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Arran to challenge the English

Jamie McPhail Wilson of Brodict and two of his Arran pals will be making an exhibition of themselves on Saturday.

The three have been invited to perform with 24 clan warriors to stir and inspire the Scotland rugby team and beat the English.

They will be appearing in Edinburgh in the centre of Murrayfield before the Scotland versus England Calcutta Cup rugby match.

Jamie, who is well-known as the face of the Gunn Clan Trust on the Island, has the authentic clansman's feileadh-mhor, or filamore, which was the early forerunner of the modern kilt, not to mention claymore, shield and various other ferocious weapons.

He has appeared as an extra in a number of period films and gave a weekly series of Scots warrior demonstrations at Lochranza Castle last summer called

Into the Mists.

Now the Scottish Rugby Union appears to be going back into the mists of time to come up with a novel way of beating the English.

'There will be a pipe and drum band of the type seen 300 years ago,' said Jamie.

'We will take up a stance in the centre of the pitch with claymores, spears and banners and symbolically protect the bandmen while they play.'

The Banner asked Jamie if it would be as aggressive as the New Zealand All Blacks pre-match Maori haka challenge which is designed to intimidate the opposition.

'It won't be aggressive, but we'll be in belted plaid and with bad attitude,' he joked.

'We all feel honoured to have been invited to help the Scotland boys and hope it spurs them on to a win.'

First call for Boys Brigade lifeboat

Arran's lifeboat *The Boys Brigade* had its first callout of the year on Tuesday afternoon.

The crew were mustered to a 30 foot yacht, the *Balero3*, which had broken a back-stay in the rigging one mile north of Clauchlands Point. She was from Troon and had been sailing for two days.

Local operations manager Geoff Norris said: 'The yacht's crew of two were scared they were going to lose the mast so

they sent out a mayday.

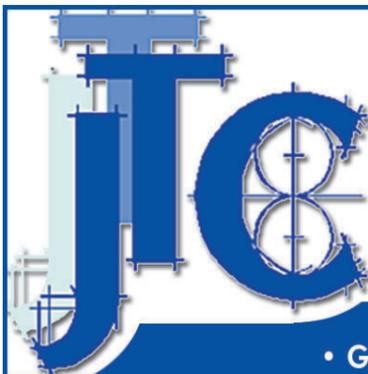
'By the time we got there they had got the mainsail down and used a halyard to support the mast. They made way under their own power into Lamlash Bay.'

The yacht made repairs on Wednesday and headed back for Troon.

The Boys Brigade was replaced by *The City of Bradford 5* for two months during autumn following damage to the Arran boat sustained during a rescue off Dippen.



One of the first-born lambs of the year is seen with two-and-half-year-old Rory Currie and six year-old Zoe Clark. The lamb is a Texel cross and was born in a field at High Feorline, Shiskine last Thursday. It belongs to Zoe's uncle John Murchie and was discovered by local shepherd Dave Brambles who reported the news to neighbouring farmer George Tod. Young Rory is George's grandson. This little lamb was an early arrival and the rest of John's flock should be lambing next month. b08lam1



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Police files

Brodict assault

A 33-year-old Brodict man has been charged with alleged assault on a 21-year-old woman at St Elmo, Shore Road, Brodict on Sunday 12 February.

The man has also been charged with a separate incident of alleged assault on a 26-year-old Brodict man on the same day.

Tyres slashed

Four tyres were slashed on a van parked in Corrie over the night of Thursday 16 February.

Police are appealing for witnesses or any information.

Corrie breach

On the morning of Friday 17 February two local men, one 50-years-old and one 32-years-old, were arrested and charged with alleged breach of the peace in Corrie. Both have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Stolen car

Following information received, two Crosshouse men, one 27 years old and one 24 years old, were charged with the theft of a car from Shore Road, Brodict on Saturday 11 February. Both were arrested and later released pending a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

New location for 170th Arran Show

The Arran Show will be on Wednesday 9 August this year, but it remains unclear just where the show will be held.

With building work due to start this summer on the new High School it looks as though it will not be possible to use the normal showground at Lamlash Recreational Field.

For many years the High School field housed the trade stands, special exhibits, bar tent and car park on show day and linked the livestock rings on the hall field with the SWRI show in Lamlash Primary School.

This will be the 170th year of the Arran Show. In early years it used to move around the differ-

ent villages but for the last 30 years the Show has made Lamlash its regular home.

Over the last few months a specially appointed sub-committee of the Arran Farmers Society has looked at a number of potential alternative greenfield sites around the Island, taking particular note of police advice regarding access, parking and safety.

This sub-committee will be reporting to the full committee of directors at a meeting in the Breadalbane Hotel at 8pm next Wednesday 1 March.

The ladies of the SWRI have already decided to have their show on the same day but at a separate location in Brodict Hall.

Butterfly farm for Brodict

An Edinburgh family of chip-shop owners hope to open a butterfly farm in Arran.

Isabel Simpson and her partner Adrian Cerrone have plans for a small version of the Edinburgh Butterfly and Insect World at the former sand plant near Brodict pier.

The site is owned by Bob Haddow who said in *The Banner* three weeks ago that he was preparing a planning application for six small industrial units now that the sewage pipeline construction workers have left.

The Banner asked Bob how he felt about this proposition by the Edinburgh couple.

'This one stretches the imagination,' he said. 'I find it difficult to swallow butterfly farms, but it seems the only land they can find at the moment is at Brodict pier.'

Isabel and Adrian were on the Island last week with their children Danielle and Sean and friend Ian Kirk. They explained that the family has been coming to Arran on holiday for 17 years and the children would love to come and live here.

'Adrian and I have looked at various businesses,' said Isabel, 'but the plan we have is for an environmentally-friendly butterfly farm and small cafe near the pier.'

'We looked at land for sale at Dippen but the council planning officer warned that because of difficulties with the access track it wouldn't be possible to build there.'

'Our idea is for a new tropical jungle on a Scottish island,' said Adrian. They plan to build a 120 feet by 50 feet polycarbonate greenhouse.

'It will be eco-friendly with solar panels, thermal heat and waterpower. We hope to get energy companies to sponsor us,' said Adrian. 'In time we'll have



The Edinburgh family who hope to build a butterfly farm at Brodict pier: Isabel Simpson, Ian Kirk and Adrian Cerrone with Isabel and Adrian's children Danielle and Sean. b08but1

up to 40 different species of butterfly in a flight area, colonies of leaf-cutting ants and perhaps even snakes and tarantulas.

Isabel has a business plan and has joined a business academy which has a live internet connec-

tion that sounds a little like *Big Brother*. 'We are going to be like guinea pigs and the butterfly farm scheme could be part of a one-off television show.'

'My partner and I are both chefs but our hobby is gardening and

this enables us to use both things in one project.'

At the moment, Adrian and Isabel are continuing to run their chip shops in Edinburgh but hope to soon have butterflies flying free in a large Brodict glasshouse.

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Lost Finn found

A young Finnish woman had a lucky escape on the Island last weekend.

She was rescued by Sea King helicopter and Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) around 2am on Sunday morning in the north Arran hills.

The 21 year-old woman was one of a group of students from Edinburgh staying at Lochranza Youth Hostel.

On Saturday morning she set off on her own from Brodick tourist office where she had been given a map of a walking route to take

her out at Lochranza via Glen Rosa, Cir Mhor, Loch na Davie and down Glen Easan Biorach.

An AMRT spokesman said: 'This was very ambitious considering that it was 11am and this route would take an experienced person eight hours.'

'She took the wrong path over Beinn a Chliabhain and through the Bowmans pass and eventually found herself at the Iorsa Water and unable to cross it.'

The young woman retraced her steps back up the hillside towards Beinn Tarsuinn but was overtaken by darkness.

At 9.30pm the woman was reported missing by her fellow students and a 13-strong team of the mountain rescue headed from Brodick to Lochranza by road.

The spokesman continued: 'It really was a needle in a haystack situation so we set off up Glen Easan Biorach in the dark with our search and rescue dog and in a search-line formation.'

Police sergeant Colin Young said: 'We liaised throughout with the mountain rescue team. It was a serious situation and we were very worried.'

'At least she had given her route and was suitably clothed, but at that height the wind-chill factor is severe.'

At 11.35pm a Sea King search and rescue helicopter was scrambled from HMS Gannet at Prestwick Airport to help in the search.

A Royal Navy spokesman said: 'The aircraft conducted a 'night vision goggles' search and the student was found in Glen Iorsa, picked up, and handed to AMRT members at Lochranza.'

An AMRT spokesman added: 'We were really worried but she was in great form when we got to her. She had perhaps been over-confident.'

'It is a lesson that all hillwalkers should take a torch and whistle with them.'



Mark Bunyan and the mountain rescue team receive the call at 2am that the missing woman has been found safe and well in Glen Iorsa by Royal Navy Sea King helicopter.

Cadet exercise in Brodick Co-op



The bag-packing cadets in Brodick Co-op with Cpl Scott Crawford third from left. b08cad1

The Arran detachment of Army cadets conducted a bag-pack at Brodick Co-op last Saturday.

