.'



The builder's materials piled up outside the new school this week confirm it is a long way from ready. b40sch1

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## Tricks and treats at the Kinloch

The annual Halloween lunch in aid of the British Red Cross Transport and Escort service will take place on Wednesday, October 31, at the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot. Those wishing to attend should be there at 12.30 for lunch at 1pm. Tickets can be obtained from the Book and Card Centre, Brodick.

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Fiona Beatan and her daughter Maili with Yollie Campbell and Dylan the Shetland pony outside the Co-op. b40rda1

## Riding for the disabled's fundraising boost

The Riding for the Disabled Association Arran Group is now galloping towards its aim of helping adults as well as youngsters – thanks to the generosity of the island's shoppers.

The group raised an incredible £985 at a bag-packing day at the Brodick Co-op on Saturday.

'It is a fantastic sum of money, and we are absolutely delighted,' said group

volunteer Janis Heaney. 'At the moment the association has three ponies based at Oakbank Farm, Lamlash, that we can use for youngsters, but we would like to buy a pony that will allow us to help disabled adults on Arran.'

'We raised almost £1,000 and that money will go a long way to achieving that aim. We are extremely grateful to the Co-op and for all the shoppers who made donations.'

Also helping with the fundraising on Saturday was Dylan the Shetland pony who just loved people fussing over him.

The RDA's next fundraising event will be on the CalMac ferry on Saturday, November 17.

For information about RDA Arran, contact Fiona Beatan, Barbara Tinto or Rona Fulton.

## News from Strasbourg

Usually, when I write, I try to report on pretty well everything that has happened during the previous month. This time, though, I want to concentrate on three of the things we have been talking about in Strasbourg this past week.

One is the safety of toys made in or imported into the EU, particularly from China. There has been an alarming number of recalls recently and the parliament is pushing for the rules to be tightened up.

This means much tougher inspections and better customs controls. But we also want stricter safety standards, too, and are looking at the idea of a Europe-wide consumer safety label for all products, not just toys.

Another is renewable energy, especially the role of bio fuels.

The issues here are difficult ones. At the moment we have a target of 10 percent for use in transport. But there is increasing concern about the effects that growing sufficient by way of bio fuels to do that will have on the environment and on food production, both at home and in the developing world.

Just now we are sticking to the target but we have warned the commission that they have to prove to us that it is a sustainable one. Finally, we are introducing better rights for passengers on trains.

One of our main concerns has been to improve the situation for disabled people in access to stations and on board. The new



MEP Elspeth Atwooll reports to The Banner on the latest goings on in Strasbourg

rules, operating from 2009, should also make life easier for those coping with prams and pushchairs and mean more by way of cycle racks too.

Another part of the package is to improve compensation for delays. At the start this will only cover cross-border trains but will eventually cover all long distance ones. Of course, there are some compensation schemes in place already but the new rules should make them equivalent to one another no matter where in Europe you travel.

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## Part of String Road closed for four weeks

More than a mile of the B880 String Road will be closed from October 22 for around four weeks to allow resurfacing work to take place.

The work is part of the planned road maintenance programme being carried out by North Ayrshire Council's roads and transportation service.

The work covers a short stretch of the String from north of Shiskine at Balmichael to south of the Machrie Moor road junction at Dereneneach on the B880.

A spokesman from NAC said: 'It will start on October 22 and end on November 16 or earlier if the work is completed. As with all road maintenance weather conditions play a key role in the time taken. All local access will be accommodated.'

Traffic using the diversion route should proceed via the Machrie Moor Road, the route C147 coastal road, the Torbeg Road to rejoin the B880 at Shiskine and vice versa.

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The Shiskine Beaver's and some of the parents taking part in the sponsored walk last week. b40bea1no

## Beavers walk helps starving children

Shiskine's Beavers raised more than £300 to help feed children in Malawi by taking part in a sponsored walk last Wednesday night.

The Beavers walked the four miles around the Shiskine/Blackwaterfoot square.

All the sponsorship money raised will go to Mary's Meals a Scottish organisation run by volunteers to help children in the African country of Malawi.

The aim of the charity is to provide each child who attends school with one hot meal a day of maize porridge.

This encourages the children in severe poverty stricken areas to go to school and get an education.

It is hoped that this simple meal may someday help them to escape poverty altogether.

It costs £5.30 to feed a child one school meal a day for a whole year.

The Beavers would like to thank all the adult volunteers who turned up on the night to accompany them on their walk.

# Dramatic twist in one man's pursuit for truth about ship that lost 379 lives New witnesses reveal they also saw plane crash that sank HMS Dasher

Dramatic new evidence surrounding the sinking of the HMS Dasher in 1943 with the loss of 379 men has been uncovered by *The Banner*.

The aircraft carrier sank off Arran in the Firth of Clyde.

The MoD has never explained what happened, but theories put forward over the years have included an explosion in the engine room or even friendly fire.

But one man, George Humphreys, has always insisted that he witnessed a biplane crashing into the quarterdeck and exploding.

He was 19 at the time, a signalman on another boat off the Kyles of Bute.

He said the disaster was hushed up so much at the time that very few people actually knew that it had sunk.

It was the largest loss of life not in the face of the enemy during the Second World War, a huge embarrassment to the navy and deemed to be seriously damaging for morale at a time when the Allied forces were not faring well.

But when George Humphreys, now 84 and living in Kent, tried to tell the MoD what he had seen through his telescope on March 27, 1943, he was disap-



HMS Dasher sank in the Clyde off the coast of Arran during the Second World War.

pointed in the response.

A member of the MoD naval historical branch wrote back saying this was the first time they had heard of a claim that a plane had caused the ship to sink.

However, following an article in *The Banner* last week, two people have been in touch with the paper saying that they also witnessed a plane crashing into the ship.

Their accounts are a remarkable development, and George Humphreys says he is now going to contact the BBC and national newspapers to gener-

ate further interest. He told *The Banner*: 'I simply want the MoD to admit what really happened that day. I will keep going until the truth is out.'

This week, Mrs Jean Simpson, now 89, of West Kilbride, told *The Banner*: 'I was walking along Melbourne Road in Saltcoats pushing my son in his pram. I remember seeing a bi-plane flying low above what looked like a strange-shaped tanker.'

'Suddenly I saw it disappear

into a black square on the ships deck. Seconds later there was a lot of smoke.'

Mrs Simpson said that the picture of the Dasher in last week's *Banner* showed the black square where she saw the plane crash.

This black square is the aircraft lift, which was used to take the planes from the hangers below to the landing deck above.

In all the reports about the HMS Dasher it is said that an

explosion in the aircraft lift was the cause of the ship's sinking.

'It was such a strange event,' added Mrs Simpson. 'So many people saw it sink but yet there was a sort of hush-up about what had happened.'

'No one really talked about it and people certainly didn't believe me when I told them what I saw.'

Mr Humphreys said: 'I'm just amazed at the response from these people.'

'Another lady who has lived on Arran all her life, but did not want identified, wrote to me saying she saw a plane hit the ship from her house in Brodick. I think she was only eight years old at the time but she remembers it vividly.'

For the past six months George Humphreys has been researching into the Dasher's fate and he recently tried to get the logbooks from his ship that he was stationed on the day that the Dasher sank.

'I contacted the National Archives to get a copy of LCT523 ship's log to check the records for that day. Numbers 467 to 550, which covered the whole time we were stationed in the Clyde, have been obliterated. There is no record of what our ship saw that day.'

HMS Dasher lost 379 out of 528 crew when it sank, despite rapid response and assistance from ships and rescue craft from Brodick, Lamash and Greenock.

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## Kildonan SWRI

The first meeting of Kildonan SWRI took place on Tuesday, September 25.

President Jill Hollick welcomed an enthusiastic group of ladies, which included several new members.

After the business meeting which include a report on the federation meeting, the ladies were treated to a fascinating overview and demonstration by one of their own members, Gillian Lythgoe, with the able assistance of Anne Curtis.

The subject was 'holistic treatments' and various procedures were demonstrated on willing rural volunteers. Mamie Stewart thanked Gillian and Anne for a most interesting and informative presentation.

The competition 'Something made with brambles' was won by Thelma Meldrum with Mamie Stewart second.

Tea, coffee and cakes prepared by Mamie Stewart and Mary Mackenzie followed along with samples of the delicious competition entries.

Later in the week a celebration meal took place at the Kildonan Hotel to mark the Kildonan Rural's success at this year's Arran Farmers Show.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 16 at 2.30pm, when guest speaker Sally Brooks will be telling members about her trip to Antarctica, the competition is 'A piece of tablet'.



Jan Wagner showing one of her bags made using the ancient Japanese art of Laperello.

## Jan displays her Laperello skills

If you had been at Jan Wagner's workshop last Saturday organised by Arran Visual Arts you would have discovered that 'Laperello' is the Japanese art of the folded book.

Jan introduced us to the craft using a type of quilting called 'Trapunto' for the covers of the book. The front of the book could then be decorated using techniques of the students' choosing (some had machine embroidery, beads or appliqué). The back and front were later joined by the folded card forming the pages of the book. They were also shown how to make cords to fasten the book and tassels to finish off the ends of these ties.

