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## Seafront setback

### New Brodick seafront path plan goes on the back burner

The footway planned to go along Brodick seafront will not now go ahead - at least not yet.

Brodick Improvements Committee has been working for some time to liaise with various groups including North Ayrshire Council (NAC), Scottish Water, Hitrans, the Community Environmental Renewal Scheme (CERS) and Arran Estates.

#### Delayed

The objective had been to install a walkway along Brodick seafront from the putting green to the pier, roughly along the line of the recent sewerage pipeline, and using surplus rock from the Scottish Water project.

Planning permission for the walkway was granted by NAC last autumn.

Harry Davidson of Brodick Improvements told *The Banner*: 'Having been told it will go ahead, it is now delayed. The

CERS was oversubscribed and other projects were ahead of us.

'This has taken £100,000 out of our funding but the match-funding from other bodies was all in place. We won't necessarily lose that but we'll have to apply again.

'Local councillor Margie Currie and NAC have negotiated a grant from Hitrans for £45,000 which will at least help to fund the first part of the path.'

The first part from opposite the Book and Card Centre to the slipway in front of Bilslands will start by the end of March and should be done by early summer. This will be a tarmac footway and cycle path.

Harry added: 'Scottish Water's gift of material is a pile of rock for path foundation which is still safe in Hawthorne Quarry. We hope that the rest of the path will come eventually, but for the time being it is on the back burner.'

## April start for new school

Work is due to start on the new High School in Lamlash in April.

The job has been sub-contracted to Barrs Construction of Ayr and the company will be bringing around 30 workmen to the Island by the end of March. This number will later increase to 80.

Barrs project manager Alex Hood was on Arran this week for meetings with community councillors Maureen Smith and Iain Small, local police and North Ayrshire Council roads department.

On Wednesday he told *The Ban-*

*ner*: 'We intend to keep the public informed. We are the builder and we are here to establish a relationship with the community.'

The company will be seeking accommodation for their workmen over the course of this contract which is due to be completed by April 2007.

Sergeant Colin Young said that he had informed the company of the behaviour expected from these workers.

'The usual rules and regulations will apply to them,' he said.



Jamie lifts the Scots



Elsbeth named best actress



Murrayfield try for Lindsay



Jack Murchie of Bailemargaidh with eldest daughter Lorraine, his sheepdog Rob and three pups. The pups are Rob's offspring, called Jim, Pixel and Echo and are all up for sale. Three of the original litter of six have already gone. Jack and two-and-a-half year old Rob have qualified to represent Arran in the sheepdog nursery final at Annbank,

Maybole this Saturday 4 March. He is part of a five-man team with the other four being from Kintyre. Jack and Rob qualified by doing well at the Arran nursery trials over the winter. They are shown with their trophies; the Glenrosa Cup for the one-day trial at Balgowan, The Cnoc Shield for best outrun, lift and fetch, the Hirsell cup for best dog over six trials and the Druid cup for the trial held at Druid, Auchencar. b09dog1



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# Workparty wanted

Volunteers are invited to join a Whiting Bay Improvements workparty at 10.30am on Sunday 12 March. It is hoped to paint the new shed at the putting green and tidy up the fence.

## Arran Farmers Society

The AGM of Arran Farmers Society will be held at Kinloch Hotel on Tuesday 7 March, not Wednesday as previously intimated.

# Warriors inspire Scotland to victory

Three Arran men may have helped Scotland defeat the English last Saturday. At least two of them were clearly seen on national television brandishing their claymores and spears in an effort to inspire the Scotland rugby team.



Jamie McPhail Wilson of Brodick prepares to welcome the players and crowd at Murrayfield stadium last Saturday. b09jam2

It seemed to work as Scotland enjoyed a rather unexpected 18 points to 12 victory over the Six Nations rugby tournament favourites, England, to leave the championship wide open with everything to play for.

Jamie McPhail Wilson, Fraser Aitchison and Davie Tait took the Friday night ferry from Brodick to head for the Calcutta Cup clash at Murrayfield. They are part of the Gunn Clan Trust and had been invited to perform on the pitch with 24 clan warriors prior to the match on Saturday afternoon.

**Back in time**  
The pre-match entertainment organised by the Scottish Rugby Union took a step back in time with a patriotic display by five pipe bands and the plaid-clad clan warriors. Jamie and his 23 pals were invited by Clannandrumma, a Celtic tribal band, to join in the pre-rugby fun.

Jamie said: 'We were bussed from Glasgow to the stadium and got there at 10am. There were several practice sessions on the pitch and by 5pm we were ready. 'It was meant to be a symbolic gesture as we 'protected' the bandsmen. I went there to inspire and remind the crowd of their heritage.

'It's a wake-up call for national identity but it isn't anti-English. I'm not anti-anything; I'm just pro-Scots.

'We met the Scottish boys before the game and they were delighted, but when the England team ran out of the tunnel you could see a mixture of shock and



Arran trio Davie, Jamie and Fraser about to take to the pitch before the Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield. b09sc01

confusion on their faces. 'Big Dallaglio ran straight for me and passed within two inches of my shoulder. He expected me to move but I just stood my ground.'

For readers who don't know, the England back row forward Lawrence Dallaglio is about four times as big as Jamie.

**Brief**  
The clansmen performed for eight minutes but television viewers had only brief glimpses of them, although the drummers could be clearly heard while pundit and former player John Beattie gave his pre-match interview. Jamie explained: 'We would have been on telly longer but maybe the producer got fright-

ened when he saw us rehearsing. 'We were thought to be appropriate for Murrayfield but perhaps not for the sensitivities of an international television audience. Nevertheless, I was more than content with our performance.'

The same Celtic tribal band of Clannandrumma is coming to Arran this summer and in conjunction with the Gunn Clan will record a promotional film and play a local gig.

Murrayfield was meant to be a one-off for the Arran trio, but perhaps we'll see Jamie, Fraser and Davie brandishing their claymores at Lansdowne Road before Scotland's next Six Nations match against Ireland in Dublin next Saturday 11 March.

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## New pavement for Whiting Bay

A new footway is under construction in Whiting Bay. The asphalt pavement will run from the village centre car park southwards to join with the pavement at the new seawall opposite Cooper Angus caravan park.

It will range in width from 1.5 metres to 2 metres and follow the landward side of the road to Montrose Terrace and then switch to the seaward side with an unmarked pedestrian crossing point just before Glenashdale Bridge.

The bus shelter opposite the youth hostel will be demolished and a new one built opposite Montrose Terrace. A new post and rail system will also be erected in two sites opposite St Quivox and opposite Eastwood at points where there is an unprotected drop onto the beach.

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## Shed some pounds

Judy Draycott of Whiting Bay is hoping to encourage larger ladies to take part in keep fit after her practice nurse at Lamlash Medical Centre, Jo Earl, encouraged her to go on a fitness programme and shed some pounds.

Judy said: 'I am looking for six more over weight women to join two other over weight women at the Auchrannie Spa gym that will be hired just for us.'

Judy had never been to a gym before this and initially dreaded the thought of it, not because of the hard work but because she thought it would be full of fit looking people

Judy continued: 'The first session was the worst but I've kept with it and a couple of months later I am feeling invigorated and

I'm a few inches slimmer. 'If you are at least three stone over weight, able to put aside six Sunday mornings, 10am-11am have a huge sense of humour, the desire to leave behind an unfit, fat you and the OK from either your doctor or practise nurse and not already going to the gym then please come along.'

There are no costs involved, but if you do not turn up you will have to pay the usual gym fee.

Judy concluded: 'Any old Tee-shirt and loose fitting trousers will do; before going to the gym mine weren't. This will be a life-changing decision and you won't be doing it on your own.'

For further information contact Judy on 700424. The ladies hope to start on Sunday 12 March.

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# Walker rescued by two helicopters

Three helicopters ended up at the scene of a rescue last Thursday 23 February when a walker was injured at the Cock of Arran.

A student from Lancaster who was studying at the Lochranza Field Centre was out walking near Ossian's cave with her mother when she fell and injured her shoulder.

The distinctive canary-yellow Scottish Ambulance Service helicopter, The Helimed 05, was flying en-route to Glasgow when the pilot received a call about the injured walker.

The pilot made his way to the scene and set his helicopter down 100 yards from the casualty. The medics on board administered first aid to the injured girl who was apparently suffering from a dislocated shoulder.

The local Arran coastguard team received the call just after 3pm and quickly headed for Lochranza.

When they arrived they found the walker being treated by medical personnel and she was shortly transferred into the helicopter.

As the pilot was about to take off, a red light on the gearbox began to flash, indicating possible mechanical difficulties. Under the circumstances, he could not attempt to take off.

An emergency call went out, and Sea King Rescue 177 helicopter was scrambled from HMS Gannet at Prestwick airport.