The exercise was well-received by shoppers as it was done with the care and military precision expected of the cadets.

They raised £400.67 towards the annual cadet challenge.

Corporal Scott Crawford has been selected to participate in this

challenge as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

The first part of the challenge is to raise £1,500 and the second part to complete a 100 km trek through Lapland in Finland from 16 July to 24 July.

Part of the money raised pays for the excursion and the remainder goes to the Royal Star and Garter Veterans Home.

Tree preservation order is sought for Lagg field

Isabelle Adamson of Torlin Villa has written to North Ayrshire Council (NAC) on behalf of a group of local people objecting to a proposed development of four houses on Lagg field as featured in *The Banner* on Saturday 4 February.

The letter comprises a request for a tree preservation order (TPO) and an objection to the four houses.

Mrs Adamson states: 'I wrote to Ryan McAlindin of NAC in August 2005 requesting a TPO on the trees surrounding Lagg field to the south and east.'

'He informed me after consultation with planning officer Anthony Hume that a TPO would not be necessary as it is classified as 'ancient woodland.'

'However, in view of the proximity of the trees to the boundary of Lagg field I request that this be reviewed with particular reference to British Standard 5837, trees and development.'

The letter goes on to detail the dimensions and locations of five large trees; three horse chestnut, one sycamore and one ash, which are all just outside the boundary of the field but have branches and roots within the field.

British Standard 5837 requires that: 'trees that are retained near a development need protecting from construction damage. The roots are vulnerable, with most of the root system in the top 600mm of the soil extending radially for distances fre-

quently in excess of the height of the tree.'

Mrs Adamson's letter continues: 'I enclose a map showing the principal trees with their possible root spread superimposed on the sites of the proposed four houses.'

'I hope you will agree that a considerable amount of damage could be inflicted on these trees, ultimately causing them to die. The proposed levelling of the site, foundation digging and the digging of the ditch for sewage outfall pipe could cause further severe damage.'

'The community at large will probably be deprived of the

amenity value of these lovely trees.'

'I ask you to review the request for the TPO in consultation with Scottish Natural Heritage and the Woodland Trust, and I would be grateful if you could confirm to me that you have done so.'

Copies of the full letter have also been sent to Allan Wilson MSP, Katy Clark MP and local councillor Margie Currie.

No one was available to comment at Arran Developments Select, Dundee, the firm behind the proposed development, as the *Banner* went to press.

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Get ahead with a hat from Arran Visual Arts



With their new hats are: back row: Marjorie McDougall, Naomi Gillson, Rosalind Davies, Deanna Millar, Ro Rayner and Tessa Smith. Front row: Ann Mitchell, Jean Bowden, tutor Maggie Murray and Judith Baines. b08hat1

Arran Visual Arts (AVA) hosted a hat making workshop last weekend under the supervision of Glasgow School of Art graduate Maggie Murray.

Over the course of two days nine ladies, all AVA members, enjoyed working with a variety of materials to produce headware in the Rangers Centre.

AVA workshop co-ordinator Marjorie McDougall, who also participated over the weekend said: 'We all felt that this workshop was really excellent.

'Maggie was a wonderful tutor and inspired us all.'

The ladies created a variety of different hats and by the end of the workshop the ladies quite literally took their hats off to Maggie to show their appreciation of her. She had travelled over from Milngavie to guide the ladies through the intricacies of this subject and brought a variety of materials with her.

Marjorie said: 'Her car was laden with all sorts of wonderful materials and hat boxes.'

Some ladies created hats from

scratch while others added to ones they already owned. However they each left with a creation and seemed pleased that their efforts had paid off.

This was the first time that Maggie had worked with AVA and the first hat making workshop organised by them. Last year they organised a 'creating handbags' workshop, which was well taken up at the time.

Marjorie said: 'Maggie was in her element and expressed interest in coming back - something we all would like to happen.'

AVA's next workshop will be along the lines of the Arran tutor theme and will take place in Tim Pomeroy's Whiterock studios in Lamlash.

Tim is a local sculptor and will be providing guidance and inspiration in working with stone.

AVA's new brochure has just been produced listing the workshops ahead for the next three months. Another busy time awaits AVA members who have seen a large increase in the number of members over the last year.

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Lifeboat lunch success

The lifeboat light lunch held at Kinloch Hotel on Monday 6 February was a huge success.

Best result

Once again there was a large raffle, which raised £548 and the final total for the afternoon was £1,091.

This is the best result the guild has had in the six years this lunch has been held.

The ladies would like to pass on their sincere thanks to all who donated prizes and helped by sell-

ing tickets and other items. The vote of thanks was given by Lady Jean Fforde who complimented the Kinloch Hotel for the lunch and praised the lovely singing of Laura Selkirk.

She also thanked Pat Adamson for her excellent poems which were so very well done. The entertainment was enjoyed by all.

Lady Jean finally thanked the secretary and the committee for their hard work and this brought the afternoon to a close.

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Pop-in health clinic



Dr Alicia Salcida and practice nurse Jo Earle at the pop-in clinic. b08cii1

A new pop-in sexual health clinic has opened at Lamlash Medical Centre. It is being run by Dr Alicia Salcida and practice nurse Jo Earle.

This is a new community project in North Ayrshire and Jo explained that because a sexual health consultant is not able to come to Arran, she and Dr Salcida were qualified to offer this service.

'This is for all people who are sexually active, from school age to older age,' said Jo. 'We want to break the idea of it being a stigma and if no-one comes we will lose the service.'

She stressed the confidentiality nature and said that there are no other clinics at the time of the pop-in and patients do not need to give an explanation to the receptionist. 'There is no

chance of a patient coming across a relative who is in for a blood test, for example,' she said.

Patients' own doctors will not be aware of the visits unless they request it and numbers rather than names will be used. 'We will liaise with patients as to how they want to confidentially receive results of any tests. It could be by mobile phone or text message,' said Jo. Dr Salcida said: 'Patients can get treatment and supplies without cost. They also have the option of asking for a male doctor and if necessary, we can refer them to a consultant.'

The new pop-in clinic is at Lamlash Medical Centre from 1pm to 2pm on Tuesdays.

Double callouts for Arran lifeboat

Arran's lifeboat *The Boys Brigade* had 21 callouts last year, more than double the number of 2004.

Local operations manager Geoff Norris said: 'It was our second busiest year ever although 2004 was below our usual average. It's all par for the course and after all, we are there to serve.'

Rachel Martin, RNLI media relations manager, added: 'The Arran lifeboat was called out 21

times and rescued 25 people. In 2004 they had 10 callouts and rescued 19 people.'

There are still crew vacancies at the Lamlash station.

Geoff said: 'We recently managed to get another tractor driver but we are still trying to recruit two or three seagoing crew.'

'Anyone interested can phone me on 600420 or just come down to the station between 9am and 10am on a Sunday morning.'

Bank's coin appeal

Bank of Scotland in Brodick is looking for donations of old and foreign coins and any pennies or unwanted change on behalf of an appeal by the children's television programme Blue Peter.

Customer advisor at the bank Kelly Price said: 'We have been collecting coins at the bank for a month now. However, our customers don't seem to be aware of the scheme.'

'We would be grateful for any

donations to this appeal as any money would go a long way to help the appeal.'

The money is being collected by Blue Peter on behalf of the children's charity ChildLine.

Money raised will go toward staffing call centres who in turn will be able to take more phone calls from children in need.

More can be found out about this scheme by logging onto www.bbc.co.uk/bluepeter.

Direct calls to the council

It seems that the public has not heeded the change in North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) telephone numbers and many are still calling the local office in Lamlash. On 1 December the most frequently used council numbers were changed to 0845 call centre numbers. An NAC spokesman said: 'All calls are answered by our highly-trained operators at our contact centre in Irvine and are charged at local rate.'

'The individual numbers are de-

signed to allow callers access to an operator who can deal with their enquiry without the lengthy recorded button-pressing requests like other contact centres.'

Esther Gunn, NAC Contact Centre manager said: 'Callers will benefit from an improved level of service. We would however ask that callers dial the complete number, including the 0845 code.' The new numbers are available by telephoning NAC headquarters on 0845 603 0590.

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Arran faces for the local Chamber of Commerce

The Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry now has a branch on Arran.

Business development manager Helen McBride is based in the headquarters at suite 1005, Prestwick Airport.

After attending a meeting in the Glencloy suite at Auchrannie Spa



Helen McBride. b08bus1

last Wednesday she told *The Banner*: 'We have always had a few members on Arran but held our first meeting on the Island last September.'

'There has been a great uptake since then, and we now have 20 members. We welcome all businesses, but there is a strong tourism focus in the branch.'

'We are working in partnership with North Ayrshire Council and the local enterprise company.'

Helen added that the Chamber of Commerce has seats on the VisitScotland board and is a recognised body: 'We hope that with more Arran members we will have more clout.'

Other benefits of membership are the provision of a health scheme for staff and the preparation of export documentation for local companies with international trade.

'We have already helped Arran

Aromatics and the Lochranza Distillery with export documents,' said Helen.