Jan throws nothing away. She even showed how plastic and bubble wrap could be machine embroidered and painted to be used as book covers. Another book had two sheets of clear plastic in which were sandwiched layers of coloured silks and linen fabrics and again machine embroidered. Jan's skills and enthusiasm for her craft knew no bounds and those present found the experience very exciting and are looking forward to a return visit.

## The craft of pruning proves popular with the garden club

The 'art and craft of pruning' was obviously a very attractive subject given the extremely packed Castle Rangers' Centre on Thursday, September 27, finding somewhere to stand, let alone sit, was problematical.

In his unique, inimitable manner, Jim Jack, the horticultural expert we are very privileged to have living on the island, shared, with amusing anecdotes, some of his authentic personal experience.

He began with holding up examples of inept and even bad pruning and through them showed the errors and what should have been done.

Three tools that he had seemed to be all that was needed - good pruners; a sharp, compact, folding saw; and a good, he emphasised good, pair of loppers.

Jim called for clean, straight, close cuts with tidied edges treated with a protective substance to aid healing.

Timing was clearly very important although Jim, unashamedly, was happily prepared to be unorthodox.

There had been occasions in his career when his approach was thought to be disastrous by others but that had ultimately been successful.

Some of the audience began to have the understanding that ruthlessly cutting back to the ground was the answer but this was soon corrected by reference to the current state of the shrub or tree; to the appropriateness of the time of the year; to the manner of growth; and the desired end product.

This soon led, following many questions from members present, armed with notebook and pencil, to the appropriate treatment for specific species.



There is an art to good pruning.

Jim's natural sense of humour readily evoked laughter but yet masked the authority of knowledge and experience behind the humorous responses.

It was indeed an entertaining and very informative evening thoroughly enjoyed by all and genuinely happy thanks were expressed to Jim for his considerable guidance and obvious love of plants.

It seems to be natural that the next meeting of the garden club on October 25 is to further this care for plants through Composting and Mulching.

After welcomed refreshments served by Mairi Thompson and Jane Davidson, who were warmly applauded, a fully prized raffle, concluded a very happy meeting. Denuded trees and shrubs may well be stark evidence on the island of the aftermath of this garden club meeting but the work will certainly be more expertly effected.

George Baines

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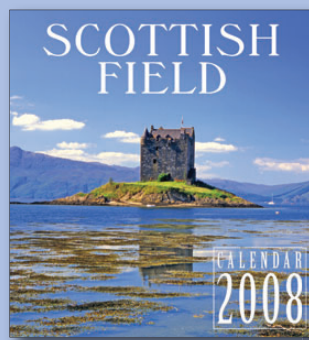
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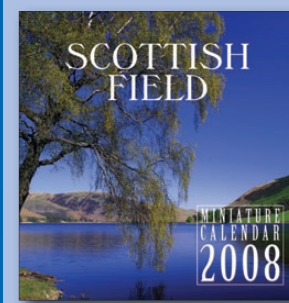
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## Dr Graham Tinto to retire

One of Arran's GPs is set to retire at the end of this month after nearly three decades working on the island.

Dr Graham Tinto from Lam-lash will retire at the end of October and his surgery will be taken over by Dr Graeme Thompson who has been a locum there for two years.

In the next couple of weeks The Banner will bring you an article about Graham's career on Arran and his plans for the future.

## Event looked at health provision

North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership held an event at the Auchrannie House Hotel on Tuesday to provide an update on local and national priorities for patients with long-term conditions.

The event was also aimed at raising awareness of local initiatives, and at seeking views on the next steps to inform a local action plan.

## Lost property to be collected

Various items of clothing and other smaller items have been found in Kilmory Village Hall over the past year.

Anyone wishing to collect their belongings should contact Kirstin on 870345, otherwise these items will be available at the jumble sale taking place in Kilmory hall on October 27.

## Correction

In an article in last week's *Banner* about the exhibition of old Kildonan pictures it said that there is no shop in the village now only a post office.

*The Banner* would like to make clear that this is not the case and Kildonan Stores is still very much open for all your grocery needs.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## First-aid training course

Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce has organised a four-day, HSE approved first-aid training course available to both members and non-members of the chamber in the Ormidale Pavilion, November 5-7, and the Auchrannie Hotel on November 8.

The course will cost £230+VAT for members & £300+VAT for non-members, including lunch. A chamber spokeswoman said: 'This is great opportunity for all Arran business to make sure their first-aid appointed personnel are properly skilled and qualified for their role.' Anyone wishing to book a place can call the office on 01292 678666.

# Rotary club urged to increase its membership

The Rotary Club of Arran is being urged to try and increase its membership by concentrating on community relations.

That was the message from the district governor, Drew Hughes, when he visited the island at the beginning of the month.

Mr Hughes told the Arran members that recruiting new members was a problem nationally and internationally.

The Arran club was praised for its contribution of £800 to cancer Research last year.

Saturday, September 8, saw a meeting of the Irvine Seagate and Arran Rotary Clubs, brought together by a group study exchange from Australia, involving five women from various professions. President Ken Bone and Rotarian Moira Starks met the group for lunch at the Brodick Bar, during which there was a lot of interesting conversation. Visits were made to the Distillery, Brodick Castle and several other local enterprises before the visiting

group departed.

A club business meeting was held on September 11. Visits by the club to the royal yacht Britannia, and the refurbished Kelvingrove Art Gallery were discussed, as well as the next fund-raising event for International and Foundation. It was agreed that £200 be donated to the Institute of Cancer Research, and note was taken of a request from Christian Aid.

Gillean Bussell donated £20 to club funds from the proceeds

of the sale of her book. Over the years Gillean has made a very generous contribution to club funds by this means.

The possibility of a dinner/dance was as discussed.

Rotarian George Drennan took pride of place as speaker on September 18. In a complete change around, he turned the tables on the club by asking certain questions, opening the meeting for discussion. The members rose to the occasion, and what proved to be a highly

entertaining evening ensued. The question all members will surely remember was the one about stroking a sporan!

The club recently welcomed two new members, David Bingham and Willie McNish.

The last meeting of the month found David Bingham putting to the club a plan of great interest which he has devised with the youth of Arran in view. This involves group participation in a number of challenges.

**Moira Starks**

# Say cheese — and you can find Isle of Bute and Mull of Kintyre on Arran

Changes are being introduced at the Torrylinn Creamery in Kilmory.

The 60-year-old company is reducing the number of packaging options for its award-winning Arran Dunlop cheese, but from this week it is expanding the range of cheeses available from its on-site shop.

Visitors will now also be able to buy Isle of Bute and Mull of Kintyre cheeses, also owned by First Milk Cheese Company, which took over Torrylinn two years ago.

The cheeses will now be sold in four sizes: 200grams, 250 grams, 400 grams and 2.5kgs.

Jill Coyle, communications manager for First Milk Cheese Company, commented: 'Our Torrylinn creamery has been successfully making award-winning Arran Dunlop cheese for 60 years. We are making the same volume of cheese at Ar-



The on-site shop at Torrylinn, Kilmory, will now stock a range of cheeses. b40crea1

ran as we have done for some time and following a regular review of our range, we have decided to reduce the range of pack sizes available in the Torrylinn shop.

'As part of this review, we have also decided to expand

the number of cheeses we sell at our on-site shop at Torrylinn and our other creameries, and will therefore be offering customers an increased choice as they will be able to purchase all of our premium range of cheeses — Isle of Bute, Isle

of Arran and Mull of Kintyre.'

Torrylinn employs a total of seven staff and has seen a number of changes in recent years following mergers and acquisitions, culminating in the latest takeover by First Milk.

Arran Dunlop takes its name

from Barbara Gills, of Dunlop, who in the 18<sup>th</sup> century developed full, natural fat cheese.

First Milk is the largest dairy farmer co-operative in the UK. Its members' farms stretch from Central Scotland to the South of England, and from West Wales to East Anglia. The business has three divisions: milk operations, cheese, and ingredients.

Milk operations handles approximately two billion litres of milk per annum from around 2800 producers. This milk is supplied to First Milk's cheese business and to many of the leading names in the industry. The First Milk Cheese Company is the largest UK-based cheese supplier with creameries in Mull of Kintyre, Isle of Arran, Isle of Bute, Haverfordwest in Wales and Aspatria in Cumbria.

## Torch Players' poetry by candlelight

The Arran Torch Players are back after a well-deserved summer break and they are gearing up for the drama festival. It's back to rehearsals on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Although the main cast is already cramming lines into their memories, people of all age groups are welcome to join the preparations be it as actors in 'crowd scenes' or behind the stage.

But drama is not all they do. This Thursday was the 14<sup>th</sup> National Poetry Day. Therefore, all over Britain many events are happening during this week. The Torch Players are visiting some Arran Schools today (Friday) to read poetry to the children.

Tomorrow (Saturday) anyone who is interested in poetry is invited to an open reading in candle-

light in Corrie Village Hall.

Bring along your favourite poems or your own poetry to read to the audience. If preferred, members of the drama group will do the reading.