A Royal Navy spokesperson said: 'At 16.22pm Rescue 177 helicopter was tasked by Air Rescue Co-

ordination Centre at Kinross to rescue an 18 year-old girl and her mother from the Cock of Arran after the Helimed 05 helicopter had shut down due to unserviceability.'

The coastguard members marked out a landing spot for the approaching Rescue 177 helicopter and co-ordinated the ground aspects of the rescue.

Arran Coastguard Deputy Station Officer Billy Currie said: 'It is unusual to come across a shoulder injury, it is usually a leg injury from walking.'

'The girl was in a lot of pain and it was a nasty injury.'

'Sea King Rescue 177 helicopter was on the scene within 15 minutes.'

The girl and her mother were then transferred to this helicopter and flown to Crosshouse Hospital.

The third helicopter to arrive on scene was a police helicopter with a technician on board who was able to clear the fault in the Scottish Ambulance Service helicopter allowing it to return to base. A police spokesperson confirmed they assisted the Helimed 5 in taking off.

The local coastguards returned to base after three hours. This incident brings the number of callouts for the Arran coastguard this year to nine.

By December last year the team had exceeded 100 callouts for 2005.



The injured girl receives medical attention on site by the medics watched by members of Arran's Coastguard team. Rescue 177 helicopter is seen in the background. This picture was captured on a camera phone by Stephen Ewart, a member of Arran Coastguard team.

## Telephone hitch

Telephone callers may have experienced some difficulty in getting through to the *Banner* office last week.

Due to a technical fault, for several days the office could not receive incoming calls and the number just rang out continuously.

This has now been rectified and we continue to be available on 01770 302142. Apologies are extended to all who have been inconvenienced.

## Breach of the peace in Whiting Bay

On Monday night 27 February a 35 year-old Saltcoats man was reported for alleged breach of the peace at the Cameronia Hotel, Whiting Bay.

He was released from police custody the following day.

## Borrowed in error?

Fencing chains and wire tensioners have been borrowed or removed from Viewbank Farm in Whiting Bay during last week.

The farmer, Johnnie Kelso, said he will be pleased if the person responsible would return them.

## Extra police over summer

Arran's police force will be strengthened by four extra constables this summer.

Four mainland officers will be on Island secondment for four months through the height of summer. This is double the number from 2005 and back to the previous levels of seasonal staffing.

## Alleged fraud

On Sunday 26 February an 18 year-old Saltcoats man was arrested at Auchrannie Spa in Brodick and charged with alleged board and lodgings fraud and possession of a controlled class C drug. A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

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# Drama Festival trophy winners, 2006



Adjudicator Jim Gibson with Elspeth MacDonald winner of the Monie Kelso trophy for best actor or actress. b09e1s1

**Results:** Archie Kerr Wooley trophy, for highest marks in festival; Clanjamfrie with *Hallowe'en*.

Millhill Players trophy, Pirnmill Players with *Tryst*.

Whiting Bay Club Golden Anniversary trophy for best moment in theatre; Brodick Players with *The Carlin Moth*.

Jane McBride Brown bowl for best WRI team; Shiskine WRI with *Bus Stop*.

Monie Kelso trophy for best actor or actress; Elspeth MacDonald in *Tryst*.

Mattie Gillies trophy for best supporting actor or actress; Julie Nelson in *Come out to Play*.

Mary Stewart Orr trophy for best youth team; Shiskine Junior Drama with *Home at Last*.

Douglas Sillars trophy for best actor in a youth play; Craig Black.

Jean Bannatyne trophy for best supporting actress in a youth play; Beth Hamilton.

For more festival news see pages 9-11.



Adjudicator Jim Gibson with all the trophy winners and Drama Association chairman Allan Nicol. b09fes1



Clanjamfrie, winners of the Archie Kerr Wooley trophy. b09e1a1



Hattie Arthur and Jason Watts with the Whiting Bay Club Golden Anniversary Trophy for best moment of theatre. b09ear2



Beth Hamilton with the Jean Bannatyne trophy for best supporting actor or actress in a youth play. b09bet1

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# Looking for clues

The owners of the Glenartney Hotel in Brodick are looking for clues about the history of their hotel.

Angela Elliot-Walker and Robbie Mallinson took over the running of the hotel two-and-a-half-years ago and are continually asked by guests about the origin of the hotel and where the name Glenartney came from.

Angela said: 'I want to find any information I can about the hotel before it is gone forever.'

She initially logged onto the internet website *Google* and searched on the name Glenartney.

Angela continued: 'I was trying to find out why the Glenartney was named as such, having heard rumours that it was after a ship of the same name. I was also very keen to find out what the two houses were called that made up the Glenartney when first built.'

From her time spent on the internet Angela came across the Tattersall family website and Edward Tattersall - the Island's photographer in the 1920's.

It appears that this family owned the Glenartney around this time and his mother Edith worked as a Guider on the Island.

The family website has been created by James Tattersall who is a descendant of Edward and his family. He too has pieces of his family jigsaw that are missing and hopes that Angela's search may provide him with new information. Angela said: 'It appears that the McBride family owned



Robbie Mallinson, Angela Elliot-Walker and dog Zac.

the Glenartney in the 1930's and they converted it into an upper class boarding house.'

At this point the trail has gone cold about these two families. Angela has worked closely with the Arran Heritage Museum and has found the staff their to be par-

ticularly helpful.

She concluded: 'If anyone has information that could be of interest to James Tattersall or myself please contact me at the Glenartney Hotel, Mayish Road, Brodick or you can email [info@glenartney-arran.co.uk](mailto:info@glenartney-arran.co.uk)'

# Million-pound house on Arran

Property prices on Arran continue to grow and have now broken the million pound barrier.

According to an article in a Sunday newspaper, 152 properties changed hands in Scotland last year for over £1million. This figure includes 55 houses in Edinburgh, 17 in Glasgow and one in Arran.

Registers of Scotland website

indicates that the Arran property is Dippen Lodge between Whiting Bay and Kildonan which was sold for £1,170,000.

Even smaller Island properties have seen a significant increase in value recently.

One of the 12 apostles at Catacol, which feature in many Arran calendars and tourist holiday snaps went for £167,500.

Another small house going for a big price was one of the timber back-houses in Hamilton Terrace which sold for £100,000.

Demand for housing is such that whilst there were 2,000 households on Arran in the year 2000, North Ayrshire Council project an increase to 2,158 in 2007 and to 2,277 by 2012.

## Planning decisions

An application to build four semi-detached cottages and two houses to the north-east of Montrose House, Brodick was granted with 12 conditions at the planning committee meeting of North Ayrshire Council (NAC) on Monday 27 February.

### Self catering

An application for two semi-detached self catering units to the north-east of Benlister Cottages, Lamash was granted subject to the applicants entering into a section 75 agreement limiting occupancy to holiday letting, and subject to seven conditions.

### Refusal

It was agreed to refuse an application for a house to the west of Lilybank Cottage, Whiting Bay on the grounds that it would be contrary to the Local Plan and would constitute unsatisfactory backland development.

### Barn conversion

Permission was granted for the conversion of two stone barns to form two houses next to Torbeg farmhouse at the North Ayrshire Council planning meeting on Monday 6 February.

The permission is subject to seven conditions.

## Blown away

A Whiting Bay lady contacted *The Banner* last week to ask if we could confirm that it had been windy on Saturday.

Apparently, whilst she was out during the day a high wind blew her shed roof off.

On contacting the claims department of her insurance company they appeared to be sceptical about the validity of the claim on the basis that it was not windy on the mainland that day. We were pleased to confirm that it had indeed been windy on Arran, and put her in touch with the Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle which keeps local meteorological data.

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# High school news

## Arran Go Down Fighting

In classic Arran style the S1 and S2/3 rugby teams fought to the dying minutes of their games, but it wasn't enough to win against Douglas Academy last weekend.

The S1 side, despite their best efforts, were unable to withstand the onslaught of the Douglas attack. Sadly, the Arran defence was no match for the enormous players Douglas had up front.

The S2/3 side had better luck although this ultimately came to nothing as they made a crucial mistake towards the end of the game. Already winning from an unconverted try from Patrick McMaster, Arran were heading for victory until a crucial mistake was made in the closing minutes of this nail biting game. In a try which should have sealed the game for Arran, a certain forward, instead of touching down, crossed over the 'dead ball line', meaning the try was disallowed. This vital mistake left the game wide open with seconds remaining, and

Douglas grabbed a last minute try. School PE teacher Mr Evans commented: 'We were crumbs on a rich mans table. A bitter pill to swallow for all the team.'

Although these rugby games may not have been a magnificent victory for Arran, it was nice to see head teacher Mr Auld refereeing both games. Not many schools can boast a head teacher willing to referee school rugby matches! **Liam Turbett and Calum Johnston S4**

## Arran Arias

Last Friday eight pupils studying voice as an instrument for higher music received a visit from Oliver Rundell of Scottish Opera.