Members are encouraged to participate in mainland events and the next occasion is a day out at Ayr Races on Thursday 25 May.

Helen was keen to stress that the chamber has no committee structure and that all members are equal.

The chamber issues a magazine to 4,000 businesses five times a year to highlight recent events and forthcoming initiatives. The January edition carries an article by Alastair Dobson of Arran Dairies and Taste of Arran, called: 'Food group seeking the perfect recipe.'

Meetings on Arran will be held every two months, and since last Wednesday an Arran representative has been appointed.

Gerard Tattersfield of the Arran Adventure Company has taken on the post of local development of-

ficier. 'It's just a part-time post,' said Gerard. 'I'll be doing about eight hours a week as a contact point to co-ordinate recruitment amongst other things.'

'If people want any information they can give me a call at the Adventure Company or at home.'



Gerard Tattersfield of the Arran Adventure Company. b08ger1



Don Ward is pictured holding the wreath with fellow members of the Dunkirk Vets Association at the Dunkirk Cemetery some years ago. They are all wearing the commemorative medal presented to them by the Mayor of Dunkirk in 1940.

Dunkirk Vet contacted

In *The Banner* edition number 1526 we carried a story about Harry Smith of Lamlash who had served on the beaches at Dunkirk in May 1940.

He was appealing for anyone who was there at the time to make contact with him.

Over the course of the last few weeks two old soldiers have written to him and one has sent in the photograph above.

First to make contact was Don Ward of Rotherham in South Yorkshire. His niece and her husband live on Arran and kindly passed the article onto their Uncle.

Don served with the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards and saw rearguard action with 'our little six ton tanks,' as Don describes them.

'After this we did perimeter defence around Dunkirk while the main body of our army got off the

beaches,' said Don.

As with Harry's regiment this outfit was also some of the last to leave the beaches. Harry had boarded the PS Waverley while Don left on the Ben Mcree, an Isle of Man ferry boat and he landed at Folkestone - Harry had come ashore at Ramsgate.

The other person to make contact so far is Herbert Barwick of Middlesbrough. He too served on the beaches and was a member of the 23rd Division, the British Expeditionary Force

Herbert was on the beaches at La Panne on May 30 1940 - the area where Harry and his regiment first landed. He served with Captain Tufton Beamish who later became Lord Chelwood. Both were injured on the beach. An author has approached Herbert planning to write a book about soldiers experiences at Dunkirk.



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New hut for putting green



A new hut for Whiting Bay Improvements at the putting green last Sunday b08shut1

High School News

Brilliant Burns

Next month a team of students from Arran High School will be heading to Irvine for the annual North Ayrshire Burns competition.

For the first time competitors will also have the chance to enter the Ayrshire Burns competition in Ayr later in the year.

Last year's group included Peter Markham, Connor Beveridge, Liam Turbett, Guy Sloan, Hannah Dobson and Kelly Warrilow, along with prize-winners Claire and Calum Johnston. This year the school is lucky to be welcoming many new competitors.

Veteran Burns speaker Ben Gruber had this to say: 'The competition is sure to be fierce with entries from almost every secondary school in North Ayrshire, but with old hands Guy Sloan and Claire Johnston on the team, Arran will surely overwhelm the other competitors.'

The school hope that you will support their entire team at the competition; particularly Liam Turbett and Calum Johnston who are likely require some extra special support for their excellent reciting skills.

Liam Turbett and Calum Johnston, S4

Prelims petrify pupils

It's that dreaded time of year again where S5 and S6 pupils should be feverishly revising this year's coursework to prepare for their prelims which started on Thursday 16 February.

Not only do these prelims give pupils an insight into the structure of their exams, but they are almost as important as the real thing. The prelims provide valuable evidence of the standard of a pupil's work and allow pupils to get an impression of what their final grade will be and spot areas that they need to improve before the finals.

The school works very hard in making sure these exams are as authentic as possible even though some pupils do not always take them as seriously as they should. In order to suitably terrify candidates, the prelim experience comes complete with invigilators, silent exam rooms (bar the occasionally tapping of pens or pencils) and last minute cramming. Sarah Weir, S6

From Scripture Union to student teacher: A Familiar Face in School

Once again this year, Arran High has the good fortune to have a student teacher working in the English department.

Some pupils will recognise the familiar face of Miss Whiteford who has been a visitor to Arran for many years, working with young people in the Scripture Union holiday club that runs in the summer.

Having had previous jobs such as organising fundraising for charities and being a school librarian (Mrs Johnston will finally have another understanding soul who knows what she has been through), Miss Whiteford is now

studying at Jordanhill College for nine months in order to gain a Post-Graduate Diploma in Education which will enable her to become a fully-fledged English teacher. She is staying here on Arran for a total of 10 weeks and is adjusting to life on the island, which she assures us is very different from life in her usual residence of Glasgow.

'I enjoy my beautiful walk to school in the morning,' she said. 'Where I live it's all buildings, you only see a patch of sky. Now I see Holy Isle every morning.' She also said that it was different to see the island at this time of year when normally she only sees it in summer, and that her being here is bringing more interest into the island from her mainland friends: 'A lot of people want to visit this little holiday island now.'

As she is getting used to local life, she praises the staff for being welcoming and friendly, and '...taking me shopping to the Co-op in Brodick,' and of the school itself she says 'It's great, I really like all my classes.' Let's hope during her time here, nothing happens to change her good opinion of the staff and pupils...

Gemma MacDonald, S5

January bird notes second instalment

In part one of the Bird Notes for January, I mentioned the stormy period in the middle of the month.

As you know, weather has a major bearing on bird movement. Stormy weather can sometimes result in birds from North America finishing up in Britain.



A Snowy Egret similar to the one seen on Arran in early 2002. b08nat2

Many people on the island will remember the American visitor at the start of 2002. I am referring of course to the Snowy Egret.

This most attractive bird was seen at various places in Argyll

and on the Ayrshire coast and spent a considerable time on Arran on January, February, and the start of March that year.

It was seen among other places at the Cloy/Rosa burn area adjacent to the shore at Brodick, Dunan, Cladach, and Merkland Point. Many local and visiting birders saw this unusual visitor.

At the start of 2006 there is another American visitor in the area. This time it is a Laughing Gull, a North American gull.

Campbeltown

One was reported to be in Campbeltown in the middle of January and later in the month one was seen on the Ayrshire coast in Saltcoats, Ardrossan south beach area from Tuesday 24 January.

It may be the same bird. It may have been on Arran or it may yet visit Arran.

This gull is about the size of a Common Gull but looks more slender. The best field marks are the dark grey mantle (back of wing) blending into the black wing tips and the conspicuous white border along the trailing edge to the wing.

There are dark markings round

the eyes and the back of the head in winter and it has a long dark drooping bill and dark legs.

What to report?

Finally remember to send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or telephone 01770 860316 and leave a message, or E-mail: james.cassels@virgin.net.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy your birding.

Jim Cassels



A North American Laughing gull. b08nat1

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Shiskine WRI February meeting

Mrs Evelyn Hamilton opened the ladies February meeting by introducing their guests for the evening the saints and singers who had come along for an evening of song.

This proved to be thoroughly enjoyable brightening up a dark February night for the ladies.

Mrs Joan Stewart proposed the vote proposed the vote of thanks.

Competition results: Homemade

Valentine card, first, Eunice Williamson.

Exhibition: Favourite fan, first, Eunice Williamson. The raffle was won by Eileen Mills. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 March when the Reverend Jack Paterson will be showing slides. As this is the ladies business meetings members are requested to bring voting papers.

Whiting Bay Hall

The Whiting Bay Hall 50/50 draw won by Craig Galloway in January and Sue Girbow in February

Royal British Legion

The Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion will meet at the McLaren Hotel on Thursday 2 March at 2pm for a social and quiz with prizes. Everyone welcome.

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Logogram, or logo, was a word I first encountered in March 1978. Since then, scarcely a day passes without hearing it. Everybody knows about logos, even the youngest of us. And I note from last week's *Banner* that there is to be a competition to design a logo for the proposed Arran windfarm.

As printers through the 80s and 90s, everyone starting up in business who came to us for stationery had to have a logo. It seemed to offer a magic solution. At the High School, every business project which the pupils were involved in, began with logo design. Having lived for almost 40 years without having heard of logos it was odd to find, suddenly, that nobody could function without one. I even had to design the things myself. Some worked better than others.

One I was particularly proud of was for the Kinloch which they used for over 10 years until they got a 'proper' designer. Others, the customers would have been better without. A form of words would often have been better and we would try to direct people towards this rather than producing a symbol for the sake of being a symbol. An example of using words was our own masthead for *The Arran Banner*, which still exists in an altered form today. In any case, if the symbol needed words to tell people what it meant, it had failed.

Then there was money. Sometimes I would add the odd £5 or £10 to the stationery bill for creating the logo. Then a friend who was in business told me he knew a place where he could get a logo for £1,000! Goodness me, I thought, what a fool I am, but carried on as before.