Some local poets will contribute their own written pieces and the Torch players are looking forward to hearing many Arran people sharing their cherished authors or their own writings with the audience.

The opening readings start at 7.30pm and there is no entry fee although donations to local charities will be very welcome.

Feel free to bring along your own bottle and nibbles.

For further information please contact Assja Baumgärtner on 700662.

## Ceilidh group begins new season

Arran Ceilidh Dance Group begins its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in Corrie Hall on Friday, October 19, at 8pm.

Ceilidh dancing is a mixture of old time and social party dancing, usually the main event after meals at weddings in Scotland.

A group organiser said: 'We are urging people to come along for the first night and to bring a friend or a neighbour. It is fun and on the first night it is free.'

The group meets on alternate weeks in Corrie and Lam-lash.

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# THE ARRAN BANNER

ARRAN'S WEEKLY PAPER Saturday 6th October, 2007

Recycling has become the new religion. It is less than a year since we were all forced into it on Arran, it being last autumn when North Ayrshire issued everyone with a blue and a black wheeliebin, instructions on what to put into each, and a clear threat that if we transgressed there would be a penalty. That penalty was that our rubbish might not be removed and, further, could include a visit from the waste awareness officer, an occasion which would carry such shame that we previously likened it to a visit from the nit nurse. In addition collections of general rubbish were reduced from weekly to fortnightly, it being not many years previously that they were twice weekly!

With rules in place we were forced to learn. Having a couple of letting cottages it behoves us, and others in our position, to ensure that our guests follow these rules too. Therefore it is one of the first things we speak to them about. Since Arran has come a little late into wheeliebins and separating rubbish, we have found that most guests are familiar with it and not at all put out. In fact many feel they know just what to do, and go ahead and do it. Others listen a little more carefully and look when you point to the North Ayrshire leaflet and then perhaps wrinkle their noses. No bin for bottles? Plastic in the recycling bin? We only put paper into that. Separating envelopes from paper?

You might call it postcode recycling. Everybody does it differently. And some do not do it at all, although that is a different matter. The whole business of reducing waste, and of using materials again and of saving the planet from global warming have become entangled and muddled and yet cocooned in a marked worthiness. So much so that proper debate has been stifled. Yet does not this clear disparity in what each local authority thinks can be recycled merely underline the need for a real debate and the need for each of us to be sure of what we ought to be doing?

We find also a huge difference in what people do throw out. Our need to ensure everything goes in the right bin brings us into closer contact with our guests' rubbish than we would choose. And we are amazed at the variation. Quite a lot are fully aware that waste is, well, wasteful, and manage to have only the tiniest amount of it. These people are also the ones who are most careful in separating according to the instructions. At the other end of the scale there are a few who, after one week, have a vast amount and we are astonished at how often this includes unopened packets of food from the Co-op. Not only is the message mixed, it clearly is not getting through.

Still on self catering, the grading and quality inspectors are doing the rounds on Arran. Perhaps they are at it all year but one only gets a visit once a year. They are always courteous. So is the VAT man when he visits, alert to the fact that some of his observations might be likely to enrage his reluctant hosts to the point of their losing control. However each time the quality and grading inspector comes one is aware that they are more concerned with ticking boxes than making a serious assessment of what they are supposed to be judging. It is difficult, for the thing being judged is really a matter of opinion. So they fall back on lists of things as pedestrian as, say, a dish washer, a useless piece of kit if ever there was one. Given that star ratings have such a propensity to miss the point, how worth having are they?

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Look to the Lord and be strong; at all times seek His presence.  
*Psalm 105:4*

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## Letters to the Editor

### Extra medication charge

Sir,  
Montrose House in Brodick is a residential home for people over 65 who are no longer able to look after themselves. Some are disabled, either physically, mentally or both. Every resident needs constant help and care. Credit must be given to the staff who works so cheerfully and carefully.

Most of the residents are over 80, several well into their nineties. Many of us have used our savings to pay for care and now depend entirely on our pension and pension credit. After paying North Ayrshire for staying in Montrose House it leaves us about £20 a week spending money. However, from October 1 we are all being charged £3 a week for the privilege of getting our medication in the preferred dosette form with blister compartments.

What is the point of the over 60s receiving free prescriptions if we then pay £3 every week? Will the charge be 'capped' or will it go up with inflation? Does the money go to the chemist, to the health board or the national health service? I feel we could have been bet-

ter informed than a member of staff during her best at our residents' meeting.

Yours,  
Mrs Peggy Pierce,  
Montrose House resident.

### An appreciation of two Arran businesses

Sir,  
I am writing in appreciation of two of Arran's local businesses, of the excellent refreshments available and the exceptional level of helpfulness they showed to a forgetful tourist.

Having enjoyed a delicious alfresco cup of coffee from Corrie's local shop, I left my mobile phone on a bench in the village. Realising my loss later on while in the Sandwich Station at Lochranza I had to assume it was lost but thanks to the quick responses of both proprietors, it was soon found and held safely grateful for their help, which saved me the hassle of replacing the phone on my return home and allowed me to enjoy a great days walking.

Yours,  
Kate Lemon  
Belper,  
Derbyshire

### NHS staff deserve recognition for their work

Sir,  
The Banner has never shown much sympathy to the NHS or its staff. However, comments made in your editorial on September 29 set a new standard.

To give credit where it is due, two points are well made. First, basic hygiene (principally hand washing) is the best protection against hospital infection. Second, there is considerable waste in the NHS-though this reflects trends in society rather than a 'principal aim to get rid of money'.

Observations regarding staff uniforms, however, disclose a disturbing mix of venom and sheer ignorance.

Hospitals, including our own at Lamlash, provide their uniformed staff with a changing room.

Given the nature of their work nurses are only too pleased to change at the end of their shift. Medical staff (by the way) don't wear uniforms.

The uniformed personnel we see around the villages are principally community nurses and home care staff.

The reasons for the use of uniforms are too obvious to rehearse. For these staff, their workplace is patients' homes and they have to move from one to another.

Our population is increasingly elderly and many people live in their own homes only because of the support they receive from such staff.

They deserve recognition for this role, and, fortunately, receive it from the vast majority of the population. Like their hospital colleagues, community staff, I imagine, will change at the end of a working day, though they have to return home to do so.

You finally suggest they 'they just can't be bothered to change' or 'this flaunting of their identity could be a prime cause of infection'.

I'm sure other readers will, like myself, have found it hard to decide which of these insulting speculations is the more ludicrous. I suppose an apology would be out of the question?

Yours,  
Malcolm Kerr  
Cairndale  
Brodick

## Lochranza is US couple's choice to renew vows



Pete and Sue Joiner renewing their vows in St Bride's Church

Pete and Sue Joiner, an American couple from Florida celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Arran, and as part of the celebration renewed their marriage vows during the harvest festival service at St Bride's Church, Lochranza.

The couple have spent an annual holiday in Lochranza for the past 11 years, invariably staying at the Lochranza Golf camping and caravan site.

During that time they have made many friends in Lochranza and have become a very popular couple locally.

Many of their friends attended the service and witnessed the very moving moments when they renewed their vows before the local minister Angus Adamson.

Afterwards about 40 guests went to the Lochranza Distillery for a celebratory buffet where they were welcomed by the happy couple.

A vote of thanks and sincere best wishes to Pete and Sue was proposed by Sinclair MacLeod and in view of their pending departure for home the assembled company broke into a rousing rendition of 'Will ye no come back again'.

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# 'I want to concentrate on youth diversion programmes and improving driver behaviour' New sergeant Bob McKay wants to do more for kids and also make our roads safer



Bob McKay has been appointed as Arran's new police sergeant after spending three months in the role of acting sergeant.

Originally from Kingston in Glasgow, Bob began his police career in 1995 when he was posted to C-division based in Maryhill.

Sergeant McKay said: 'Until then I had worked in the engineering industry which saw me working away from home a lot. The police was an ideal way to have a more settled job that wouldn't see me travelling all over the place.'

While working on a murder enquiry in Kirkintilloch seven years ago, Sergeant McKay spotted a job advertised in Strathclyde Police's in-house magazine

The job was in Arran.

He said: 'To be honest if anyone had earlier told me that I would some day end up living on Arran I would have laughed, but I have really enjoyed my time here and it is a real privilege to be promoted to sergeant.'

Sergeant McKay sees Arran as an exciting challenge that he is ready to take on.

He explained: 'The island has changed so much in recent years and we are no longer exempt from the forces which are affecting the rest of the country.'

Arran has become a much more cosmopolitan island in recent years with a huge influx of economic migrants, in particular from Eastern Europe.

Sergeant McKay explained: 'It is a challenge to try to improve levels of integration but variety is always a good thing and we welcome anyone who comes here to join the community.'

As well as the usual police business that keeps him and his team busy on the island, he has two priorities that he would like to see realised over the next three years.

These are getting the kids off the streets and involved in extra curricular activities and improving driving behaviour among islanders.

He said: 'I want to concentrate on youth diversion programmes. I got involved in the bike club for that reason and I think the police can do more for these kids.'

'Improving the driving behaviour on the island is also important, so as a force we will be concentrating a lot more on bad drivers.'