This visit gave pupils the chance to run through potential pieces for their external exam and receive expert tips on ways to improve their performance. Every student able and willing to sing in front of their peers received 15 minutes tuition and benefited from listening to the advice offered to other students.

It was felt by those present that

even when not singing they were also being instructed as every tip was relevant and of value.

The friendly and encouraging demeanour of Mr. Rundell led to a relaxed atmosphere and allowed pupils to put nerves aside and fully take advantage of the opportunity. The senior students were very grateful for Mr Oliver's time especially with the swift approach of their exam in March and although the students involved are not quite ready for the Royal Albert Hall, we look forward to some star performances in West Side Story.

## Gemma MacDonald S5 and Emily Ross S6 Young Musician of the Year

On Monday 20 February, the Young Musician and Singer of the Year heats were held in Arran High School. The audience was entertained by a series of spectacular performances from many musical stars of Arran High School.

In the Young Musician section, we had a wonderful display of

talent from Gemma MacDonald on the clarinet, but it was Emily Tilbury's extraordinary performance on the saxophone that won over the judges.

Competing for the title of Young Singer of the Year, were Paul Tinto, Katie Maun and Gemma McDonald, who each sang two songs dazzling the crowd and giving the judges a very tough decision. Eventually the judges chose Gemma MacDonald to follow in the footsteps of last years' winner, Sandy Kerr with Paul Tinto as runner up.

In the S1 and S2 competition, there were four musicians flaunting their talent. The winner was Fiona Clark who played beautifully on the piano. Our talented S3 and S4 then took to the stage with fabulous singers and musicians, making it unfortunate that there could only be one winner.

Scott Murray was announced as the champion for his fantastic violin playing. Well done to all those who took part and thank you for a fantastic night of entertainment. **Mhairi Beggans S5**



Diana Riddell reads poems from her new book to Finlay and Isla Sillars, Jemima Currie, Hazel Thomas and Molly Allen. b09rid1

## Poetry reading in Brodick shop

Diana Riddell of Kilmory held a poetry reading and book-signing session in the Book and Card Centre, Brodick last Saturday 25 February.

She read out three poems, *Discuss Discussion*, *Harry the Hurdler* and *Two-nil*, from her new book, *Sporting Rhythms*, to an appreciative audience of children

and parents. Liz Dale of Pirmill chipped in with a reading of one of her own poems in the style of Robert Burns.

Some of the ordinary shoppers, perhaps looking for a birthday card or cookery book, looked a little bemused on walking into a poetry-reading but nevertheless stopped to listen.



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# Lucy sends greetings from west Africa

Lucy Primrose of Lochranza went to the west African republic of Ghana in January. She was going to help build a school and medical centre in a small village as part of an educational Mottey African Development Foundation (Madventure) project.

She expects to be mixing cement and laying bricks for three months and, as promised, Lucy sends a report on her progress to Banner readers.

## 4 February 2006

'The village we are based in is very friendly towards us. Some of the children had never seen white people before so we are a novelty to them.

'Everywhere we go they shout after us, 'white people, white people, good evening' (in a mixture of Ewe and French). It is impossible for us to go anywhere without being stopped and talked to or waved at.

'The house we stay in is better than expected as we have electricity, running water and a flushing toilet. Instead of the two cooks we have four - Vivien, Patience, Maybelle and Pascaline -

who are great fun even although the food does not agree with me.

'There is also Sammuell who looks after the house - he is 25 and has started calling me his wife. Sammuell has made this experience better than it would have been without him and has even given everyone his address and we have returned the favour.

'The day starts at 7am with breakfast and we arrive on site at 8.30am and work until lunch at 11.30am. Afternoon work goes from 2pm until 5pm. The weather here is very hot and humid (as was expected), which makes it a very long day.

'It is touch and go at the moment whether we will finish or not, so fingers crossed. I would like to say thank you very much to everyone who sponsored me.

'The villagers are very grateful and excited that we are here to build their primary school.

'We have been treated to various displays of drumming, local dancing and singing. These are all excellent but do go on for ages - I don't know how they do it!

'At the weekends we have been

to Lake Volta, a monkey sanctuary, the beach and this weekend we are in Accra for a festival to mark Bob Marley's birthday. We have also been up into the mountains.

'The people in my group are all very nice and for the most part around my age. We all seem to get on really well as a group.

'Our leader Hannah is 23 and it feels more like she is part of our group than group leader. We are having a fancy dress party on Tuesday and will stay in the village for the last weekend.

## 23 February 2006

'I am sending this e-mail from Mopti in Mali after two nights in Timbuktu. The city is amazing.

'The people are well-off compared to the rest of Mali, though that is probably because they are more self-sufficient as well as the incredible amount of tourists it attracts.

'On the second night we slept out in the Sahara. The sunsets there are so beautiful and at night the sky is covered in stars. On the down side it was freezing; not even four layers and a fleece

sleeping bag liner could keep me warm.

'I ended up sleeping across the front seats of a Land Rover which was not comfortable.

'We are leaving Mopti this afternoon to spend three nights in Dogon country, which is the actual trek part of the trip.

'Then we leave Mali and travel down through Burkina Faso back into Ghana where we will stop off for two nights in two different places before reaching our final destination on Ghana's Cape Coast.

'The group will spend four days at Green Turtle Lodge before I fly back to Britain on Sunday 5 of March.

'It has been a great experience but I am looking forward to a hot shower, a sofa, the TV remote and a very nice lunch (but definitely no chicken or rice thank you).

'Once again, many thanks to everyone who sponsored me and look forward to seeing you all soon.'

Lucy Primrose



Lucy Primrose of Lochranza, working in Ghana. b09lue1

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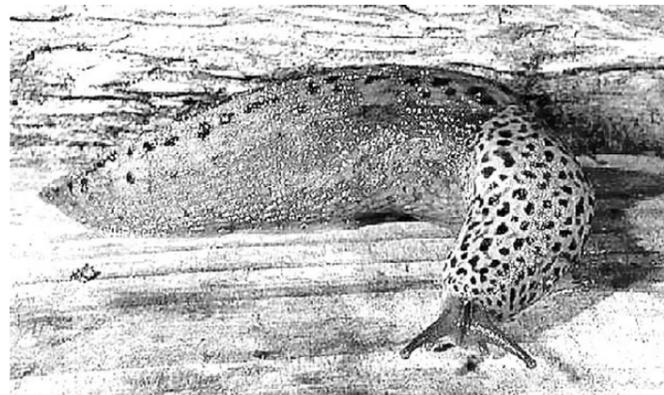
## Garden notes - What can be done if your plants are under attack?

Local gardening expert Kathy Sayer gives a few timely tips on how to combat attacks on your plants

If your plants are indeed under attack, some of these odd sounding solutions might help you to fight back.

Deer are a common problem in our gardens. Apart from the final solution of shooting them or the expensive one of deer fencing the whole of your plot, hair bags are a simple tried and tested deterrent.

Make a voodoo-style pouch from a pair of old tights and pop in a chunk of hair clippings, tie it up and hang on your nibbled bush



Leopard Slug

at about two or three feet off the ground.

One every metre or so should be enough and they won't need

replacing for at least a couple of months.

Hairdressers of Arran, this is your chance to join the recycling

movement - any human hair works, washed or unwashed, permed or dyed.

Rabbits and hares are just as destructive. The plastic spiral tree guards are ideal for young trees and shrubs but do check them each year as they can cut in and damage the bark as the trunk expands.

Smaller plants like heathers need a wall of chicken wire around them held in place by a bamboo cane.

Spikey twigs of berberis or holly pushed into the soil will also make a barrier to keep them off. Neither of these look very attractive and choosing plants that rabbits dislike is another solution. Last

season Brodick Castle shop sold a wee book, specifically on rabbit proof plants.

Slugs must be the one pest all our gardens suffer from. Please do not use slug pellets. They kill so many birds, toads and frogs, cats and dogs as well as the slugs.

Their natural predators are blackbirds and thrushes, hedgehogs and the larvae of the black ground beetle so encourage these into your plot to help you.

It is springtime when slugs seem to do the worst damage. Now is the time to start catching them in beer traps and killing them. If you just pop them over the fence into your neighbours they will be back before you know it.

For your most vulnerable plants like delphiniums or hosta, buy ribbons or rings of copper to go on the soil around the crown of the plant. Slugs are sensitive to the very mild electrical energy given off by copper. They are pricey but will last for years and years.

While on the subject of weird solutions, how about tomato ketchup for stains from your dog's urine on the lawn? No, no don't put the ketchup on the lawn; the ketchup goes in the dog to alter the acidity of the urine - just one tablespoon once a week. They love it.

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That decent cove Prince Charles is suing a newspaper for breach of confidentiality but what does confidentiality mean? Many promise it, banks, doctors, lawyers, credit cards companies, all assure you that your details are completely confidential with them. But few live up to this. Most intend to, in principle, but few achieve it. Once a secret, or a confidential piece of knowledge, is shared it is on the road to becoming public knowledge.