Some logos work wonderfully. The old British rail symbol, if they still use it, was both instantly recognisable and implied tracks whizzing in opposite directions. Others just don't.

At least dancing wind turbines offer scope for a symbol. And a competition brings in as many minds as possible. But a logo doesn't make a business. Good luck to the windfarm, with or without a logo.

Small food shops and newsagents will be extinct by the year 2015 because of the unchecked growth of supermarkets. So says an all party investigation into the retail sector by MPs. Towns and villages will be left with only a ghostly facade of empty premises and charity shops.

Small shops struggling and going out of business has long been a theme on Arran. Yet the evidence is that, though change is constant, these predictions will not happen here. *The Banner* has been at the forefront of saying how much the Co-op has affected smaller shops, and not just grocers and newsagents but those selling many other products too. However, there are factors on Arran which limit this.

We are an island. That stretch of water may put up business costs but it also protects. Then Arran's geography; so large is the Island that services will always be required in all parts. And third, is the determination of people to live and work here and to cater for the visitors who come every summer. It may be that certain types of shops do close in the face of competition, but others open up. The future, at least on Arran, is not nearly as dire as these MPs predict.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Who among the gods is like you O Lord? Who is like You - majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? *Exodus 15:11*

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Letters to the Editor

Island's Roads

Sir,
May I clarify two points in my letter of last week.

The total of £504,000 to which I refer is of course the annual income and should be multiplied by 10, the period of the proposed loan, giving a gross of £5,040,000. This would leave over a million pounds (the figure of £400,00 should be £4,000,000) to service both the loan raised privately and that which the local authority partner would have to raise to fund a construction period of three years.

My apologies for not making this clear

Yours
Ian Ferguson
Northbeck Cottage
High Corrie

Lochranza Ladies lunch

Sir,
As the Lochranza Ladies chairwoman is recuperating, I wish to draw the attention of all who attend our lunch at Catacol Bay that I have been asked to collect names and menus for the meal on 4 March.

These should be submitted no later than Thursday 2 March.

Members are asked to contact me on 830311 or Catacol Bay on 830231. Thank you.

Yours
Lorna Hallyburton
Ar Fearann
Lochranza

Amazon trekkers

Sir,
Our names are Craig Ingham and Sam Wheeler. During the coming summer we will be embarking on a gruelling trip to the Amazon rainforest with BSES expeditions.

Departing in mid-July, we will arrive in Peru and then venture into the depths of the rainforest to set up our homes for the following six weeks.

We expect to spend our time trekking and also doing research on conservation of the forest as well as monitoring some of the native wildlife.

Both of us are extremely eager and looking forward to the prospect of sleeping in the jungle. But before we can go, we need to overcome the task of raising £6,000.

We plan to hold a couple of par-

ties, one of which being in Shiskine Hall on Easter weekend. Also we will be holding a jumble sale in Corrie in the near future as well as hopefully a few bag-packing days in the Co-op and possibly some smaller fundraisers.

Any help in reaching our target would be greatly appreciated and will not be taken for granted. We will also be very pleased to hear of any suggestions for fundraising ideas to help us on our way.

Yours,
Craig Ingham, Shiskine
Sam Wheeler, Corrie

Council budget

Sir,
Whilst North Ayrshire Council (NAC) leader David O'Neill and our own Tory Councillor Margie Currie quibble in your columns about whether the council tax should have risen as much as it did, much of the real information behind this year's catastrophic NAC budget lies unseen.

Arran readers should be told that some of the £8M cuts affect them. The garden tidy scheme for the elderly and disabled is cancelled, the travellers site at Merkland is to close. Support for voluntary activity through Social Services, and Direct Payments as an alternative to council provided Social Services will suffer through the loss of associated posts on the mainland - amongst some 50 jobs to go.

These are only some examples. This is the Scottish Executive's fault for effectively cutting finance to local government and it would have been some kind of comfort if Councillor O'Neill had joined other leaders in Scotland who publically condemned the Executive in a recent open letter in the national press.

Whether or not there is one Ayrshire as Tom McCabe the Executive Minister seems to favour, or indeed no local authorities at all, front line staff will still be called upon to deliver increasing services with fewer and fewer resources.

It would be interesting to know just exactly what Councillor Currie would cut further to reduce the council tax.

Perhaps she agrees with your editorial last week which strangely argued that a lot of council jobs are merely useless job creation schemes anyway, but I am sure she knows better.

The people of Arran, whose population is ageing faster than the national average, are already suffering from cutbacks in service to some of the most vulnerable members of the community delivered through the Homecare and Supporting People services.

The Homecare problems are such on the Island that there are now people who (hopefully temporarily) are presently unable to live in their own homes because of the shortage of staff.

This has a knock-on effect on hospital beds and the normal availability of residential care and respite services. I would challenge your editor or Margie Currie to come up with some sensible solutions whilst at the same time protecting services to the vulnerable members of our community - whether young or old.

Some of the council's decisions are certainly open to question; however, it is naive in the extreme to measure services only in terms of quality of roads.

There can be waste there too as the Executive spend of £500M on the environmentally disastrous M74 extension in Glasgow demonstrates, and that could be distributed to rural communities where roads are supremely important.

Another and equally wasteful exercise is that NAC is also having to find £1.2M to bridge the gap created by rising costs for the new PPP schools, including the unnecessary Arran High School replacement.

Yours etc
Colin Turbett
Chairman, North Ayrshire Branch
UNISON
43 Ardrossan Road
Saltcoats

Massive thanks

Sir,
I would like to say a massive thank you to first responders, the local ambulance service, doctors, nurses and staff at Lamash hospital.

Thanks to all my friends for cards, flowers and gifts. I did not realise I had so many. Also to my own family and all who visited, especially those friends I was unable to see.

Yours,
Ella McKechnie
Ashlea
Lochranza

Drop-in

Sir,
Islanders and regular readers will be aware that Alcoholics Anonymous holds two meetings each week on Arran to which anyone concerned about their drinking is welcome. Details are published each week in What's On.

As from this Tuesday 28 February we will also be having a regular 'drop-in' session in the Lamash hospital bungalow between 6.30pm and 8pm.

This will provide an opportunity to talk informally over a cuppa for anyone who feels they may have a problem with drinking and that drinking is costing them more than money. A 24-hour helpline is also available where enquirers can be put in touch with local members. This number is 0845 7697555.

In accordance with Alcoholics Anonymous traditions I would prefer that my name and address are not published.

Yours,
Arran Group secretary
Alcoholics Anonymous

Memorial Trophy

Sir,
The MacKenzie family would like to thank everyone who made the evening of the Donald MacKenzie Memorial Darts competition such a success.

Special thanks to John, Yvonne and staff at Breadalbane for hospitality and comfortable surroundings, also to Thelma, Sue and Careen for all their help with raffle tickets. Also to June for keeping the games going. To all who donated raffles and goodies for family hampers.

The trophy winners were John Allan and Betty McDonald. Runners up Phil O'Donnell and Paula Rouine. The big hamper was won by Margaret Stewart, Craigdhu, and the small one by Phyllis Picken, Lenamhor.

The grand total of £603 was raised for Kildonan and Kilmory Senior Citizens.

Thanks again to all.
Yours, Margaret MacKenzie,
Ferndean, Kilmory

Correction

In last weeks *Banner* an article titled 'Second poetry book' on page 2 had the line: 'They are Molly Weir of Kilmory', it should have read, 'They are Molly Allen of Kilmory'.

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Ray of hope for Lamlash Bay

'As far as COAST members are concerned the Scottish Parliament could not be more accessible to individuals and communities,' Howard Wood

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) has been campaigning for over three years for a Marine Protected Area and no-take zone in Lamlash Bay.

Driving forces in this campaign have been Howard Wood, Tom Vella-Boyle and Don McNeish but the group has 1,350 members and supporters, most of whom are Island residents.

The group now feels that there is at last some light at the end of the tunnel with a positive response to its petition by members of the Scottish Parliament.

Back in September 2004 COAST petitioned the Scottish Parliament, 'For the Parliament and Executive to support COAST's proposals to make Lamlash Bay a Marine Protected Area (MPA), part of which would include a smaller no-take zone, to protect the maerl beds.'

On 22 December 2004 COAST members were invited to address the Petitions Committee of MSPs at Holyrood.

At the end of the meeting it was agreed by all MSPs to ask Scottish Executive Environment and Rural

Affairs Department (SEERAD), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Clyde Fishermen's Association, Clyde and South West Static Gear Association, North Ayrshire Council (NAC), Scottish Association of Marine Scientists and the Sea Angling Association for their comments on COAST's proposals.

By May 2005 all the above had replied to the Petitions Committee with the exception of NAC.

Readers can see: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/committees/petitions/index.htm> Look for petition number PE799 and click on it.

The Petitions Committee met again in June 2005 and gave NAC a second chance to reply. They asked SEERAD for an update, after reading COAST's revised proposals.

The committee also asked Professor Callum Roberts of York and Harvard Universities, an world expert on MPAs, for his opinion of COAST's proposals.