Sergeant McKay said that unlike a sergeant promoted from the mainland, he knows what will work for Arran: 'I've been here long enough now to know what will and what won't work. I can use this to my advantage to ensure that Arran continues to be a great place for people to live and to come to on holiday.'

Arran's new sergeant, Bob McKay. b40p011

## Support flooding in for Christmas lights appeal

The Brodick improvements committee has been heartened by the generous response from many businesses and individuals in Brodick to the appeal for £5,000 to renew and repair the Christmas lights.

Chairman Harry Davidson said: 'Nearly £3,000 has come flooding in so far and we are fully confident we will reach our target in time for the switch on of the lights this Christmas.'

Residents of Brodick, Strathwillan and Corriegills are reminded of the AGM of Brodick

Improvements Committee and are urged to attend. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 16, in Brodick Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. The new constitution will be put to the meeting.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting and residents of the village can air their views and chat to the members of the committee and Councillor Margie Currie who will be giving her report.

## Court case

In a court report last week involving former Lamlash man Keith McDowall in which he threatened his female victim, it was wrongly stated that he also attempted to pervert the course of justice by wiping fingerprints off a damaged car. A not guilty plea was in fact accepted for the charge involving the car.

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# High School News

## Staff and pupils less than impressed at latest delay to new building

### School delayed...again

A sense of déjà vu came over the school this week when it was announced that the completion of the new building was to be delayed – again.

Rumours of a delayed move began circulating last Thursday, when an emergency staff meeting was held to discuss the issue. However, a final decision was deferred until Monday, and when it came, the news was not good.

It now looks likely that the school will be completed in time for a January opening, although this has yet to be confirmed. This has, however, raised fears that the confusion and chaos arriving with the 'settling in' period at the new building could have serious knock-on effects to Higher prelims, usually held at the end of January. Standard grade prelims, held in December, could also be affected by a Christmas opening. This is of course assuming that the school will be ready in time for a January opening, and there remains every possibility that this may not be the case; after all, the completion of construction has already suffered two major setbacks, despite constant assurances to the contrary.

When the news came on Monday that the move was to be delayed, much of the present building was already packed, leading to much exasperation among staff as box upon box had to be unpacked.

The frustration of staff members was clear to all this week, with one teacher telling *High School News*: 'Having spent the last week packing up my department, it would have been nice to hear the news earlier. It hardly came as a surprise to anyone though.'

In a school newsletter, headteacher Douglas Auld described the delayed move to the new school as 'a major disappointment', but emphasised that the handover must be 'safe, secure and properly planned'.

Whatever the case, it looks like another major embarrassment to a PPP scheme already suffering from police investigations, serious levels of vandalism and accusations of high level wrongdoing.

*Liam Turbett and Calum Johnston, S6.*

### Ode to a Jason

Two weeks ago, several Arran High

pupils were given the chance to participate in numerous poetry workshops. The workshops, housed in the Burnside Gallery, were part of this year's centenary McLellan festival and spread throughout the week attempting to better one's understanding of how to create a successful poem.

Following the success of last year's workshops on poetic techniques, organiser Jason Watts decided that this year he would look at 'teaching people how to write poetry – after all, a poem can contain every technique in the book but that doesn't make it good.'

The short induction to poetic writing lasted only three afternoons but subjected those who attended to three days of rigorous poetry that left them with valuable insight into the poetic mindset.

*High School News* culture reporter Roisin Gillies said: 'I loved the workshops; with Jason's help I've enhanced my expressive capabilities and learned that everything in the world has something to teach me.'

Although only two S6 pupils could attend the first two days, many more senior students were allowed to participate on the final day. After several

hours of poetry, coffee and biscuits, all agreed that the workshops had been a huge success.

All the students who attended would like to thank Jason for organising the event. Thanks Jason.

*By Calum Johnston, S6*

### Holy Isle – the name's appropriate after all

Last Wednesday, senior moral issues students took their annual pilgrimage to Holy Isle. The trip aims to bolster relations and understanding between pupils and our Buddhist neighbours. Our intrepid adventurers were met off the boat by John, a young Buddhist on summer retreat, who would be their mentor.

A brief trip to Nirvana through meditation was first on the list. Although a new experience for many, it was one which a number of pupils had been sorely looking forward to. Along with accompanying teachers Mrs MacLeod of the moral issues department, who is studying for an Open University degree in theology, and depute head Mr McLaren, our group began on the path to enlightenment. After deep

relaxation it was with great reluctance that the team set off to visit important sites around the island including St Molios' Cave, the historic retreat of the important Christian figure.

After a quick feast of historical knowledge from the cave, a brief jaunt up the hill and a refreshing mouthful of water from the holy river, our time on Holy Isle was reaching its end. Arriving back at school, all agreed that the day had been both a fun and educational experience.

S5 student Patrick McMaster said: 'It was a wonderful opportunity to enhance my knowledge of two important religions, Buddhism and Christianity. And I didn't know there was goats on Holy Isle either!'

Holly Weir maintained: 'Meditating is something I would seriously consider doing on a more regular basis now that I've seen how calming it can be!'

Thanks must be given to the ever hospitable Buddhists, and to Mrs MacLeod and Mr McLaren for arranging the trip.

*Liam Turbett and Jamie Cleland, S6*

## First outdoor festival is a great success

Last weekend saw the first Arran Outdoor and Walking Festival take place around the island with a packed programme of events.

Locals and visitors joined experts on mountain walks and activities that took place on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

This was the first outdoor festival and it boasted an exciting schedule of events including a successful evening presentation from outdoor enthusiast Cameron McNeish.

One of the organisers, Gerard Tattersfield, said: 'The festival was very successful. There was a great mix of locals and visitors which was great to see.'

The aim of the festival was to try and get just as many locals involved as those visiting from the mainland.

Mr Tattersfield explained: 'All of the walks had a good number of people joining them at the weekend. It was a bit quieter on Friday and Monday but that is understandable.' More than 60 people came to hear Cameron McNeish which was great and it was definitely one of the festival's highlights.'

Plans are already underway to hold the Outdoor Festival at the same time next year and organisers are hoping it could be longer next time.

'We will definitely try and improve by perhaps making it longer and offering more activities,' said Mr Tattersfield.



Locals and visitors took part in the Arran Outdoor Festival last weekend.

## WHERE IS MURPHY?



Last week Murphy was waiting patiently on a lovely sunny, summer's day somewhere on the island.

Margaret Green from Kelvinhaugh in Lamlash correctly guessed that he was on Lamlash Golf Course across from Blairmore Road, heading for the 15th green. Well done Margaret.

If you think you know then post your answer on the website.

**This week Murphy has ventured off the beaten track a little. Can you guess where he is and where on the island that green forestry sign is situated?**



# Delight as The Balmoral graces waters around Arran

A much-loved ship from the bygone era of the Clyde paid a visit to Arran last week.

The Balmoral stopped off in Lochranza on Monday and then was spotted anchored in Lam-lash Bay the following evening.

The sister ship of the PS Waverley, the Balmoral was built in Southampton in 1949 and operated under the Southampton Red Funnel Fleet for 20 years.

She then moved around to the Bristol Channel where she became the last member of P&A Campbell's famous White Funnel Fleet.

When they ceased operation in 1980, the Balmoral moved to Dundee to become a floating restaurant, and there she stood, unsuccessful and gradually falling into disrepair, until the friends and supporters of the Waverley rescued her. She returned to service in 1986 and to this day operates her main summer season in the Bristol Channel, offering day excursions to popular Coastal Resorts, as well as making visits to other ports and piers throughout the UK in spring and autumn.

## SPT mobile travel centre will be in Brodick

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's (SPT) mobile travel centre is coming to Arran on October 23 to provide travel information.

The travel centre promotes public transport and is the only one of its kind in Scotland.

It will be found in the Co-op car park, Brodick, between 11am and 3pm on the Tuesday.

A spokesman for SPT said: 'It provides people

in rural areas with information on local rail and bus services, express and long distance coach services, short stay breaks as well as local ferry services.'

The vehicle is accessible to anyone with impaired mobility and wheelchair users and is there to help all passengers with their journey planning.



The Rostov Children's Jazz Quintet impressed the crowds in Whiting Bay Hall.

# Youngsters display extraordinary jazz skill and maturity

I have been listening to jazz for a very long time.

In 1942/43 I tuned into the BBC American Forces Network during the war, and every year since then, I have listened to some of the best musicians including greats like Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Oscar Peterson and hundreds more.

As a result I think I am well qualified to say that these very young, extremely talented musicians are quite the best I have heard in a long time.

Their ages were from 10 to 14 and already they were well experienced in playing really wonderful music thanks to their education at the Kim Nazareto Children's Jazz School in Russia.

On bass guitar was Fedor Stepanov, alto sax El'dar Tsalikov, keyboard Mikhail Balanov, drums Samuel Sarkisian and vocals Aristina Stepanova.

The most outstanding performance I felt was 'Smile (though your heart is breaking)' played in 5/4 time first made

**Banner music correspondent Harry Ross reports on the Rostov Children's Jazz Quintet which performed in Whiting Bay Village Hall last Friday**

famous by Dave Brubeck, a very difficult tempo for many jazz musicians but played with great aplomb.