Apparently Prince Charles' diaries, which spoke pithily about a number of self important types, were circulated to between 75 and 100 people. How could that have been confidential? There is always one person who might use the knowledge to show off.

Last Wednesday on the ferry I noticed a smart young lady in the businesswoman's uniform of black trouser suit and white semit. She sat in the cafeteria three tables from me. Local authority perhaps, or health board, on Arran for the day meeting with others of her organisation's staff? Then she started on her mobile phone. She spoke clearly and loudly and there were at least 20 people within easy earshot. She discussed her staff, naming names. One had not had proper training. Another had made an unacceptable error. Another confirmed this. Those who should have known about the errors did not.

Of course I could not identify the names. But others present might have known them. Had I known for whom she worked, I might have reasoned it out. It was very unprofessional, very unbusinesslike.

That was the start. She made further calls. One was to a name she had previously been criticising. Now she was all sweetness, condescending. 'How's your dad?' she asked before approaching the criticisms. Nothing wrong with doing it that way if they had been speaking in private. But this was a very public place.

Why was she doing this? Was she just 'mainland stupid', unaware that Arran people can easily identify others? Was she posing, showing off to tell us that she had all these subordinates and could issue orders? Or was it misplaced efficiency, in that she wanted to complete her day's work on the boat and save time for the morrow?

Then, on about her sixth call, 'I don't know whether it's confidential or not, but she's applied for Coatbridge branch.' She then proceeded to discuss that person's qualities and chances of getting the transfer.

We were curious by now. In any case it was not possible to concentrate on my book. I had noticed that she wore a name badge with a logo but was unable to read it. I decided to sidle past her and see what it said. I got up and walked towards the loo.

Goodness me! My bank! A bank about which others complain but from which I get an excellent service. If this lady was talking about staff, by name, in public, what did they say about people's accounts? Knowing for whom she worked most of the names had suddenly clicked into place, too. We all complain about not being able to speak face to face with somebody at the bank. Maybe there is more privacy speaking to a call centre where you are just a number. Or is confidentiality a total myth, the minute one other person knows?

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Because Jesus Himself has passed through the test of suffering, He is able to help those who are in the midst of their test. *Hebrews 2:18*

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# Letters to the Editor

## Cadet thanks

Sir,  
On behalf of the Army cadet force, Arran detachment, I would like to thank the Brodick Co-op staff and customers for their support at our bag-pack on Saturday 18 February.

We raised the fantastic amount of £400.67. We really appreciate the support that the local community gives us. Thank you once again.

Yours,  
Lt Craig Hamilton,  
Arran cadet detachment  
Murray Place  
Lamlash

## Slade on Arran

Sir,  
While in Arran recently I enjoyed catching up stories in the *Banner*. I was particularly interested in the story about Slade.

Like one of your correspondents, I would encourage more writing about this period on the Island. I missed the 1969 Slade concert but I remember seeing them in Brodick Hall at the September weekend in 1971 when a police dog was brought in to keep order! This was just before their career really took off with 'Coz I luv you', which I think they played.

Other memorable concerts included a Tear Gas concert in (I think) 1972 when they introduced a certain Alex Harvey who was going to transform their fortunes as they became the Sensational Alex Harvey Band. In the same year there was an excellent performance by the JSD Band in Lamlash Hall. According to my old copy of the Ardrrossan and Saltcoats Herald this was at a Miss Arran competition compered by Tom Ferry - something which has slipped my memory completely!

I remember this as being a fantastic time for seeing live music on Arran, with other bands like the Poets and the Dream Police also visiting. It would great if somebody could chronicle these concerts properly, for they represent an era of live entertainment that simply does not exist anymore.

Yours,  
Alistair Mutch  
12 North Road  
West Bridgford, Nottingham

## Exporting rubbish to the mainland

Sir,  
The report in the *Banner* last week about a contract being awarded to a local civil contracting firm to construct a waste compacting facility in order to squeeze our rubbish into containers prior to transporting them on the ferry from Brodick has it seems left many people dumbstruck.

What on earth has happened to our inventiveness and our self reliance and where is the local authority in terms of its commitment to sustainable answers to the domestic waste mountain? Indeed where is the Scottish Executive in its leadership role here? The answer we are told is a hole in the ground at Irvine, landfill.

Having filled up the Island facility we are moving on at presumably enormous cost courtesy of CalMac to pass on our rubbish to somebody else. What is the sustainable answer for Arran?

In the same way that wind and wave power are slowly empowering islanders on the west coast to be self-sufficient in energy so too can new technology bring solutions to waste disposal which could bring a sense of pride to the Island rather than a sense of shame.

One solution for example could be pyrolysis, the heating of waste in the absence of air to convert the organic content of municipal waste to a usable fuel gas and then to use this gas to generate electricity.

One such company supplying this technology has already constructed and operated a plant south of the border outside Bristol with the local authority wholeheartedly supporting the development both in terms of planning consent and in financial support.

This is not incineration, the 'cinderella' that nobody wants in their backyard. Waste gases from the plant are astonishingly clean.

In fact the installation of such a plant in the industrial area near the existing, soon to be abandoned landfill site, could not only handle our bin rubbish and convert it to something valuable, recovered energy. It could also deal with the sewage solids from our new interceptor systems that Scottish Water has been obliged to introduce on the Island by de-

stroying the sludge collected in these new systems. Some effective solution to this waste needed to be found too.

Imagine the turnaround in the Islanders' commitment to resource recycling and recovery and the drive towards a more efficient approach generally to waste management if it was felt something useful could come out of all this, rather than dumping our rubbish on somebody else.

Also at vast cost to the council tax payer simply because of hopeless inertia of our local authority.

Don't be surprised if at some time in the near future the Arran community is made to pay the bill for CalMac's transport through a special council tax levy.

We need to do something about this now. Any ideas out there on how to open up the debate?

Yours,  
John Campbell  
Blairbeg House, Lamlash

## Heavies Wanted

Sir,  
Regular spectators at Brodick Highland Games every August will know that the best entertainment is provided by the pipe bands, Highland dancers and the heavy events.

They will also know that it is practically the same old faces who compete in the latter every year and this is only possible due to the large quantities of porridge, bandages and WD40!

The Games committee is becoming increasingly concerned at the lack of new, younger talent coming through to continue the tradition of these age old skills, ie tossing the caber, throwing the hammer and throwing the weight over the bar etc.

They therefore intend running a series of three one-day courses in April, May and June in Ormidale Park when an experienced coach will be available to train participants in these events. All expenses will be met by the Games committee.

Anyone aged 16 years or over can attend and everyone, no matter their existing experience will be welcome. As a first step, to ascertain the possible demand for such courses, would all those interested please contact me at the address below or on 01770 302118 by March 20. Lighter and

more easily handled equipment will be available for the younger participants.

Yours,  
Kenny Morrison  
Highland games treasurer  
2 Douglas Place  
Brodick

## Farewell

Sir,  
Thirty years ago, we decided to explore the Scottish islands. Our first excursion was a day on Arran - and the rest is history! Apart from a half day on Mull, we have never got any further.

The whole family were captivated by Arran's beauty and after six years of holidays, finally moved here in 1984. But life is about more than great scenery, and over the last 22 years we have made many wonderful friends - each one of you has enriched our lives and we will miss you more than the island itself.

We are sorry that circumstances mean we haven't managed to see you all before our departure, but we are privileged to have known you and hope to see many of you again, once we are all settled.

That may be a while however as for the immediate future we will be living in our motorhome, travelling where the fancy takes us, a few more Scottish islands, for sure, seeing more of the mainland family, and keeping an eye out for a little place with a view - not that we could ever match the one we have looked out on each day for all these years!

Thanks to you all for your good wishes and prayers for Julie. Those who know her strength of character will not be surprised to learn of her wonderful positive attitude as she starts treatment this week - she is an inspiration to us all. Sad as it is to be leaving old friends, we know it is exactly the right time to leave.

We wish Philip and Charlotte Hirschfield and the boys every success and hope they will be as happy as we have been at Strathwhillan.

Yours,  
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# Drama Festival 2006



Hannah Dobson, Beth Hamilton, Nicholas Rolf, Isla Rodriguez and Eilidh Kerr in Shiskine Junior Drama Club's *The Wise Villagers*. b09jun2

The Isle of Arran One-Act Drama Festival took place at Lamlash Community Centre from Wednesday to Saturday last week.

Drama Association chairman Allan Nicol told the audience on the first night that they would get value for money with an almost record entry of 14 plays over four nights this year. The last time entries were so high was in 1992 when the festival ran over five nights.

Adjudicator Jim Gibson, who is a headteacher at Kilwinning primary school, had work commitments on the mainland so travelled back on the first boat on Thursday and Friday to return on the 3.15pm boat. This introduced an uncertainty for the committee as to whether their adjudicator might become storm-bound on the mainland.