COAST members say they did not receive a reply from NAC. Professor Callum Roberts supported

the proposals. SEERAD quoted their national policies outlining the many consultations and strategies that are ongoing.

This sounded very similar to a letter COAST received from Lord Lindsay in 1995, only 11 years ago.

SEERAD said that Ross Finnie MSP and Minister for the Environment would shortly send a formal reply to COAST's proposals.

Last week COAST committee members Tom Vella-Boyle and Howard Wood attended the latest meeting of the Petitions Committee at Holyrood, where MSPs on the committee debated SEERAD and Professor Roberts' correspondence.

Throughout December and January members of COAST had been busy lobbying as many MSPs as possible.

The debate opened with chairman, Michael McMahon, MSP summing up the last 17 months of the petition.

He said that all the scientific ad-



A dahlia anemone at Port Leacach, Kildonan, as shown in the COAST calendar.

vice from both Scottish Association of Marine Scientists and Professor Roberts fully endorsed what COAST was trying to do.

He then criticised SEERAD for not only failing to respond to COAST but also failing to update the Petitions Committee. Campbell Martin MSP then summed up his feelings that the last reply from SEERAD in October to the Committee could have been 'cut and pasted' from any of their policy documents. He reiterated that

COAST had overwhelming support amongst the community on Arran and that the Executive needed to heed all communities.

Rob Gibson, MSP voiced his very real concern that the Inshore Fisheries department of SEERAD was not taking on board environmental issues voiced by many organisations across Scotland.

The next point raised by the MSPs was the lack of response from NAC and also that the council had responsibilities under the Local Biodiversity Action Plan for marine habitats.

Michael McMahon MSP, then proposed to the other committee members that the COAST petition should be referred to the Environment and Rural Development Committee, to enable the many unanswered questions to be pursued.

The other MSPs agreed unanimously.

Tom and Howard left the Parliament with a rare smile on their

faces. They felt that the MSPs on the Petitions Committee had seriously considered their proposal and the important issues involved.

They were delighted that they had decided to take the debate to the next level. Howard Wood said: 'As far as COAST members are concerned the Scottish Parliament could not be more accessible to individuals and communities.'

'All that remains now is for them to act on community concerns.'

'COAST would like to thank many people including Campbell Martin MSP and Rob Gibson MSP for standing up and speaking out. Also many others like Margie Currie, Annabelle Goldie MSP, Colin Turbett, Francis Curran MSP, John Sillars and finally Allan Wilson MSP for working away out of sight on behalf of COAST and the community.'

The campaign continues for Howard, Tom and Don with the support of 1,350 COAST members.



COAST members Tom Vella-Boyle, Don McNeish and Howard Wood at the Scottish Parliament with Rob Gibson MSP. b08coa1

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Curse of the Arran kit house

The Arran Civic Trust has just prepared an eight-page leaflet called 'Houses on Arran; building new or altering old?'

The leaflet covers the design and materials used in modern house-building on Arran and highlights how this is changing

the rural appearance of the Island for the worse.

It opens by declaring: 'The impact of modern methods of

building and design are threatening to turn a unique place into another sea of speculative bungalows.' It continues: 'With the arrival of timber-framed kit construction, roof pitches were reduced from the traditional 40 to 50 degrees to 30 degrees to save money. The effect of this on the proportions of the building was disastrous.'

The leaflet is illustrated with a number of sketches of kit bungalows and traditional houses and concludes that there is no reason why a kit house cannot be well-designed and appropriate to the Arran landscape.



Communal open space around traditional houses in Douglas Row, Brodick. b08hou1

John Inglis, chairman of the Arran Civic Trust, refers below to the leaflet and outlines the concerns that many people have over the apparently increasing urbanisation of Arran

The Arran Civic Trust is concerned about the quality of design of Island buildings and particularly houses.

Many planning applications involve no architect, and even where one is involved the results are often poor.

Arran is an Island with a remarkable topography and history and, although it has never had a tradition of fine building, it has many competent vernacular buildings which have fitted in well with the landscape.

There have been fine buildings and good architects working here. For example J J Burnett who designed Brodick Hall and St Molio's Church in Shiskine

amongst others, but it is not these specimen buildings which create the greatest effect.

That is achieved by a consistently high standard of simple design, respecting Scottish traditions and using well-understood appropriate materials.

The Trust is embarked upon a project to record the best extant buildings on the Island, where buildings have not been ruined by inappropriate extensions, poor selection of replacement components such as windows and doors and insensitive detailing.

It is now the norm to find roofs where cheap, artificial slates have replaced Highland ones, windows in pvc where the astragals,

mullions and transoms have been wrongly positioned or omitted altogether and detail which might be appropriate in suburban Yorkshire but has no place in Scotland, let alone Arran.

But beyond alterations and replacements, new building design invariably adopts the crude kit solutions offered by the manufacturers. So often, development imposes an artificial symmetry where none previously existed.

Our concern is not limited to buildings. Urban street furniture alien to Arran is appearing everywhere.

For example, graceless sodium streetlighting in Brodick, crude over-large entry and exit signs at the approaches to villages, concrete kerbing along the String Road, and acres of Tarmac.

Apart from the sea and the hills, in large areas of most of the villages one could be in any number of dreary small towns on the mainland.

The Trust is doing what it can to heighten awareness of this erosion of local tradition.

Our leaflet, 'Houses on Arran: building new or altering old,' underscores the major points to consider when commissioning new or altering existing buildings. We believe that Arran is an important place that cannot be allowed to degenerate into an offshore suburb of North Ayrshire.

Please help us by joining the Trust and campaigning for a better built environment.



One-and-a-half storey Arran houses with outshot windows and a 50 degree pitch roof at Corrie. b08hou2

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Words and Music workshop

On Saturday morning Kilmory Hall was buzzing with people for the first Arran Words and Music workshop day.

Writers had brought pens and paper while musicians had brought an astonishing variety of instruments, including Japanese drums, and there was a general feeling of being up for anything.

Virginia Rushton of Operahouse, whose idea the whole thing was, welcomed everyone and handed over to Ian McQueen, composer, who launched into a suitably theatrical introductory game.

Singing

Virginia, a professional singer and voice coach, demonstrated some basic singing techniques - and promises more in-depth coaching at the next workshop in April.

Alison Prince ran a session on the devising of words that leaned towards sound rather than sense, and some amazingly original words were invented to describe such things as a waterfall, a waiting room and a cow.

Working in groups, and at speed, since there was to be a performance before the lunch-break of whatever had been done, people started to develop some of the invented words into musical expression.

The results were impressive. Using every means of making a



Some of the musicians at Saturday's workshop. b08mus2

sound, from drum kit, saxophone and viola to voices, rustled paper and stamping feet, a wide variety of interpretations were put forward, all of them highly individual.

Poem

In the afternoon, work started on a setting of a poem by Arran's John Wilson called Ring of Stones.

Again, the results were marvelously interesting, and opened the way for a move towards the more definite subject matter that's go-

ing to be needed. Ideas on that are developing fast.

The ceilidh that followed in the evening was a joyful affair, thanks to the genial bonhomie of Stuart Gough as master of ceremonies and the stalwart performance of a scratch band led by Lucy Cartledge, flautist.

Lucy will be the musical director of the eventual project performance.

The next workshop with Ian and Virginia is on Saturday 8 April, but Lucy and Alison hope to run an

in-between one on Saturday 18 March - watch for an announcement.

All existing participants will be contacted by letter with information on what happens next.

If anyone is interested but couldn't make this workshop, they need not worry - it's not too late to join in now.

Writers, performers and musicians will be warmly welcomed.

Contact Lucy Cartledge on 600416 or Alison Prince on 700574 for more information.

World Day of Prayer

A World Day of Prayer service will be held in Brodick Church at 2.30pm on Friday 3 March. All welcome.

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Main Fine Art, Oakbank, Auchrannie Rd, Bro. 2-5pm
Trout Fly Fishing, Loch Garbad, Boat or Bank.