It is difficult to single out pieces but their broad range of music was typified by a lovely rendering of 'Feed the World' and the final items of the traditional Russian 'Kalinka' and then the traditional Scottish 'Auld Lang Syne.'

It is a great pity that no teachers or children from Arran's school music departments were present.

When they come back next year this writer will make it his business to encourage this to happen. It was a wonderful night of music not to be missed.

The Kim Nazareto Children's Jazz School is an amazing and revolutionary educational institution.

Children are admitted to the school as young as three years old and there is no audition or

other selection process. The teaching combines the classical approach to learning instrumental skills along with free and improvisational jazz techniques.

One of the most extraordinary features of the group is their musical maturity and virtuosity which, combined with their wide repertoire ranging from jazz standards to classical and unstoppable Russian folk tunes, makes their concerts an unforgettable experience.

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The Balmoral anchored in Lamlash Bay last Wednesday morning. b40bal1

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# Lamlash Splash...Lamlash Splash...Lamlash Splash...



All the swimmers wore wet suits and thermal caps to conserve their body heat in the cold water. b40spl4



Entrants were taken across in boats to begin the race at the Holy Isle. b40spl5



One of the entrants from the mainland who was glad to make it back to the shallow waters. b40spl7

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# Lamlash Splash...Lamlash Splash...Lamlash Splash...

## Fifteen brave swimmers complete 1.3 mile challenge from Holy Isle to Lamlash

Despite it being a grey and wet morning 15 brave swimmers threw themselves into the water at the Holy Isle jetty last Saturday to take part in the annual Lamlash Splash.

The splash is a 1.3 mile swim from the Holy Isle to Lamlash Pier.

The first three to finish were: Glen Sloss (Sannox) in 39 minutes, Ian Hunter (Lamlash) in 41 minutes and David McCusker (Bridge of Weir) in 42 minutes.

Other locals taking part included Sally Hunter, Alan Johnson, Neil Gillies and Richard Small.

The Ali Bodie Memorial Prize for the person showing the most character was given to Alan Johnson of Brodick.

One of the event's organisers Neil Gillies said: 'Alan's training for the event was, to say the least, unorthodox. He only started training for the event two weeks ago and had only previously swam once in the sea. Not to be recommended, but hats off to Alan for quite literally jumping in at the deep end.'

The award was donated by the family of Alison Bodie a remarkably brave woman who swam the race twice despite having cancer.

The event always takes place around the same time each year and participants who have not done the swim before must attend a short trial swim the evening before.

Neil Gillies explained: 'It is always a trade off between water temperature and jellyfish.'

'Experience has shown that in mid to late September the sea is quite warm but the jellies have gone.'

The swimmers must be able to complete the course in no more than 70 minutes and they must wear wetsuits to dramatically slow the cooling effect of the sea.

Some entrants can be in the water for over an hour and wearing a wetsuit and thermal cap means that everyone can finish the event and still feel comfortable.

The temperature of the sea was about 13 degrees centigrade.

Organisers said you do not have to be extremely fit to take part.

Neil said: 'Obviously, you need to have a fairly efficient swimming stroke and have a moderate level of fitness but it is well within the compass of most healthy people.'

Next year a new training programme is being introduced for those interested in taking part.

He said: 'We are hoping to encourage more locals to take part. We will start off training in the pool during the winter then around May we'll progress to the sea, starting with brief group swims, gradually becoming longer.'

The organisers said a big thankyou to Arran Yacht Club, RNLI and the kayakers who helped to make the event safe and pleasurable.

Alan Johnston from Brodick raised more than £800 for the charity Children with Leukaemia by taking part.

Alan said: 'I have to thank all those who supported and sponsored me even although they told me I was 'aff ma heid'. All the money raised was donated to the Arran Junior Sailing Club.'



The swimmers entered the water at about 11.30am on a very cold, wet Saturday. b40spl3



The first group to dive off the Holy Isle jetty included locals Richard Small, Sally Hunter and Alan Johnson. b40spl2



Swimmers must take no more than 70 minutes to complete the 1.3mile crossing. b40spl6



A number of brave locals accompanied by kayaks to ensure they stayed on the right course. b40spl1

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## BANNER

### LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2008 – 2013 DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

North Ayrshire Council has officially launched the consultation for the Draft Local Transport Strategy (LTS) 2008 – 2013. The consultation period runs for six weeks, closing on 16th November 2007.

The draft LTS sets out the Transport Vision and Objectives of the Council and provides a five-year Action Plan for meeting local challenges and needs. When approved, this new document will replace the existing LTS which was produced in 2000.

The Council is now seeking views on this document, and feedback will be considered in finalising the strategy. The draft strategy is available for inspection at public libraries, at Council Offices, at Perceton House in Irvine, and on-line at [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/LocalTransportStrategy](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/LocalTransportStrategy)

Feedback may be provided by sending comments to [headofroads@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:headofroads@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) or LTS Feedback, Roads and Transportation Services, North Ayrshire Council, Perceton House, Irvine, KA11 2AL by 16th November 2007. Alternatively you may contact Kristin Olson at Faber Maunsell (our LTS consultant) on 0141 222 6424.

### LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2008-2013: PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

LOCATION	EXHIBITION TIMES
Ardrossan Library	Saturday 3rd November: 10:00 - 13:00 & 14:00 - 17:00, Monday 5th November: 13:00 - 17:00 & 18:00 - 19:30, Tuesday 6th November: 10:00 - 13:00 & 14:00 - 17:30, Thursday 8th November: 13:00 - 14:30
Beith Library	Thursday 18th October: 13:00 - 17:00 & 18:00 - 19:30, Friday 19th October: 10:00 - 13:00 & 14:00 - 17:30, Saturday 20th October: 10:00 - 13:00 & 14:00 - 17:00
Blackwaterfoot Kinloch Hotel	Wednesday 14th November: 13:00 - 19:30, Thursday 15th November: 09:00 - 19:30, Friday 16th November: start - 13:30
Brodick Arran Library	Friday 9th November: 12:00 - 19:30, Saturday 10th November: 10:00 - 13:00, Tuesday 13th November: 10:00 - 17:00
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Fairlie Library	Tuesday 30th October: 15:30 - 17:00 & 17:30 - 19:30
Irvine Library	Monday 8th October: 10:30 - 19:30, Tuesday 9th October: 09:00 - 19:30, Thursday 11th October: 09:00 - 19:30
Kilwinning Library	Friday 12th October: 11:00 - 19:30, Saturday 13th October: 10:00 - 17:00, Monday 15th October: 09:00 - 19:30, Tuesday 16th October: 09:00 - 13:00
Kilbirnie Library	Monday 22nd October: 15:00 - 17:00 & 18:00 - 19:30, Tuesday 23rd October: 10:00 - 13:00 & 14:00 - 17:30, Thursday 25th October: 13:00 - 15:00
Largs Library	Monday 22nd October: 15:00 - 19:30, Tuesday 23rd October: 09:00 - 19:30, Thursday 25th October: 09:00 - 19:30, Friday 26th October: 09:00 - 19:30, Saturday 27th October: 10:00 - 17:00, Monday 29th October: 09:00 - 15:00
Lamlash Council Offices	Monday 12th November: 09:00 - 16:45, Tuesday 13th November: 09:00 - 16:45, Wednesday 14th November: 09:00 - 16:45, Thursday 15th November: 09:00 - 16:45, Friday 16th November: 09:00 - 13:30
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### WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

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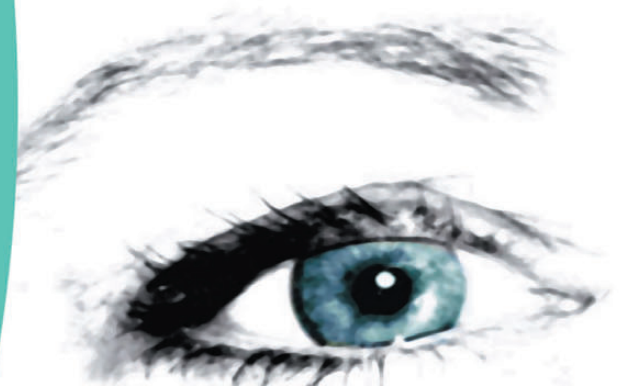


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## Photographic competition 2007

This week we can reveal the winning photographs in the 27<sup>th</sup> annual *Arran Banner* photo competition.

Winner in the People/Animals section is a stunning photo of a Harris hawk taken by John McGuigan.

The beautiful bird is caught in flight just before it returns to its handler's gloved arm.

The hand would have been offering a tasty morsel to entice the bird back.

Second place goes to Alison Davidson of Stirling. Her entry,

entitled 'Under Glenashdale Falls', shows two young boys enjoying a freshwater soaking and waving at the camera.

First place in the Views section is an entry from Paul Archer of Lamlash called 'Heading for Catacol.'

It is an atmospheric photo taken on board a yacht in the Kilbrannan Sound on a clear but windy day.

You can almost feel the motion of the boat and the smell of the saltwater spray.

taken from the top of Mullach Beag on Holy Isle.