On Wednesday night, **Shiskine Junior Drama** was first up with *The Wise Villagers* produced by Sheila Gilmore. A cast of 18, mostly very young children, were ably led by an older quartet of Eilidh Kerr, Hannah Dobson, Nicholas Rolf and Beth Hamilton. The story featured a handsome squire betrothed to his beautiful fiancée and concerned that her family are quite stupid.

He sets off in search of enlightenment but just finds a group of so-called wise villagers who are actually anything but wise.

In a series of amusing scenes the youngsters show an incredible stupidity which makes the squire realise he is better off returning home to marry his fiancée.

The adjudicator referred to the 'strapping squire' and said that we were entertained and amused.

*Christmas with Mirabelle* was

the first of two entries by **Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music**. Zoe McGovern, Jennifer

Webster and Sheila Nicol are Hilary, Geraldine and Fay, three nieces of Aunt Mirabelle,



Sheila Nicol, Zoe McGovern, Moira Megarrell, and Karen Curzons in Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music's *Christmas with Mirabelle*. b09whb1

played by Julie Nelson.

They gather reluctantly each Christmas at Mirabelle's austere house and the snobby Hilary observes: 'She carries self-denial to the point of absurdity.'

As the play unfolds we find out that Mirabelle was actually a madam in Soho and the number one drug pusher in the south. To salve her conscience she invites three down-and-outs, Maureen Browell, Karen Curzons and Moira Megarrell, for dinner but two of the neices worry that they will lose their inheritance. As both Hilary and Geraldine show the greedier side of their nature, Mirabelle announces that the three tramps are actresses and she will leave her fortune to Fay.

In a double sting, Fay later pays off one of them for exposing her cousins.

Mr Gibson said: 'All actresses hit the ground running; we knew exactly what their characters were.' He also praised Moira Megarrell for her wonderfully over-the-top portrayal of a prostitute.

**Pirnmill Players** were last up on Wednesday with *Tryst*, a play by Colin Crowther.

The stage was cleverly split into three interlinked acting areas with a small rostrum in the centre.

Elsbeth MacDonald and Barrie Whattam were husband and wife, Brenda and Tom, and Hilary McMaster was artist Jan. The chemistry between the three was just right as it became clear that Tom was dying and wanted to leave a testament of his life as a painting. 'I can't put it into words,' he says. 'Can you draw me a picture.' It had to be a secret between him and Jan, and Brenda began to suspect that he was having a liaison.

This was a long play and Tom took a long time to die.

Mr Gibson said: 'This was a very powerful and emotional play with the canvas of life being filled up gradually.'

'The actors handled the prickly aspect of emotion well and at times

you could have heard a pin drop.' The second night opened with an American play entitled *The Empty Chair* performed by **Lamlash Junior Drama Club**.

It took place in a counselling centre for teenagers and the scene opened with Jimmy Hendrix's Purple Haze music track blasting out which 'jarred the audiences sensibilities in a powerful opening' said Mr Gibson.

The empty chair belonged to a 16

year-old character called Robert who had apparently died from a drug overdose. 'Was it suicide or an accident?' asked the counselling group's leader played by Rianna Sim. This never becomes clear and each character takes it in turn to stand up and perhaps cleanse their sole telling the audiences what substance abuse they are recovering from and singing the praises of Robert. (Continued on page 10)

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(Continued from page 9) This was peppered with colourful language.

Mr Gibson felt this over-use of profanities didn't work for him. He said the pace was good but it did dip somewhat in the middle.

He said the characters worked well with no imbalance and the audience were drawn into the intimacy of the place making them think.

Shiskine WRI were next with the comedy *Bus Stop*. The action centred around a bus stop and two benches.

The curtain went back and sitting on a bench was Woman I, played by Fiona Crawford. She was huffing and puffing about the lack of buses. She is quickly joined by Woman II played by Sheila Gilmore.

Mr Gibson said they reminded him of the two characters from the television show *The Muppets*, Waldorf and Statler, who sat in the box at the theatre. Another two 'women' quickly appear, Joan Anderson and Alice Anderson, and the four play off each other well. Then two more 'ladies' arrived played by Alice Anderson and Deborah Robertson. Then off stage a car is heard and they disappear to get a lift, much to the delight of everyone.

The plays ended with a twist. Morag Anderson playing the part of a bookworm tells the ladies that there is industrial action and there are no buses.

Woman I then says she will be having words with her husband when she gets home, to which Woman II replies 'what can he do?' and is promptly told that he is a bus driver.

*The Star and the Shadow* produced by Mairi S Christie is the telling of the birth of Christ. This multi scene piece had three scenery changes.

Mr Gibson said he felt it hit the ground running and the characters were established quickly.

Bartholomew, played by Allan Nicol awaits news of the birth of his son. Son of Simon played by



Lunacy at large, as described by the adjudicator Jim Gibson of Clanjamfrie. This play won the coveted Archie Kerr Wooley trophy for the best play in the festival. b09cla2.



*The Empty Chair* by Lamlash Junior Drama Club. b09you1

Fredi Baumgartner arrives to tell him all is well, however he later learns his son has died and grieves for him.

This is particularly effective with the character down-stage left in front of the house curtain. He is lit by ethereal moon light.

The final scene takes place in the manger with Mary, Mother of Jesus played by Dorothy Campling singing a lullaby to her baby. Bartholomew finds solace in this

He also said: 'It was a very stylised production and it felt like the pages of the Bible opening up for

bell Seaton. Both had a knack of casting spells that had a habit of going awry, with the end product on stage being products of their own imagination.

This led to slapstick with ladies chasing men around the stage.

Mr Gibson said: 'The costumes were good with the monks having some very dirty habits.'

'The casts didn't over-egg the pudding and a hard working crew helped it along.'

*Home at Last* was a macabre comedy performed by Shiskine



Alice Anderson, Joan Stewart, Deborah Robertson, Sheila Gilmore, Fiona Crawford and Jerry Arthur in Shiskine SWRI's *Bus Stop*. b09rur1.

every scene - the pictures of the Bible were very nicely realised.'

'Overall it was a telling of a simple story but fantastic and made for very powerful theatre.'

The comedy *Hallowe'en* performed by Clanjamfrie was the last performance of Thursday night.

The stage was made to represent an abbey cell in the 1400s. All stage props proved very functional as much of the action centred around them in this 'farce in miniature.'

The story featured Brother Barnabas and Brother Donatus, played by Eric Dunn and Camp-

*Exit Mr Strange* was a drama written by one of the actors, Michael Collins, and performed by Nomads.

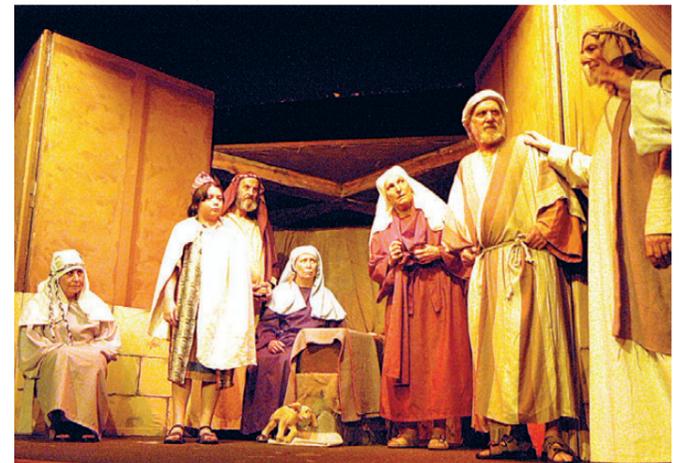
This drama drew parallels between the main character's life and life in America at the time of the McCarthy witchhunts.

Richard Strange was a British screenwriter played by Michael Collins while Shelagh Collins was

moaned. 'You're living like a hermit in this slum, drinking yourself stupid,' says Colette. In his mind Richard was playing back scenes he has had or would like to have had with his mistress and wife.

Mr Gibson said that the confrontations between the three characters worked well.

'This was a thoughtful and



*The Star and the Shadow* by Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church Players. b09jes1

his former wife, Colette.

Heather Prestwich played Monica, described as 'a small-time actress and little whore.' Both women have come back to haunt his consciousness. Richard is on the

thought-provoking play,' said Mr Gibson.

*No Name in the Street* was a production by Arran Torch Players set in and around Jerusalem in the first century AD.