SATURDAY 25th February

Gymnastics, Auchrannie Games Hall 5yrs plus, 10am
Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am- noon
Football coaching, Ormidale park, boys & girls 5-15, 10-11.30am
Arran Dancers Brodict Primary School 11am - 4.15pm.
Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club, Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm
Karate Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am
Indoor bowls, Auchrannie Hall 2-4pm
Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-6pm
Funky Dunky, Cameronia Hotel, 9.30pm
Newsband Live at the Drift Inn, 9.30pm

SUNDAY 26th February

Childrens Art Class, Burnside Gallery, 10.30 - 1pm
Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-6pm
Lochranza Choir, village hall 2.30pm
Open Folk session night, Ormidale, 9pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm

MONDAY 27th February

Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am to 12.05pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie, 9.30-10.30am
Over 50s Badminton, Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Football coaching, Ormidale Park, 6 7.30pm (8-15yrs)
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Spa, Brodict, 6-7.15pm
Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Dancercise, Auchrannie, 6.30-7.30pm
Scottish Country Dancing, W. Bay School, 7.30pm
Pilates, Auchrannie 7.30 - 8.15pm
Adult Art Classes, Burnside Gallery, 10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30pm
Childrens Art Class, Burnside Gallery 4.00-5.30pm
Scottish Country Dance class, Corrie Hall, 2pm
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
Quiz, Cameronia 9.30pm
Weightwise, Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm
Indoor Cricket Auchrannie Games Hall 7-9pm

Yoga, Kildonan Hotel, 10.30am
Lamlash Bridge Club, Clubhouse 7.15pm
Arran Antiquarians, Brodict Hall 2pm
Arran Parents Support Group AGM Brodict Church Hall 11am

TUESDAY 28th February

Shiskine Brownies, shiskine primary 6.45-8.15pm
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30-10.30am & 10.45-11.45am
Brodict Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am-noon
Lochranza Swimming Club, Kinloch, 11am-noon
Pirmill Guild meeting - village hall 2pm
Legs, Bums & Tums, Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm
Indoor bowls, Auchrannie, 7-9pm
Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm
Open Darts night, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 8pm
Scottish Country Dancing, Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Bowling Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2pm
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm 4 - 6pm by appointment only
Indoor bowls, Auchrannie Hall 7-9pm
Carpet Bowls, Kilmory Hall 2.30pm and 7pm
Art Group, Kilmory hall 2 - 4pm
Pop quiz, Ormidale Hotel 10pm
Indoor bowling Corrie & Sannox Hall 2pm
Quiz, Drift Inn, Lamlash 8.30pm
Loch & Cat Coffee morning, hall 10am - 12pm
Lamlash Church Guild meeting, Church hall, 2.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Alcoholics Anonymous 'drop-in' Hospital Bungalow 6.30pm - 8pm

WEDNESDAY 1st March

Advocacy service, drop in session, ACVS office, Lamlash 11am-1pm
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm
W Bay Parents & Toddlers, Church Hall, 10.30am-noon
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Spa, Brodict, 6-7.15pm
Mixed Indoor Hockey, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-8pm
Arran Runners, meet NTS Castle Car Park, 7.15pm
Life drawing workshop, Ranger Centre, Brodict Castle, 7-9pm
Gymnastics Auchrannie 6pm and 7.30pm 5yrs plus
Youth Club, youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm
Heritage Museum, Archives & Geneology, 10.30 - 12.30pm and 1.30pm -4.30pm
Aerobics class, High School 8pm - 9pm
Shiskine Beavers, shiskine hall 6-7pm
Sound of Music rehearsal, Brodict hall 7.30pm
Dance / Exercise class over 50's / 60's W.Bay Hall 2-3pm D Harris
Blackwaterfoot Harbour Assc. AGM 8pm Kinloch Hotel

Whiting Bay SWRI business meeting, Lesser Hall 7.30pm
Jnr Rugby Training, S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm
Arran Farmers, directors meeting, Breadalbane, 8pm
Kilmory Public Hall AGM 8pm

THURSDAY 2nd March

Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30-10.30am & 10.45-11.45am
Brodict Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am
Pilates, Auchrannie, 5.45pm & 6.30pm 6.45-7.30pm
General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale, Brodict, 10pm
Pub Quiz, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 9pm
Power Boat Tarbet and return
Spinning Demonstration Whiting Bay Hall 11am-2pm
Gymnastics Auchrannie 1pm pre-school
Rock School youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm
Brodict Embroidery Group, Brodict library, 7.30-9.30pm
Lamlash Beavers 6-7pm Cubs 6.15 -8pm, Scouts 7.30 - 9pm
Brodict Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm
Coffee Morning St Molios church, Shiskine 10.30 - noon
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm
Indoor bowls, Auchrannie Hall 7-9pm
Badminton, Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm
Arran Junior Singers choir practice, W/Bay school 6.45pm
Shiskine Cubs, shiskine hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
Shiskine Scouts, shiskine hall 8-9.30pm
Sound of Music rehearsal Brodict hall 7.30pm
Lochranza Craft Club, Hall 2pm
Shiskine playgroup Basket Whist Drive Kinloch 7pm
Arran Natural History Society, Ranger Centre, 8pm
British Legion social meeting, McLaren Hotel, 2pm

FRIDAY 3rd March

Shiskine Toddlers, Shiskine Hall, 10am-noon
Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.30pm
Citizens Advice open 10am - 2pm
Seniors Badminton Club, Auchrannie 2-4pm
Ceilidh Dance Group Corrie Hall 8pm - 10pm
Loch & Cat Coffee morning 10am - 12pm
World Day of Prayer, Brodict Church Hall, 2.30pm

SATURDAY 4th March (non regulars)

Arco Car Boot Sale, Lamlash Community Centre 2pm -4pm
Lochranza Ladies Lunch club, Catacol Bay Hotel, 12.30pm
Quiz and Curry night, Breadalbane, 7.30pm
Jazz Cafe, Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm

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Arran Dancers

The Arran Dancers Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday 1 March at 7.15pm in Brodict Primary School.

This is the one opportunity in the year for club members to meet together to get information, ask questions, make suggestions, and in general find out how the club operates and is developing.

As we have such a large membership now - 50 dancers - it would be really great to have a large turnout so that more people could feel part of what is going on. It is so good that so many children and young people are dancing but it makes it even more important for members to at least understand what happens - as

well as giving support.

Janice Marshall's dance show at the Magnum, Irvine, *The Glass Slipper*. Please could all parents who have not booked tickets do so this Saturday, otherwise you may not get any.

The exams seem such a long time ago, but here are the results. For RAD Primary ballet, Ellis, Fiona, Jessica and Katie all got B, as did Ceile, Ceitidh, Eilidh and Hannah for Grade 2. Excellent! For ISTD Grade 2 Modern it was also nearly all 'B's again with a couple of 'A's. Well done to Ceile, Ceitidh, Eilidh and Hannah again, and also Rose and Caledonia. More girls are about to be entered for the next round.

Arran Natural History Society

The next meeting of the Arran Natural History Society will be on Thursday 2 March, 8pm in the Ranger Centre at Brodict Castle. Angus Hogg will give a talk on Lapland Summer.

Lamlash Improvements Association

Next meeting is Monday 27 February at 7.30pm in ACVS office. All are welcome.

The winner of the 50/50 draw for December is G C Mowatt and for January, Joan Scott.

The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday 22 February 1986

New Lamlash fire engine

Lamlash firefighters took delivery of a new fire fighting appliance costing £50,000 see photo on right.

Fish smoke house

A planning application has been lodged for a new fish curing house behind the Blenheim Bar, Lamlash.

This is an addition to St Molio's fish farm where Howard Walker has successfully been breeding trout and salmon. Howard intends to smoke trout, salmon, clams, Queenies and kippers.

Sewage leak

A leakage of raw sewage on the shore at Lamlash was fixed this week but not until three weeks after Doreen Ryan had reported it to the Environmental Health Department.

Miller's meats

Joe Miller made his last van delivery after 40 years on the road and on Tuesday opened up a new butcher's shop opposite the High School in Lamlash.

Apart from the usual meat and vegetables he expects to supply filled rolls if there is a demand from schoolchildren, see photo

below.

Toilets vandalised

The public toilets near Lamlash pier were vandalised. A young local youth has been noted and a report sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Drama festival

There were eight entries in the one-act drama festival which was to take place over three nights.

Adjudicator was Phil McCall from Glasgow who is easily recognised as the car driver in the television advert who says 'pea and ham soup from a chicken; now that's clever.'

Mr McCall is a regular Arran holidaymaker and it is through his visits to the Kinloch that he has agreed to adjudicate.

Community pool

There was to be a public meeting on 7 March to discuss the campaign for a school and community swimming pool at the High School in Lamlash.

Young smokers

High school pupils travelling on the Lochranza bus wrote to Arran Transport complaining about other pupils who smoke on their school bus.

They have asked for non-smoking buses on school runs and say that two of the culprits are only 13-years-old.

Alasdair Dunn

Alasdair Dunn who passed away last Sunday at the age of 61 was one of Arran's most successful craftsmen and one whose name and work were known internationally. He was an accomplished



Lamlash firefighters with their sparkling new appliance outside the fire station this week. b08twe1

painter, sculptor and potter who had exhibited in the Museum of Modern Art in Edinburgh and established a range of quality Arran figures from eider ducks to seals.

Petrol prices

The price of a gallon of petrol at Arran pumps fell to £1.99. This is the first time it has dropped below £2 for three years.

High School extension

Building of the new extension to Arran High School has reached the second storey and is now weatherproof. It is scheduled to be completed for September 1987.

Thursday Club

Members of Whiting Bay Thursday Club were entertained on a cold grey afternoon by duets from

Sheila Nicol and Margaret Marriott and a few short sketches by Jim Arnold, Arthur Davidson, Ron Ridyard, Jack Gray and Ron Dutton.

A vote of thanks was given by Ella Lennox.

Darts singles

There are 62 entries for the Arran darts single competition to be played on 21 February.

Arran Society

Speakers at the annual dinner of the Arran Society of Glasgow will be Robert Burnett, Iain Russell and James McKelvie.

The dinner is in the Trades Hall, Glasgow, tickets are £12.50 each.