Although it could have qualified for the animal's section because of the ponies in the foreground, it is really the panoramic view of Lamlash bay, Clauchlands and the North Arran hills, which make it special.

Very few Arran people will have been lucky enough to see this vista for themselves.

At *The Banner* we feel privi-

leged to have had the opportunity to view so many excellent photographs that have been sent in by readers.

The selection of winners has not been easy and we shall publish a further 'best of the rest' collection next week.

Don't forget to keep those cameras at the ready because any pics taken from now on will be eligible for next year's *Banner* competition.



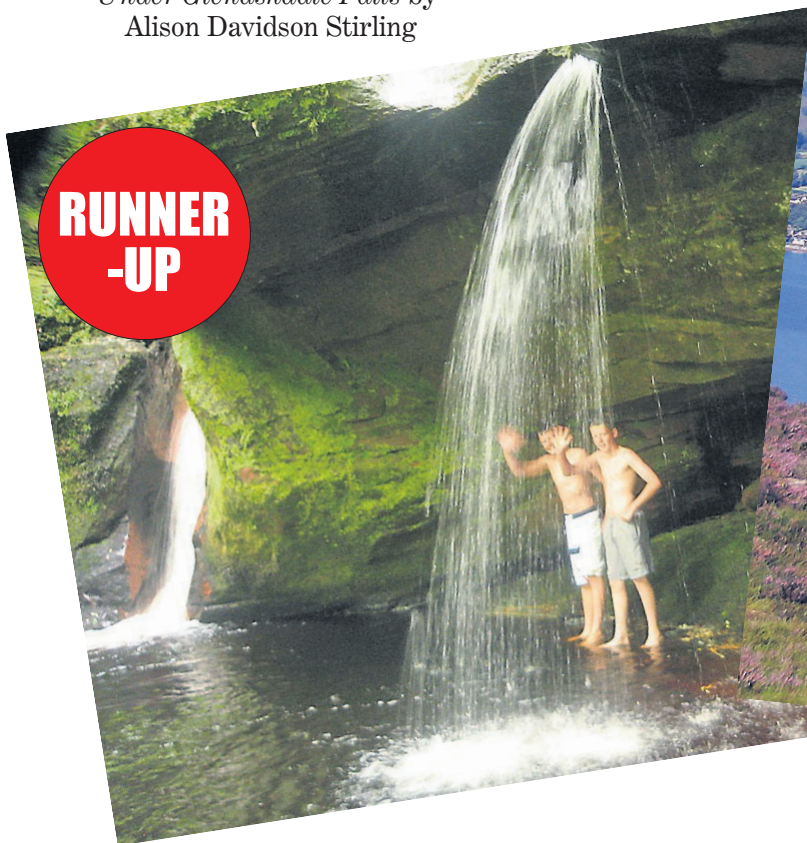
*Lochranza race, Catacol in sight* by Paul Archer Lamlash



*Hawking on Arran* by John McGuigan

*Holy Isle ponies* by Avril McDonald Troon

*Under Glenashdale Falls* by Alison Davidson Stirling



# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday October 3 1987

### No to parent power

Arran parents have voted overwhelmingly against increased

parental power/involvement in education as lid down in the government's new proposals.



Tina Gravatt shows of some of her miniature quilts. She is pictured with Judy McAllister who was hosting the classes. b40twe2

Only four out of almost 80 parents voted for more parental power/ involvement at the PTA organised debate on the topic last Monday.

The issue was confused a little at first by the initial motion not deciding precisely whether it really meant power or involvement.

### Cannabis possession

In two incidents last Saturday, both in the Whiting Bay area, police found persons in possession of suspected cannabis.

In one of the incidents police approached three men who were camping illegally and found them to be in possession of the suspected drug.

### Missing crew members

Ten members of the Coastguard were called out at 6.15pm last Saturday to search for a missing crew member from HMS Sea Lion.

The 33-year-old petty officer from Helensburgh had hired a car on Friday and the car was found crashed in Sliderry on Saturday morning.

### Break in

Whiting Bay Golf Clubhouse was broken into last Friday morning and a quantity of spirits stolen.



A reception was held for senior officers in the Douglas Hotel on Wednesday night. Left to right: Lt Nigel Hibbert, Cdr Neil Robertson, Evelyn Sillars, Lady Jean Fforde and Commodore Mason. b40twe3

### Shiskine youth fined

A Shiskine youth was fined £450 and banned from driving for a year at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court last week.

This followed an accident in March of this year when another Shiskine youth was knocked down and seriously injured.

### Lamlash 'Laughabout Week'

Due to the success of this year's Lamlash Laughabout Week, the sum of £500 has been divided between a number of Arran charities.

### Rugby

Arran 48 Kintyre 0

Arran got off to a dream start in their first league encounter of the season with their highest ever points tally against a side who beat them in the corresponding fixture last season.

At half time Arran were 26-0 up with scores from Iain McDonald, Robbie Crawford (2) and Dougie Stuart making his debut also with two tries.

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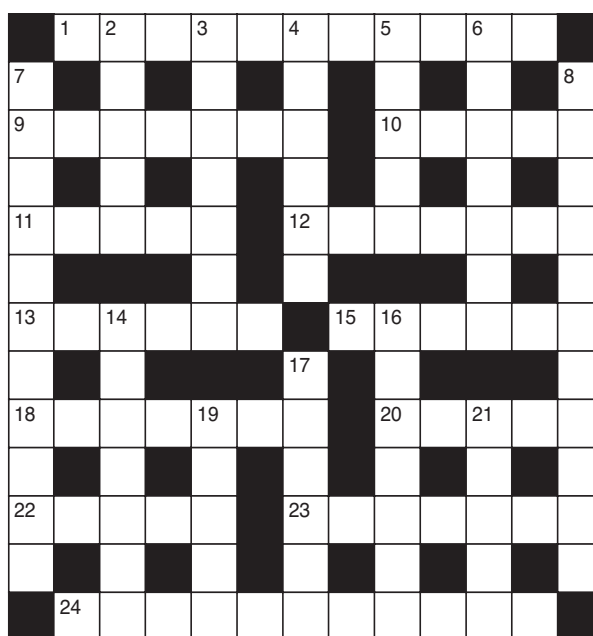
## The ARRAN BANNER GENERAL KNOWLEDGE DOUBLE CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1938 novel by Karen Blixen (3,2,6)
- Kingdom surrounded by the Republic of South Africa at the head of the Orange river (7)
- Giuseppe, composer of the opera Rigoletto (5)
- City in N. Italy associated with ham and cheese (5)
- Standard unit of currency of Venezuela (7)
- 'The —', 1943 film directed by Howard Hughes with Jane Russell (6)
- Region of S.E. Italy on the Adriatic (6)
- French town on the River Loire which houses a famous castle and prison (7)
- Name given by Petrarch to the woman who inspired his love poetry (5)
- Henrik, author of the play A Doll's House (5)
- 'A —', 1985 novel by James Kelman (7)
- One of the original Afrikaner settlers who migrated from the Cape Colony in the 1830's (11)

### QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- Expertise (11)
- Mistake (7)
- Trunk (5)
- Of them (5)
- Limp (7)
- Innumerable (6)
- On land (6)
- Quisling (7)
- Forebode (5)
- Rendezvous (5)
- Artifice (7)
- Fraternity (11)



### SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE - Across:** 1 Shoebill; 5 Hals; 9 Russ; 10 Everdene; 11 Viola; 12 Old Bill; 13 Winnie-the-Pooh; 18 Nitrogen; 19 Cats; 20 Torpedo; 21 Poppy; 22 Nell; 23 Sea horse.

**Down:** 2 Houdini; 3 Epsilon; 4 Love on the Dole; 6 Amerigo; 7 Stealth; 8 Bridge; 13 Winston; 14 Natural; 15 Imogen; 16 Piccolo; 17 Octopus.

**QUICK - Across:** 1 Dramatic; 5 Grab; 9 Spin; 10 Scornful; 11 Pouch; 12 Neglige; 13 Effervescence; 18 Prospect; 19 Dark; 20 Elation; 21 Brook; 22 Side; 23 Perverse.

**Down:** 2 Reproof; 3 Monocle; 4 Incandescence; 6 Ruffian; 7 Believe; 8 Tragic; 13 Express; 14 Froward; 15 Repair; 16 Endorse; 17 Curious.