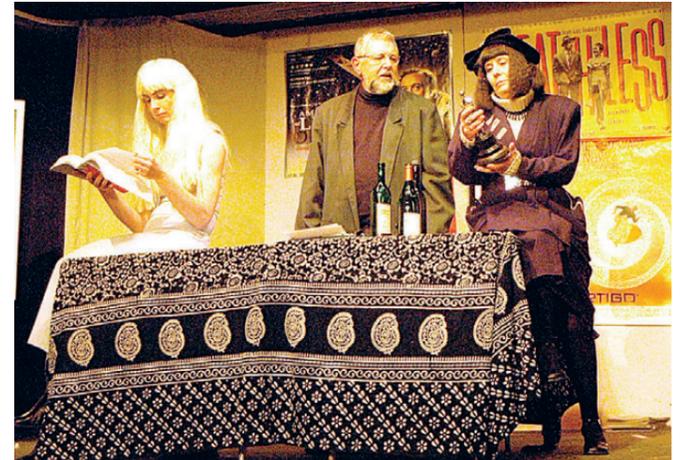
Claire Johnston, Dawn Anderson, Jamie Clelland, Liam Turbett & Calum Johnston in Shiskine Junior Drama's *Home at Last*. b09vam1.

skids. He had one Hollywood hit but could never reach those heights again.

'The studio expected miracles from an Oscar-winner,' he be-

This was an ordinary telling of a fantastic story.

Margaret Emsley was a mother, searching for her son, Jesus, or so we thought. *Continued page 11*



Heather Prestwich, Michael Collins & Shelagh Collins in *Exit Mr Strange* by Nomads. b09nom1



Hilary McMaster, Barrie Whattam and Elspeth MacDonald in Pirnmill Players' *Tryst*. b09pir1

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Temple trader Jorden, described by adjudicator Jim Gibson as the Holy Land's Del Boy, with Jean Peacock, Sheila Selkirk & John Roberts in Arran Torch Players' *No Name in the Street*. b09nam1



Allan Little, Steve Garraway, Maureen Smith & Shirley Sloss in Lamlash Drama Club's *A Bit of Land*. b09lan1  
*Continued from page 10*

As the day of Jesus's betrayal and crucifixion approach the crowd turn fickle and deride him. 'Why has he come on a donkey,' says one. 'Some people will do anything to draw attention to themselves.'

Jorden as the temple trader was splendidly down-to-earth. He said of Jesus: 'Who is this young madman that came among us. I've seen some cranks in my time but he beats them all.' This performance drew particular praise from the adjudicator who said he was like the Del boy of the Holy land.

As the drama reaches its climax Hugh Lennox declares: 'One of his mates sold him out.' The people who had earlier praised him have all turned against Jesus and a distraught Margaret Emsley is still

searching for her son in the Garden of Gethsemane. The twist is when we realise her son is Judas Iscariot.

Mr Gibson felt that the producer put an everyday perspective on a micro-cosm of the human race.

Last on Friday was an Irish comedy called *A Bit of Land* performed by **Lamlash Drama Club**.

Set in the kitchen of a poor farmhouse in 1880s Ireland, it concerns farmer Andy Boyle who has just died, and the attempts of his son Tommy, played by Steve Garraway, to coerce neighbour Dan, played by Allan Little, to forge a will leaving the farm to Tommy.

After Andy died, his son propped him up in the outside toilet to make way for the ruse.

Dan agrees to the deal in ex-

change for £2. Robin Whitla plays the schoolmaster with an excellent Irish accent who will make out the will. Dan is disguised as old Andy and laid out in the bed to croak out his last will and testament.

Mayhem ensues as Dan sees an opportunity to bequeath some land to himself and poor Tommy becomes increasingly distraught.

However, Andy was not really dead and reappears from the loo to the shock of them all.

Mr Gibson felt that this play was a 'wee gem.' He liked the nice groupings around the stage and thought Robin Whitla made a good portrayal of a 'very self-important wee man.'

'At points the pace dropped,' he



Jason Watts, Hattie Arthur & Ailsa McNicol in Brodie's Player's *The Carlin Moth*. b09bro1

**Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music's** second offering of the festival was *Come out to Play* by Mary Witt.

In an Edwardian drawing room

the worldly-wise Connie and the frostiness between the two.

Final play of the festival was *The Carlin Moth* by Robert McLellan, formerly of High Corrie.

The action is set in front of a fisherman's cottage in the early 19th century and when the curtains opened the scene was greeted by spontaneous applause.

The set captured the spirit of an Arran cottage, surrounded by greenery with the tools of the fish-



Zoe Tomalin, Gavin Davidson, John Tilbury & Emily Tilbury in Lamlash Junior Drama Club's *Happily Never After*. b09shi1

said, 'but there was a good rollicking finish at the end.'

First play on Saturday was *Happily Never After*, a comedy by **Lamlash Junior Drama Club**.

Michael Munn was a marriage guidance counsellor trying to sort out the relationship problems between fairytale characters that he had created.

His scribe Sean Higgins announced the couples who didn't always live happily ever after and were all seeking advice. John Tilbury as Prince Charming did not get on with Cinderella played by Emily Tilbury. He could not drag her away from the kitchen and she did not seek the life of a lady.

Prince Ling, played by Sam Tattersfield, had difficulty in waking Sarah Leatham's Sleeping Beauty. Zoe Tomalin was a brilliantly animated Pond Princess who was utterly fed up with Gavin Davidson's croaking Frog Prince. Zoe told the counsellor: 'You write us into life, marry us off, and then forget about us.'

The costumes were excellent, particularly the stepsisters and outrageous stepmother. Mr Gibson liked it and said that it was interesting and amusingly ridiculous.

Zoe McGovern as Aunt Helen is talking to her niece Emily played by Karen Curzons. Helen is dedicated to serving the lower orders and sits on 32 committees.

She is trying to create Emily in her likeness and the girl is already half-submerged in do-gooding.

Julie Nelson as Connie Clayton arrives to turn their lives upside down.

The audience is led to believe that Connie had a fling with Emily's father and could even possibly have been her mother. Given the opportunity, Emily decides to leave with Connie while Helen contemplates a romantic liaison with her new neighbour Mr Jarvis.

Mr Gibson liked the contrast between the matriarchal Helen and



Hattie Arthur as the idealised Carlin Moth. This scene won the best moment of theatre. b09ear01



Dorothy Smith, Karen Curzons, Julie Nelson & Zoe McGovern in Whiting Bay Club of Drama & Music's *Come Out to Play*. b09bay1

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 Main Fine Art, Oakbank, Auchrannie Rd, Bro. 2-5pm  
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### SATURDAY 4th March

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 Brodick 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  
 Arco Car Boot Sale, Community Centre, Lamlash 2-4pm  
 Curry Quiz night, Breadalbane 7.30pm  
 Disco Dave Live, Cameronia 9.30pm  
 Over 21's Disco Ormidale 10.00pm

### SUNDAY 5th March

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 6th March

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, Brodick, 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, 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30-3.30pm  
 Childrens Art Class, Burnside Gallery 4-5.30pm  
 St Brides Ladies meeting, Brodick Church Hall 7.30pm  
 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, Brodick Hall 2pm

### TUESDAY 7th March

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  
 Brodick 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, Brodick 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 & Catacol Coffee morning, hall 10am-12noon  
 Lamlash Church Guild meeting, Church hall, 2.30pm  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
 Alcoholics Anonymous 'drop-in' Hospital Bunglaow 6.30pm - 8pm  
 Kildonan wri AGM, Village Hall 7.30pm  
 Arran Farmers Society AGM, Kinloch 8pm  
 Arran Coastal Way work party. Brodick school, 9am

### WEDNESDAY 8th 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, Brodick, 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, Brodick 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, Brodick hall 7.30pm  
 Dance / Exercise class over 50's / 60's W.Bay Hall 2-3pm D Harris  
 Jnr Rugby Training, S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm  
 Corrie & Sannox wednesday club AGM, Village Hall 2pm  
 Shiskine & Machrie Senior Citizens, Coffee afternoon, Kinloch 2pm

### THURSDAY 9th March

Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm  
 Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30-10.30am & 10.45-11.45am  
 Brodick Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am  
 Pilates, Auchrannie, 5.45pm & 6.30pm 6.45-7.30pm  
 General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale, Brodick, 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  
 Brodick Embroidery Group. Brodick library, 7.30-9.30pm  
 Lamlash Beavers 6-7pm Cubs 6.15 -8pm, Scouts 7.30 - 9pm  
 Brodick Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm  
 Coffee Morning St Molio's 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 Brodick Hall 7.30pm  
 Lochranza Craft Club, Hall 2pm

### FRIDAY 10th March

Shiskine Toddlers, Shiskine Hall, 10am-noon  
 Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodick 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 Lamlash Hall 8pm-10pm  
 Loch & Cat Coffee morning 10am-12noon  
 Corrie & Sannox WRI AGM, Village Hall 8pm  
 Lamlash Friday Club, Kate Sampson, community centre, 2.30pm  
 Asthma breathing workshop. Ormidale Hotel. Kids 4pm, Adults 7pm

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## Saturday 1 March 1986

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The plans by owners Mr and Mrs Morris to sell plots to Americans has been publicised in national press and on television. Canon Angus John MacQueen said that the Christian community of Arran must have suffered revulsion and embarrassment.

### Missing mail

Two service managers from the GPO had meetings with the Community Council and the Council of Social Service this week concerning missing mail complaints

and late deliveries. A whole mail bag from Kilmory had gone missing and Mrs Edna Picken gave them a list of 10 other complaints.