Angler's AGM

The AGM of Arran Angling Association was to be held in the

Douglas Hotel, Friday 28 February.

All proposals had to be submitted in writing before the meeting to the secretary Ewing Robertson, The Mill House, Lamlash.

Police crash

A police Land Rover has reversed out of the Lamlash police station car park and into another vehicle last Tuesday.

Corrie Capers

Corrie Capers organisers were looking for photographs of last year's events to use in their 1986 programme. Entries to Jim Lees.

Banner Barbie

There has been a tremendous response to the *Banner Barbie* doll competition and any little girls wanting a go have just two days left to enter.



Butcher Joe Miller in his new shop opposite the High School with daughter Gillian and son Derrick. b08twe2

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FOR REGULAR EXTENSION OF PERMITTED HOURS

Name, designation and address of applicant or names, designation and addresses of both persons named in the application	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Nature of Extension Applied For
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George Stewart Lochranza Hotel Lochranza Isle of Arran	Lochranza Hotel Lochranza Isle of Arran	HOTEL	Sunday to Wednesday, 11 p.m. to midnight; Thursday to Saturday, 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Applicants are reminded that they should attend personally or be represented at the meeting

Any objections, in terms of Section 16 of the Act, should be lodged with the undernoted and a copy of the objection sent to the applicant concerned in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 no later than Friday 10 March 2006. OBJECTORS MUST SPECIFY THE GROUND(S) OF THEIR OBJECTION. An information leaflet may be obtained from the Board Office containing guidance for any person wishing to object to any application.

A. A. Fraser

Clerk to the Licensing Board

Town House, 66 High Street, Irvine, KA12 0AZ
16 February 2006

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

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

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

*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

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

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

Application No N/06/00136/PP, Address: Land Adjacent to Kinloch Court, Blackwaterfoot, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, Proposed Development: Erection of 4 semi-detached dwelling houses with associated roads and parking.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 COUNCIL TAX

As required by paragraph 96(1) of the above Act, North Ayrshire Council give notice of, in terms of paragraphs 70 (1) and 93 (1) of the same Act, the amounts of Council Tax payable in respect of chargeable dwellings in each valuation band for year 2006/2007.

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The 2006/2007 annual Council Tax Notices will be issued in March 2006.

A J Herbert, Chief Financial Officer

ADOPTION OF REVISED NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME

Notice is hereby given, in terms of Section 53 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, of the adoption by North Ayrshire Council on 14 February 2006 of a revised North Ayrshire Council Community Council Scheme following the completion of a formal review process which involved three 8-week periods of public consultation.

A copy of the Scheme, including boundary maps, will be available for inspection at the following locations from Friday 24 February 2006:-

Cunninghame House (Third Floor Reception), Irvine KA12 8EE
North Ayrshire Council website (www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Any further information required can be obtained by contacting Melanie Anderson, Corporate and Democratic Support Officer on tel: 01294 324131

Ian Snodgrass
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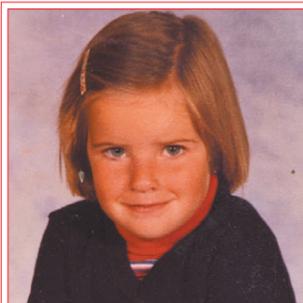
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spend
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We'll party all night - and
then some!

Happy Birthday!
Love SJ, Jill and Hazel

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BIRTHDAY



Happy 40th Anniversary!
Love from all the family

THANK YOU

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Grateful thanks to the
crew of the Caledonian
Isles, Brodick - pier staff
and office staff
Also Ardrossan Office staff
for locating my handbag
which I had left on the 3.15
p.m. boat on Friday,
February 17

Thank you all for taking so
much trouble

RUTH COTTON

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THANK YOU

THANKS

Eunice and Jim would like to
thank Dr Kerr and the nurses
in Lamlash Hospital, the
paramedics, police constable,
John and Mary Betley for their
care and attention at Eunices's
recent accident.

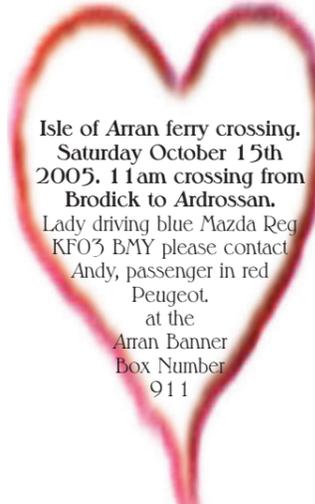
A special thanks to Fiona
Hamilton for her prompt
ministrations. To all, who with
their concerns and flowers,
have made things better, our
sincere thanks

THANKS

JOHN HAMILTON would
like to thank all friends and
relatives who sent cards
and gifts during his recent
stay in Ayr Hospital. He is
home now and improving
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THANKS Rob Bailey

I would like to thank all
friends and neighbours for
their kind expressions of
sympathy and invaluable
help following Rob's sudden
death. I have been
overwhelmed by everyone's
kindness.
My thanks also to the
paramedics, to Angus
Adamson for a comforting
service and to David Hendry
for the funeral arrangements.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr Gerald J. O'Sullivan

The family of the late Gerald J.
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relatives, friends and neighbours
for their cards, flowers and
expressions of sympathy.

To the many dear friends who
also joined the family at Corrie
Church and Sannox Cemetery to
pay their respects and donated
so generously to the Hospital
Supporters League, we express
our sincere thanks.

A special word of thanks to Mr
Angus Adamson for a beautiful
service with his comforting words
and memorable tribute.

Thanks, also, to the
management team and staff at
Cooriedoon Care Home, to
whom we owe a great debt of
gratitude for their kindness and
the manner in which they so
lovingly cared for Dad; to David
Hendry and Son and Claire for
attending to the funeral
arrangements with great
sensitivity. Appreciation and
thanks also to the management
and staff of Corrie Hotel.

To you all we extend our heartfelt
thanks for your help and support.

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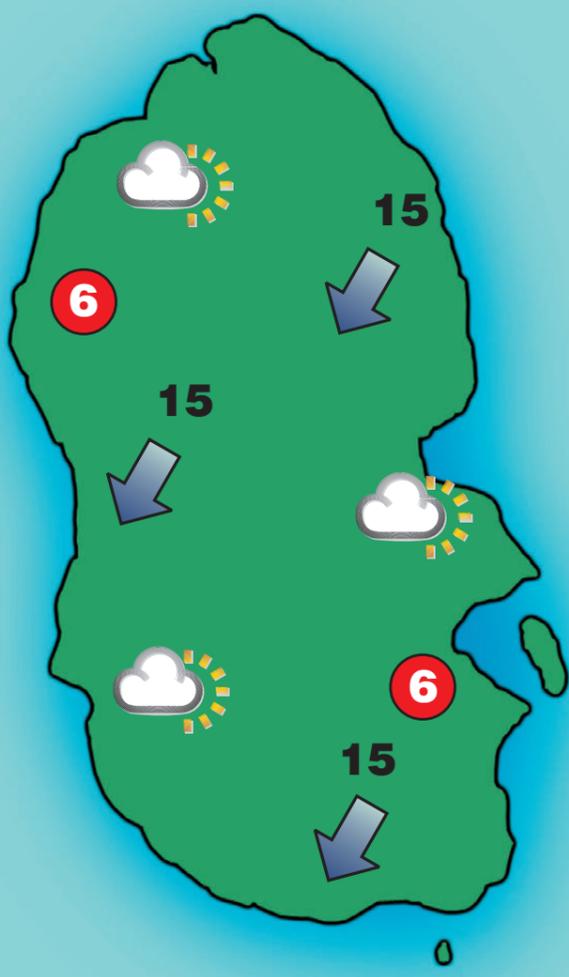
Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, February 25 2006** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	02.58	0.9	10.03	2.6	15.51	0.5	22.29	2.6
Sun	04.04	0.6	10.59	2.9	16.43	0.1	23.29	2.8
Mon	04.56	0.4	11.48	3.1	17.30	-0.1	**.**	**
Tues	00.18	2.9	05.42	0.3	12.31	3.3	18.11	-0.2
Wed	01.02	3.0	06.24	0.1	13.13	3.5	18.52	-0.3
Thur	01.42	3.1	07.04	0.1	13.52	3.6	19.31	-0.2
Fri	0.217	3.1	07.44	0.1	14.31	3.6	20.13	-0.1

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

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



Saturday

the weather

Saturday, February 25

The day will be mostly dry and bright
Light north easterly breeze. Temperatures between 6°C and 8°C.

Sunday, February 26

Settled day with bright spells. Mainly dry though feeling cold
Temperatures between 6°C and 8°C.

Monday and Tuesday

Dry and bright with the risk of snow on the hills. Frost likely
Temperatures between 4°C and 5°C.

Tuesday will feel cold with the possibility of wintery showers

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate

Tarbert/ Lochranza - Moderate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 26 February
Shiskine 11am.
Brodick 7pm.
Reverend David Karoon.
All welcome.