### DOWN

- Al, 1987 winner of the Indianapolis 500 race (5)
- City in the Czech Republic at the junction of the Oder and Ostravice Rivers (7)
- Single cell animal of the protozoa group (6)
- Maurice, composer of the 1928 orchestral piece Bolero (5)
- Two or three-masted sailing ship used by the Spanish and Portuguese in the 15c and 16c (7)
- Psychological term for a strong impulse to steal (11)
- Main mountain system of Mexico (6,5)
- Very hot red sauce made from capsicums (7)
- 'Ross —', 1945 novel by Winston Graham (7)
- Johnny, American singer and composer whose lyrics include those to Moon River (6)
- Red ring on an archery target (5)
- '— Vanya', play by Anton Chekhov (5)

### QUICK CLUES DOWN

- Course (5)
- Confederated (7)
- Water bottle (6)
- Additional (5)
- Orange liqueur (7)
- Hindering (11)
- Unfeeling (4-7)
- Coach (7)
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**Arran Heritage Museum**, Brodick 10.30am - 4.30pm

**Lamlash Tennis Courts**

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## SATURDAY 6th October

**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

**Whiting Bay Bowling Club**

Rink Game, 6.30pm

**Disco**, Ormidale Hotel 10pm

**Karate**  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm

**Lamlash Bowling Club**  
Closing Day 2pm

**Councillor Currie Surgery**  
Brodick Library, 1pm - 2pm

## SUNDAY 7th October

**Alcoholics Anonymous**,  
St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm

**Family Games Kids & Adults**.  
Auchrannie Games Hall 2 - 3pm

**Open Folk Session**  
Ormidale Hotel. 9pm

## MONDAY 8th October

**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

**Lamlash Bridge**  
Golf Clubhouse, Lamlash, 7.15pm

## Salsa Dancercise

Shiskine Hall. 6.30 - 7.15pm

## Fitness Yoga

Kildonan Hall, 6pm - 6.45pm

## Legs, Bums and Tums

Kildonan Hall 7pm - 7.45pm

## Arran Justice, Peace & Environment Group

Ormidale Hotel, 7.30pm

## TUESDAY 9th October

**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

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Kildonan Hall, 6pm-8pm

## WEDNESDAY 10th October

**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**,  
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Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm

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Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am

**Coffee Morning**  
Lamlash Church 10.15am - 12pm

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Kildonan Hall, 10am

## THURSDAY 11th October

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**Brodick Bridge Club**,  
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**Lochranza Craft Club**,  
Hall 2pm

**Outdoor run**,  
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**Belly Dancing**,  
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm

**Aerobics**,  
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Brodick Library, 7.30pm

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Auchrannie Gym, 12.30pm - 2pm

**Keep Fit**  
Kildona Hall, 7pm - 9pm

## FRIDAY 12th October

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Brodick Hall, 7.30pm

**Lochranza & Catacol Coffee morning**  
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**Aquafizz**,  
Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am

**Over 21's disco**,  
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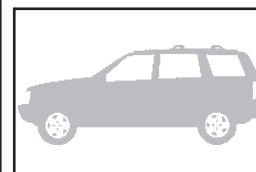


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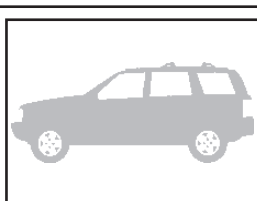
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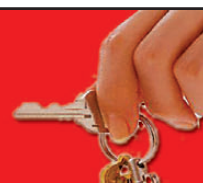
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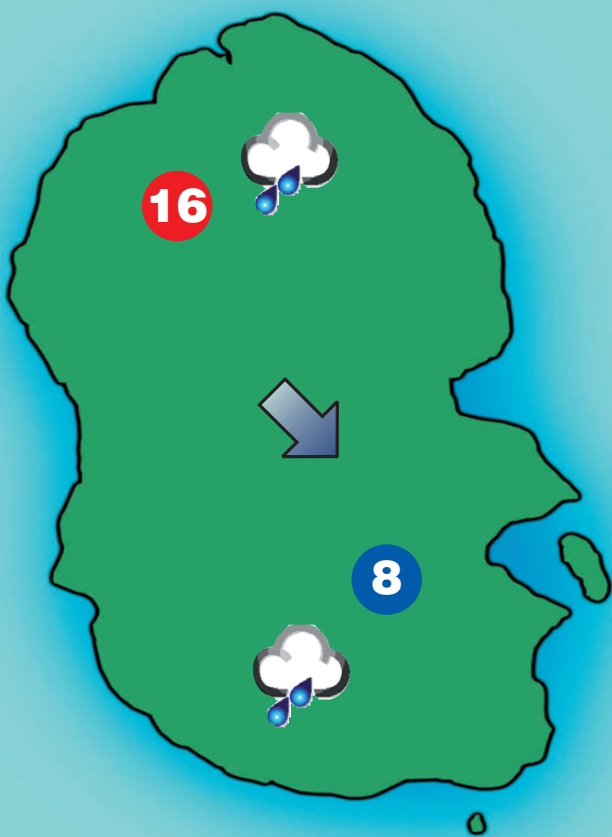
## Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, October 6 2007** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Sat	0143 1.0 0907 2.7 1416 1.2 2042 2.8	
Sun	0249 0.8 1003 2.9 1514 1.0 2147 3.1	
Mon	0342 0.6 1048 3.0 1603 0.8 2236 0.5	
Tues	0423 0.5 1128 3.1 1646 0.7 2320 3.3	
Wed	0500 0.5 1203 3.1 1721 0.6 2357 3.3	
Thur	0532 0.5 1233 3.1 1753 0.6 **** **	
Fri	0031 3.2 0601 0.6 1301 3.1 1821 0.6	

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

Blackwaterfoot	<b>+0.25</b>	Machrie	<b>+0.25</b>
Corrie	<b>+0.20</b>	Lochranza	<b>+0.15</b>
Whiting Bay	<b>-0.02</b>	Brodick Bay	<b>+0.25</b>
Kildonan	<b>-0.05</b>		



### Saturday, October 6

Light rain for most of the day.

Temperature 16°C, falling to 8°C at night

### Sunday, October 7

Sunny spells forecast with a temperature high of 15°C

### Monday and Tuesday

Mostly cloudy, temperatures between 13°C and 11°C

### Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate

Claonaig/ Lochranza - Moderate

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 7 October  
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 7 October  
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

Morning Mass , 11am  
Vigil, 7.30pm

#### Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 7 October  
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. During the service, there will be a short thanksgiving and memorial for the lives of Alan and Pat DeMaid. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service. All welcome. There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm and in Craigielea at 3.15pm.

#### Kilmory Parish Church

Sunday 7 October  
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 7 October 11am  
Holy Communion and Harvest Festival. Mrs Janis Gallagher. Coffee after service  
Wednesday  
10 October 12.15 pm, Holy Communion.  
All welcome

#### Lamlash Church

Sunday 7 October  
You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 11 am.  
Mr Alan Saunderson  
All welcome

#### Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 7 October  
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
Evening Service, 7pm

5 Glen Road  
Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday 10 October, 7pm  
Rev. D. Macleod  
All welcome

#### Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 7 October  
in the Ormidale Pavilion,  
10.45 Communion  
Tea and coffee from 11.10  
11.30 Worship Service  
'Happiness Needs Harmony'  
Philippians 4: 1-5  
Speaker: Rev Alan Thompson  
Everyone very welcome  
Thursday 11 October  
7.30pm  
Ladies' Supper Club  
Ormidale Pavilion  
All ladies welcome

#### Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Sunday 7 October  
11 Glen Estate, Brodick.  
Enquiries to Jeny 302779.  
All very welcome.

## PERSONALS

### DEATH

FLEMING - Angus George. October 1st 2007 at Achavoulin. Beloved husband of Caroline and devoted father of Lucy, James and George. Funeral at St. Molio's on Friday 5th October 12 noon.

### BIRTH



#### HARTLEY

Jane and Colin are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Kerr MacLean on 18th September at Paisley Maternity. A brother for Gregor.

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who supported this year's annual fete. We raised over £900 for hall funds. Thanks to all those who helped run stalls, the tearoom and the clearing up afterwards. It turned out to be a wonderful day and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves

Kirstin Napier  
Manager  
Kilmory Public Hall  
and Lodge

### IN MEMORIUM

8th October 2004  
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A life stopped too soon with so much to live for. Always with us  
Mum Dad and Jennifer

Sincere thanks to Robert, Robbie, Catriona, Ashley and all the staff at the Kinloch Hotel for their professional yet friendly service on the occasion of our wedding last Friday. The food was superb and the setting was perfect.

Thanks also to Susan Barr for conducting the service - she felt like one of the family!

Last but not least our appreciation goes to Phyllis Picken for her wonderful "South Island Tour"!

Garry and Anne



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## Arran Golfers Association

Alteration to constitution and Corrie Hotel Cup. Both alterations operative from August 30, 2007.

Corrie Hotel Cup Saturday November 17 at Shiskine Golf Club beginning at 11am.

The competition will be Stableford on full handicap, a four man team from each island club, qualification any handicap excluding Hope Cup players of the current year.

Constitution amended May 2007 confirmed on August 30.

CONSTITUTION NUMBER 9 NEW WORDING-

The association shall have the power to hold a series of Scratch and Handicap competitions open to all members of clubs affiliated to the Association subject to the following exceptions.

Seven competitions will be confined to residents and natives of the island. Junior Handicap, Junior Match Play, Kelso Cup, Hope Cup, Champion of Champions and the Senior Bowl.

RULES OF PLAY SECTION 12-

Courtesy of the Arran courses will be for four games only during the months of October to March inclusive each winter season. The courtesy will be confined to members of the island clubs forming the association. Members of clubs making use of the courtesy must sign the club visitor book.

NOTE- To avoid any misunderstanding the courtesy does not give one the right to have four games at each of the clubs. The courtesy is for 4 games only at any club on the island.