### Oil spillage

There was an oil spillage at Blackwaterfoot last week. It was reported that a vast quantity of old sump oil had been dumped over the harbour wall and onto an area of beach.

Cunninghame District Council ordered that those responsible should clear it up.

### School smokers

Recent complaints from youngsters about other schoolchildren smoking on the school buses were brought up by the Commu-

nity Council.

Local councillor Evelyn Sillars said that letters had been sent to the High School, Arran Transport and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board.

She told the community councillors that it was outside the school's jurisdiction and there was no way that the young smokers could be stopped.

### Drama winners

Shiskine Drama Club won the Archie Kerr Wooley trophy and gained highest marks in the drama festival with *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations*.

The Monie Kelso trophy for best actor or actress was won by David Hughes for his performance in Whiting Bay Drama Club's *As the bat at noon*.

Wilma Morton won the Mattie Gillies trophy for best supporting actor or actress.

### Race night

There was a grand horse race film night on Friday 7 March in Blenheim lounge bar in aid of Lamlash football club.

### Garden tidy jobs

There were vacancies on the Cunninghame District Council garden tidy scheme.

Applicants had to be 18 years old and have been unemployed for 6 months. Wage rates were



Drama festival adjudicator Phil McCall with best actor David Hughes and Lynne McNicol, winner of the Mary Stewart Orr trophy for best youth team. b09twe1

£59.73 for a 28-hour week.

### Ethiopia famine

The Isle of Arran co-ordinated appeal for the Ethiopia Famine Disaster closed with the fund standing at £3,700.

### Conservative tea

Sir Donald McLean, deputy chairman of the Conservative Party in Scotland, was guest speaker at the annual Conservative ladies tea in

the Douglas Hotel.

He told the party faithful that the biggest danger was in fighting among themselves.

### Barbie winners

The winners of *The Banner* Barbie competition were Lorna Picken, Hayley Paterson, Aillie Duncan, Gillian Gall and Theresa Deighton. Winning entries were selected by Rev Iain McLeod.

### Darts players fight fire

Arran darts league matches around the Island were interrupted on Tuesday night when police burst into bars asking for volunteers to go and fight a forest fire.

Many darts players joined Forestry Commission workers at afire far in the hills above Glenashdale.



Rev Iain McLeod draws the lucky winners for the Barbie competition out of a box held by Banner person Hazel Hamilton. b09twe2



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## April 2005 to December 2005

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The sums relate to approvals by AIE, not payments.

While finance may be approved, for a business investment for example, it does not guarantee that the development will go ahead.

The approval simply shows that funds have been made available, but they will not be released until evidence is received that the project or activity has gone ahead.

## Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) Network financial assistance for business

Kilbrannan Properties, Brodick: Erection of building for craft shop units, £42,200

Arran Aromatics, Brodick: New exhibition stand, £25,000.

Arran Aromatics, Brodick: Brand re-launch, £6,900.

Eden Lodge Hotel, Whiting Bay: Upgrade kitchens and bedrooms, £5,600, £3,600\*

Arran Adventure Company, Brodick: New office and building expansion, £24,000.

Arran Driving Range, Shiskine: Driving range construction, £16,500.

Taste of Arran Ltd, Isle of Arran: Attendance at speciality and fine foods trade fair in London, £3,750.

Glencloy Garage Ltd, Brodick: Upgrade under rural petrol scheme, £58,321.

Arran Brewery Co Ltd, Lochranza: Expansion of production facilities, £9,900, £6,600\*\*

\* HIE Quality - EU funds aimed at enhancing the quality of the tour-

ism experience through improving the quality of the accommodation sector.

\*\* HIE Productivity - European assistance to enable businesses to undertake significant investment in order to transform the productivity of their business.

This may be through investment in new plant and machinery, new processes and technology, energy efficiency and reduction of waste.

## Business start-up

Financial support for new business start-ups.

Susan Finch, Catacol: The Sandwich Station, £2,000.

Andrew and Helen Sampson, Whiting Bay: Joshua's Cafe Bar and Bistro, £3,500.

Robert Green, Blackwaterfoot: Green Arran - art tuition and appreciation, £3,000.

Mari Patrick, Shannochie: Cleaning and care services, £2,000.

Douglas Donaldson, Brodick: Woodcrafty - furniture maker, £3,000.

James Wilson, Brodick: Into the mists - historical tours, £1,750.

Michael Lindsay, Lamlash: M A Lindsay labouring services, £2,250.

Andrew MacKenzie and Maria Threfall, Corrie: Arran Divers - commercial diving and school, £3,000.

Robert Stewart, East Bannan: Agricultural contractor, £2,500.

## HIE Network financial assistance for skills development

Support for organisations wishing to develop new skills.

Auchrannie Country House Hotel, Brodick:

Workforce development grant, £4,400.

Auchrannie Leisure Ltd, Brodick:

Workforce development grant, £5,700.

## HIE Network financial assistance for community projects

Financial support for a wide range of community-based projects.

Arran Coastal Way Supporters, Arran:

Interpretation and leaflets, £630, £1,000\*

Whiting Bay bowling club, Whiting Bay:

Upgrade grounds, £4,750.

Arran Angling Association, Lamlash:

Hatchery facility, £600, £686\*.

## January 2006

The following are funds approved up to the end of January 2006.

## HIE Network financial assistance for business

Kinloch Hotel Ltd., Blackwaterfoot:

Refurbishment of hotel, £20,500.

Lamlash golf club, Lamlash:

Workforce development grant, £2,030.

Kilmory Public Hall, Kilmory:

Assistance in marketing bunkhouse, £3,000.

## HIE Network financial assistance for global connections

Financial assistance for organisations to develop and enhance their global connections.

Ayrshire and Arran Woodland, Isle of Arran: Feasibility study, £2,000.

## Obituary



### Robin McKinnie - 25 March 1951- 10 February 2006

A darling husband, father of Sarah and Andrew. A shy and private man to those who did know him. A rebel in his youth, but hey, who's perfect? He spent 31 years with the electricity board, working his way through the ranks and enjoying the challenge 'when the lights went out.'

Robin spoke ill of no one and loved nothing better than a family party to show off his culinary

skills and play host. We moved to the Isle of Wight in March 2002 to be nearer to our children. Robin and his brother were a comedy duo, always managing to see the funny side of any situation. Robin was a well-respected member of the community and for every one that knew him, each and every one of you will have a special moment to cherish, forever.

## Coffee morning

The cool club of Lamlash Church is holding a coffee morning on Saturday 11 March, from 10.15am - noon in Lamlash Church Hall. There will be a tombola and book stall.

This coffee morning is being held in aid of the Asian Earthquake Appeal, which will be ongoing for some time.

Please come along to support this worthy cause, and to support our own young people.

## Arran Visual Arts

Oil painting class, tutor Nicky Gill, Saturday 18 March, 600211 for details

## Arran Music Festival

Return all cups and trophies to A Hannah, Ornalinn, Brodick. T Smith, The Sheeans. Whiting Bay or your local school now.

## Brodick 200 Club

Thank you to Mr Jon Hill, proprietor of Bilslands, Brodick for drawing the February winner, Mrs Pat Alston is the lucky recipient of a £50 cheque.

## Free help for all with tax and insurance

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Business Support Team will be on Arran on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 March, offering a series of free workshops and presentations aimed at the self-employed and employers.

These workshops are designed to give advice and guidance on a wide range of tax and National Insurance issues. All the events

will take place in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion in Brodick.

On Thursday 8 March at 9.30am there will be a workshop to assist anyone self-employed with completion of the Self Employed pages of their Self Assessment Return.

On the same day, at 2pm, there will be a presentation aimed at anyone working within the con-

struction industry, to give an overview of the New Construction Industry Scheme that will be introduced from April 2007.

This will provide guidance on what can be done now to prepare for this date. On Friday 9 March at 9.30am there will be a workshop designed for employers who are completing their Employers Annual Returns in April and this

will cover both the on-line and manual processes.

If you would like to book a place at any of these events, or would like more information if these dates are not suitable for you, please contact the Business Support Team, either at Centre 1 East Kilbride, 01355 275367 or Business Advisor, Linda Rayner on 01292 615076.

## Jazz Café returns

Faithful fans of the Jazz Café will be glad to know that its absence during the last months is not a terminal condition. The cafe will be open for business again next Saturday 4 March.

The group was temporarily immobilised by an eye affliction that put one of its members into hospital - twice. Also by the inconsiderate behaviour of its cornet player, who produced a baby shortly before Christmas.

Though of course the group welcomes the new young trumpeter and a space is being kept in the front line for him as soon as

he's old enough.

Just to add a couple more feeble excuses, the clarinettist went to India and the bassist is building a house.

The trombonist meanwhile has been going mad with frustration, and so, quite probably, has the potential audience.