Lamlash, Shiskine, Lochranza and Pirmill

Sunday 26 February.
Lamlash Church; 11.45am, St Molios, Shiskine 10.00am. Both services by Mrs Jean Hunter
St Brides, Lochranza, 10.30am; Pirmill Church 12 noon. Both services by Rev Kenneth Fisher
All Welcome

Brodick and Corrie Churches

Worship will be conducted in Brodick Church on Sunday 26 February at 10.45am and in

Corrie Church at noon. All welcome.
Tea and coffee will be available in the hall at Brodick after the service. Both services will be conducted by Mr Angus Adamson our locum minister.

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 26 February
Worship will be led by the Worship Group, involving members of the congregation at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service. All welcome.

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Holy Cross Catholic Church

Sunday morning mass 11am.
Scottish Episcopal Church (in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 26 February: 11.00 am, Holy Communion. Rev Hector

Soga, Dollar
Coffee after service.
Wednesday 1 March: noon.
Holy Communion.
All Welcome.

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 26 February at 11 a.m.
in the Free Church building, Brodick
(Beside the Post Office)
Rev Alan Thompson
'The Christian's Conduct' (1Pet:1:13-2:3)
Visitors welcome.

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 26 February
Trust housing lounge, Brodick, 11am. Evening service, 5 Glen Road, Brodick 7pm. Prayer meeting Wednesday 1 March. Rev D McLeod.
All welcome.

Castle champagne reception



Jo Lenthall and Colin Totty, both of Sylvania, Cladach were married on Friday 27 January at Lamlash Register Office. There was a champagne reception at Brodick Castle, followed by an exquisite buffet at Oscar's Bistro. Thanks go to all who helped make the day so special and who came to the party on Saturday 11 February. b07wed1

Whiting Bay Thursday Club

The meeting of the club held on Thursday 17 February was addressed by Howard Wood and Tom Vella-Boyle of Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST).

Howard gave an in-depth presentation of the work of COAST, illustrating it with some beautiful colour slides of the seabed and its wildlife off the east coastline from Lamlash to Kildonan.

Members of the Thursday club were enthralled by the multitude of colour and variety of the sea creatures but were deeply shocked by the effect that deep scallop dredging is having to the seabed and supporting wildlife.

Tom then went on to talk about the progress - or lack of it - of the political process to try and get a 'no take zone' in Lamlash Bay.

He also stressed the need for as many Arran residents as possible to contact their local MSP's and councillors to put pressure on the Scottish Executive to move on the legislation relevant to bringing in this proposed 'no take zone'.

The presentation closed with members of the Thursday Club not already members of COAST given the opportunity to do so.

The club's next meeting is an afternoon tea on Thursday 2 March in Bilslands at 2pm.

Any members who have not yet signed up for this get together of club member's and who wish to do so are asked to add their name to the list which is in Bay News, Whiting Bay. Members are asked to indicate if they require transport. The AGM will be held on Thursday 16 March - venue to be confirmed.



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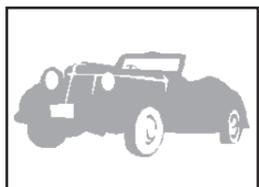


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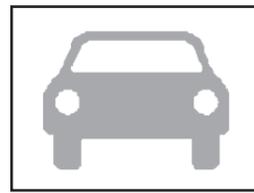


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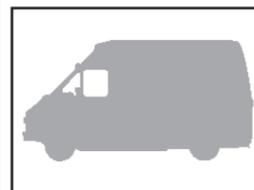


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Donald MacKenzie memorial darts match

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This annual mixed doubles competition has been run for many years by Donald's widow Margaret with all funds going to Kildonan and Kilmory senior citizens.

Margaret said: 'It was a grand night, the event went really well, I am so pleased.'

Over the course of the last few years the event has gradually grown in size with more people playing and enjoying this friendly darts competition.

Also playing on the night were Margaret's sons John and Dan who both took part in the sets.

After several rounds two double finalists teams competed for the coveted Donald MacKenzie memorial trophy. This year it was lifted by John Allan and Betty McDonald who had a tough match on their hands against other seasoned competitors Phil O'Donnell, Paula Rouine.

After five hours the revellers began to disperse at 1am.



The finalist mixed doubles teams at 1am in the Breadalbane Hotel. Runners up Phil O'Donnell, Paula Rouine and winners Betty McDonald and John Allan. b08dar1



Brothers John and Dan MacKenzie step up to the oche. b08dar3

Brodick Bridge

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Shiskine Bridge

Friday 17 February:
 NS 1 M McGill & E Sillars -60, 2 V Iutz & C McAlister -670, 3 C & M Bannatyne - 2040
 EW 1 H Boyd & J Beattie +2210, 2 M Iutz & J Murchie +1000, 3 P Adamson & A Murchie -640

Coca Cola Cup Football 7s results

Girls

The Arran High School team had the following results from the four games they played: Arran v Auchenharvie 1-0, Arran v St. Andrew's 0-0, Arran v Greenwood 1-1, Arran v Irvine Royal 3-0. The Arran team narrowly missed progressing to the next round. Auchenharvie won the section by 1 point.

Boys

The Arran High School team had the following results from the three games they played: Arran v Auchinleck 1-0, Arran v Garnock 1-2, Arran v Auchenharvie, 0-2. Auchenharvie progressed to the next round.

Arran Pool League Table

League table 2005/06

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	GOB	Pts
Aldersyde	12	11	1	0	100	39	7	34
PHT	12	8	1	3	86	58	8	25
Corrie	13	8	1	4	76	75	6	25
Cameronia	11	7	2	2	80	52	8	23
Bar Eden	13	6	1	6	76	80	5	19
Breadalbane	12	5	2	5	76	68	6	17
Lagg	12	4	0	8	67	74	10	12
Mac's Bar	12	1	2	9	46	84	3	5
Catacol	13	0	0	13	40	116	3	0

Ladies singles at Bar Eden Sunday 26 February, 3pm



WIN

£250

JACKPOT

All you have to do
 We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact

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centre of the ball.
 Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.
 If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.
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PGA golf instructor Douglas Bell takes golfer James Kelso through his paces. b08gol2

Golf tuition from PGA pro

Arran golfers looking to improve their game have every opportunity now as PGA (Professional Golfers' Association) golf instructor Douglas Bell provides support and training at the Balmichael Driving Range in Shiskine.

Saturday morning sessions at the range find Douglas tutoring players of all abilities. He has been playing golf himself for 25 years and gives swing analysis, tips and general tuition

Douglas said: 'The standard of Arran golfers is generally very high with many excellent players who have gone on to compete in mainland competitions.'

'I am really enjoying these sessions and helping players develop their game.'

One such player is James Kelso who gave up playing golf recently after 40 years.

He said: 'I thought I'd be able to get back into the game easily - but I was wrong. Douglas is an excellent teacher. He would have to be to get me sorted.'

'The new Balmichael range is an excellent place to practice.'

The driving range is run by Gordon Stewart and Donald Currie and this May it will celebrate its first year in business. The centre is fully automated and is even geared for children.

Gordon said: 'The range is floodlit which means that we are virtually never closed.'

'We have introduced glo-balls from the States that contain a battery and LED that acts as an aid to players to find their golf balls in the dark.'

Shiskine golfer Bert Green finds the facilities excellent. He said: 'Sometimes I am all geared up for a game and then the weather turns bad. Here at the driving range there are no such problems - it's great.'

Future plans include the construction of a practice bunker and green to help players develop skills in getting out of tricky situations.



Gordon Stewart with the 'twister ball washer' which cleans balls ready for use. b08gol3

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

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 14 February, winter cup, 13 played: 1 M Sherwood (59), 2 D Wilkinson (61), 3 C Laning (63)
Best scratch was A McDonald (75). Yes that's Mark Sherwood again, still scoring well!

Kiscadale Trophy. Any lady members wishing to represent Machrie please contact Denise Sherwood (860254).

Corrie Golf Club

Monday Cup 13 February, 1 A Cumming 36+38=74-19=55, 2 B Sneddon 43+38=81-24=57. One magic two. 18 February, Winter Cup: 1 S Beardsley 37+33=70-12=58, 2 A McDonald 34+36=70-11=59 BIH, 3 R Welford 37+40-77-18=59.

Fixtures

Saturday 25 February, winter cup, draw at noon.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 19 February. Winter friendly against Lamlash at Whiting Bay. 19 played. 1 J Kelso 72-14=58, 2 J MacPherson 76-5=62, 3 J Pennycott 73-9=64 BIH. Scratch N Auld 66 Four nagic twos by D Morrison, J Henderson, K Kelsall and E Ingram. The score in the winter fixture was Whiting Bay - a half, Lamlash - one and a half. Thanks to all who for participating and to Colin and June for the soup and rolls afterwards

Sunday 26 Feb (rearranged fixtures)

Winter cup Round 5

Sunday 5 March Winter League game against Shiskine at Brodick (10.50 tee-off).

Lamlash Golf Club

Sunday 26 February, Glenburn Cup, 9.30am and noon starts.

Brodick Golf Club

Brodick Wednesday Cup 15th February Bryce Walker 71-15=56



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