Association Chairman Donald Logan.

## Lamlash bridge results

N/S  
1 E Sillars and L. Primrose -80, 2 A Bilsland and T Martin -180, 3 J Barclay and J McArthur -880.

E/W  
1 J Maclure and A McKelvie +910, 2 H Boyd and J Murchie +770, 3 E Robertson and E McNiven -670.

The AGM of the Bridge Club will be held in the golf clubhouse on Monday October 22 before the night's play begins.

## Cricket club AGM

The Cricket Club AGM will take place on Monday October 22 at 7.30pm in the Ormidale Hotel.

Items for the agenda should arrive no later than one week prior to the meeting.

## Brodieck Golf Club

Brandon Final and Sweep Sunday September 30, CSS 64, 19 entered.

1 Scott weir (20)62 BIH, 2 Brian Smith (15)62, 3 Chris Pattenden (12)63.

Scratch Jimmy Armit 73. There were five magic two's from Lenny Hartley, Jimmy Armit

Iain MacDonald, Tom Cotton and Angus Robertson.

Brandon Final: Winner Brian Smith (15)62, Runner up Alistair Hume (10)64.

Wednesday Sweep September 26 a lovely day to start the winter, 17 played.

1 Hamish McArthur 72-16=56, 2 Kerr Robertson 73-14=59, 3 Derek Roxburgh 67-6=61.

One magic two from Kerr Robertson.

## Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday September 25-Medal 1 Campbell Laing 69, 2 Brian Sherwood 75, 3 Donald Campbell 76. Scratch Brian Sherwood 82.

Fixtures: Saturday October 6 start of Lochranza Hotel Cup, 12pm tee off. Tuesday October 9 start of Winter Cup 12pm tee off.

## Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday September 30, 16 played in the Bannatyne Cup, CSS 62.

1 Nicol Auld (2)62 BIH, 2 Jamie MacPherson (6)62, 3 John Taylor (21)63. Scratch Nicol Auld 64.

Magic two's from Nicol Auld and David Morrison.

Fixtures: Saturday October 6, Mixed Fours Salver starting at 12 noon.

Sunday October 7 Medal. Sunday October 14 Winter Cup Round one.

## Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday September 30 12 Hole Medal CSS 44.

1 W Kelso 46-4=42, 2 D Logan 51-6=45 BIH, 3 B Sherwood 49-4=45 BIH.

W Kelso with best scratch score 46. W Kelso, D Logan and B Sherwood all with a Magic Two.

Thursday September 27 18 Hole Medal (Ladies).

1 A Anderson 91-20=71, 2 C Arthur 88-15=73, C Arthur with the best scratch score 88.

18 Hole Medal Winners prize was won by Pat Adamson 90-16=74.

Fixture: Friday October

5: Ladies Arran Challenge Starts.

## Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday September 27 final day of the Summer Cup, 31 played, CSS 64. Best scratch Norman McIntyre 68.

1 Norman McIntyre 68-9=59, 2 Graham Tinto 81-19=62, 3 Stuart Campbell 72-8=64, 4 Alan Smith 85-15=65 BIH over Colin Richardson 85.25.

There were magic two's from Graham Tinto, Norman McIntyre, Euan Evans, Dougie McFarlane and Matthew Evans.

Winner of the Summer Cup was Matthew Evans 235, runner up Stuart Campbell 243.

Well done to both on excellent scoring over the summer.

Sunday September 30 Hastings Cup final round.

18 played, CSS 64. Best scratch Ian Bremner 70.

1 John McGovern 69-8=61, 2 Colin Richardson 82-20=63, 3 Graeme Andrew 74-10=64 BIH over I Bremner.

Magic two's from Graeme Andrew, graham Tinto, Russell Adams and Alan Winship.

Winner of Hastings Cup Maurice Appleby 125, runner up Lee Girbow 134.

Sunday September 30 Junior Medal 9-holes.

1 Ian Bayne 55-20=35, 2 Sam Tattersfield 42-5=37.

Fixtures: Sunday October 7 'Glenburn Cup' 9.30am and 1pm.

Sunday October 14 'Stableford' 9.30am and 1pm.

Preferred lies are now in operation.

## Corrie Golf Club

Saturday September 29 Captain's Prize 1 C Pattenden 43, 2 A MacDonald 39, 3 D Logan 37.

Well done Chris, many thanks to Mary and Val for the catering and to David for his generosity.

Summer Cup- best scratch E McKinnon 512, 2 M Sherwood 481, 3 B Sherwood 482, 4 A Napier 485.

Fixtures: Saturday October 6 sweep, tee-off at 1pm shotgun. Monday October 8 Monday Cup, tee-off at 12noon.

## Ladies Golf ALGU

Saturday September 15 the Cir Mhor Trophy meeting was played at Whiting bay in mixed conditions.

22 ladies played. Winner J Turnbull 68, 2 and scratch S Kidston 69, 3 M Tod 71.

Fixtures: Next meeting in the Drumadon at Lamlash Golf Club on October 27.



Kerr Robertson presents Brian Smith with the 2007 Brandon Trophy at Brodieck Golf Club. Picture courtesy of Len Hartley.

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## Arran upbeat despite Carrick defeat

Scottish Hydro Electric  
 West League Division 3  
 Carrick 12 Arran 5

Arran rugby club travelled to Maybole last Saturday to take on the mighty Carrick RFC and lost by only one converted try.

With a number of impressive wins under the belts already this season the Arran club have certainly been given a boost. Playing in a league for the first time in seven years could have been a challenge but instead the team have proved that they deserve their current place in the upper half of the league table.

On Saturday, a try from Ben Tattersfield gave Arran five points but the rest of the game failed to yield any further points.

Captain Murray Picken remained upbeat about the score: 'We only lost by one converted try which isn't too bad.'

'We defended really well and it was a great game.'

Isle of Arran are now fifth in the Scottish Hydro Electric West League Division 3 table having played four games and won two.

This weekend the team is away again this time to Millbrae, the home of Ayr RFC, to play a cup game.

The next home game is on October 13 against Lanark at Ormidale Park in Brodick.

Please come along and support the team.

Saturday's squad: 1 Glenn Stewart, 2 Donald Murchie, 3 Alasdair Ferguson, 4 Ewan Stewart, 5 Niall McMaster, 6 Kal Masia, 7 Greg Cameron, 8 Mark Wetton, 9 Iain Keen, 10 Lachlan Jones, 11 Sam Wheeler, 12 Iain MacDonald, 13 Murray Picken, 14 Ben Tattersfield, 15 George De Mendonca, 16 Peter McDonald, 17 Craig Ingham, 18 Alan McGrath, 19 Martin Ross.



The winners of the Arran Junior Sailing Club championship from left to right; Hazel Ramage, Simon Sloan and Barney Crockett

## Young sailor is third-time champion

### Three consecutive wins for Simon Sloan

Young Arran sailor Simon Sloan has become the Island's junior sailing champion for a third consecutive year.

Over the last three weeks members of Arran Junior Sailing Club have been sailing three races each Tuesday night as part of the Arran Yacht Club Junior Championship.

The races organised by Gus MacLeod, were keenly fought in good winds and up to five cadets raced each week.

In the first two weeks the balance swung between, champion for the last two years, Simon Sloan and, last years runner up, Hazel Ramage.

Missing week one Barney Crockett joined the racing in week two and began to make his

challenge. On the last night it was all to play for. Hazel and Simon had three wins each but Simon was behind with one less second place. Barney, however, did not see this as a problem and promptly won two races and had a second place in the last race. Simon had a first place and two seconds.

Unfortunately Hazel sailed herself out of contention with three third places.

With the best six races to count the final positions were: Junior Champion-Simon Sloan, runner up-Hazel Ramage, third Barney Crockett.

Well done to all the competitors for a display of friendly rivalry and sportsmanship and to Simon for his hat trick.

## Bowlers head indoors at Auchrannie

### Winter season underway two nights a week

Last Tuesday night saw the beginning of the indoor bowling at the Auchrannie just in time for the long winter nights drawing in.

A large number of locals enjoy the sport and the long green mats are brought out on Tuesday and Thursday nights to allow them to play during the winter months.

One of the locals present on Tuesday night said: 'Bowling is a popular sport on Arran. During the summer the outdoor bowling greens in Lamash, Whiting Bay and Brodick are always busy with eager bowlers.'

'In the winter it's great that those of us who enjoy the sport can keep up our practise by coming along to the Auchrannie twice a week.'

From 7pm until 9pm half of the gym is given over to three mats.

On each mat there are two teams of three playing and each player has three bowls each.

The aim of the game is to get as many of your team's bowls as close to the white ball as possible.

Another player remarked: 'It looks easy but it can be quite tricky. You have a light side and a heavy side to the bowl so you must aim the ball down the correct side of the mat if you want it to curve inside to hit the jack.'

Points are awarded for the team who has the greatest number of bowls near the jack.

Each game down the mat is called an end and in total 15 ends are played.

The team with the most points when the ends are all completed wins.

Beginners as well as experts are very welcome to go along.



Indoor bowling is a game enjoyed by many locals during the winter months. b40bowl1

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