However, the Jazz Café band has now managed to book a series of dates through the summer, and the first gig is in Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday 4 March.

Night-lights will be on the tables and the floor is ready for dancing. Bring your own plonk.

## United Auctions stock sales

United Auctions, Stirling had forward 862 store cattle, 82 bulls and cast cows and 1,082 store lambs and grit ewes at their Kildean auction mart on Wednesday 15 February.

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## Arran Heritage Museum appeal

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Grace Small (telephone 302602) and Jean Glen (302081) would love to hear from anyone who might wish to discuss this, and as the season opens on April 5, any items would need to be in the museum's hands by the end of March at the latest.

So why not browse through your attic, or the drawers where you keep your memorabilia, to see if you might have anything to help this worthy cause.

## Arran Antiquarians

Field trip: David Aitcheson will lead the Arran Antiquarians on their March field trip, visiting a number of chambered cairns and forts of great archaeological interest in the south end of the island. They will meet at the main village car park in Whiting Bay on Saturday 11 March at 10.30am.

Those wishing to attend are advised to take along a picnic lunch and wear stout footwear. Visitors are very welcome to join them.

Grace Small's tour of Whiting Bay which was abandoned due to horrendous weather will now take place on Saturday May 6.

## Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club

A visit from David Scobie rounded off a very successful year for Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club.

This was a foot-tapping afternoon to the sound of pipes and accordion, with community singing of 'Golden Oldies' followed by afternoon tea for which the Club is renowned. Members are reminded that the AGM will be held on Wednesday 8 March at 2pm and should come with suggestions for the annual outing and next year's syllabus.

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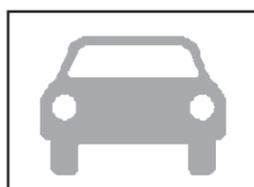


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## Response to Colin Turbett's letter by Councillor Currie

I would like to respond to Colin Turbett's letter which is correct in detailing some of the consequences of the £8m cut in NAC budget for 2006/7.

Firstly I would say that I deeply regret and do not support cuts in jobs in frontline services, particularly in social services. I pay tribute to Colin for the way in which he manages Social Service on Arran.

Whether or not I agree with his politics I regret that his job will be made more difficult by changes brought about by cuts. I know that he is more conscientious than anyone in the care of the elderly and the disadvantaged.

The NAC Social Services budget this year (2005/6) will be in deficit of approx. £1.9m. The pressures on Homecare and Supporting People are predictable. Homecare is an excellent but very costly service to maintain and the Scottish Executive has passed the buck to councils to keep these and other services going without pro-

portionately increasing their input to the costs.

I think that there is room for further savings in education for instance, though not in frontline teaching services but maybe in some other less essential initiatives.

I hope that there will be contingency on Arran in the garden tidy scheme for the people who are genuinely unable to cut grass etc. but should it have been used by those who were perfectly fit. Take the Care and Repair Scheme. It's a wonderful concept but vastly expensive to the tax payer. Should not those who can afford to subsidise their repairs not do so?

I believe that there are 'non-jobs'; tiers of middle management, excessive bureaucracy and auditing processes employing armies of people creating no wealth for the country. We need, in Britain, to cut redtape severely and abandon EU directives that have no real application to life in this country. Colin is right to highlight the problems in Social Services.

This is not where cuts should take place. I have hinted where I would seek more cuts if it was up to me.

I will continue to do what little I can at committee level in Council to mitigate the cuts in essential services. I am promoting, along with Arran Council of Voluntary Service a greater dependence on the voluntary sector. This is not ideal but it may help a little.

Maybe Tom McCabe is right. Public spending is like a run-away train gaining speed as it goes.

When the signal goes up then, unfortunately, the worthy as well as the superfluous get equally hit and stopped in their tracks. Good accounting is needed to sort out the priorities. I am not that accountant.

My job is to seek a fair share for Arran of council resources but we cannot always be the exception in a region such as North Ayrshire which contains some of Scotland's worst areas of deprivation as well as lovely parts like ours. Councillor Margie Currie.

## Rural news around Arran

### SWRI Federation

President Elizabeth Dale welcomed delegates from each institute to an interim meeting in the Kinloch Hotel to finalise plans for the south/west, (s/w), area meeting, and the 'rural' show. The s/w area meeting will be hosted by a federation office bearer and a member from each institute. The institutes are to provide salads and sweets. The show will be held in Brodick Hall on Wednesday 9 August and hopes are high for a record number of entries. Raffle tickets will be distributed to the institutes as soon as possible.

### Corrie and Sannox WRI

The AGM of Corrie and Sannox WRI will be held in Corrie and Sannox Village hall on Thursday 9 March at 7.30pm.

Members are reminded to bring their voting papers and suggestions for next year's syllabus.

Plans for the Show will be finalised. Supper will be provided by the retiring committee.

### Lamlash WRI

The February meeting was held on Tuesday 14 February in the church hall where Stuart Gough was the guest speaker for the evening.

He gave a very interesting and sometimes humorous talk on the museum and old Brodick worthy A K Wooley.

With loads of pictures to go with his talk the ladies had a good time looking at all the old pictures.

#### Competition winners

Valentine posy: First, M Murchie, second, B Bremner.

Valentine rhyme: First, M Campbell, second, M McLelland.

Next meeting is the business meeting on Tuesday 14 March. The ladies are reminded to bring along their voting papers.

Vote of thanks was given by B Husyen.

### Surgery postponed

Local councillor Margie Currie's surgery has been postponed until Saturday 11 March in Brodick Library from 1 to 2pm. For any urgent issues contact her on telephone number 860525.

## Trials results

The final nursery sheepdog trial of the winter was held at Druid, Auchencar last Saturday by kind permission of Liz and Duncan Robertson.

The winner was Jack Murchie with Rob. Second and third were Wullie Stevenson with Arran Mist and Bill.

Sweepstake winner was Tony Brookes with Jill on 76 points, also winning the Alba Cup as overall winner for the winter trials. Second was John Craig with Midge on 71 points, third Wullie Stevenson with Zac and fourth Liz Robertson with Kyle.

Best pen was won by Jane McDonald with Nan. The John C Picken Cup for young dogs under 18 months at the start of the winter was won by Wullie Stevenson with Arran Mist.

The Cnoc Trophy for least points lost on outrun and lift over the winter was won by Jack Murchie with Rob.

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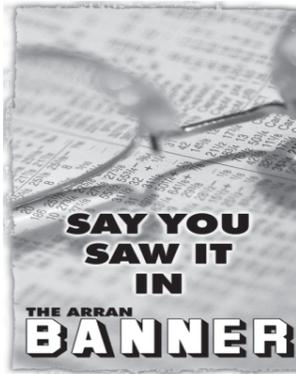
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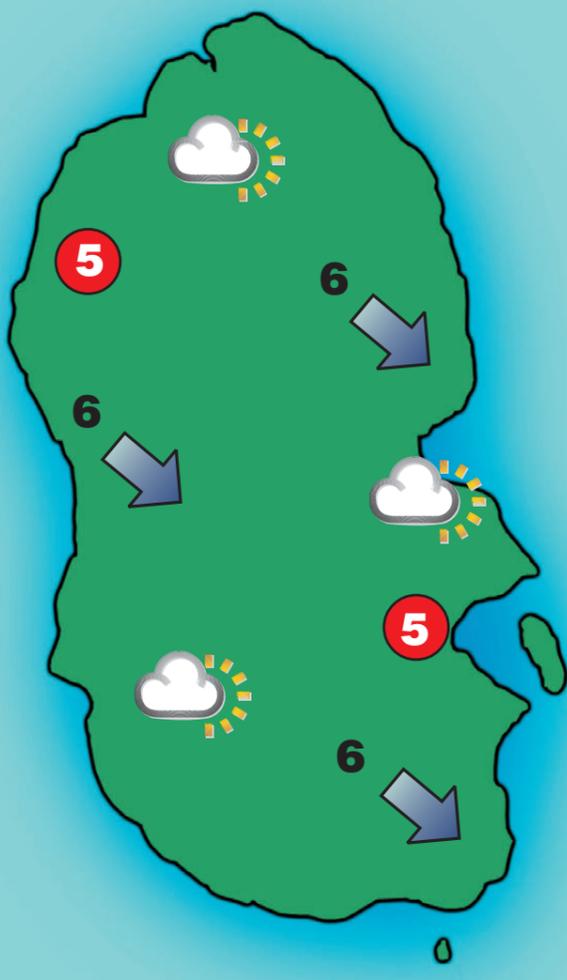
# Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, March 4 2006** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	02.50	3.1	08.24	0.2	15.07	3.5	20.55	0.1
Sun	03.23	3.1	09.06	0.3	15.44	3.3	21.41	0.4
Mon	03.58	3.0	09.51	0.5	16.22	3.0	22.34	0.7
Tues	04.36	2.8	10.48	0.8	17.06	2.7	23.56	1.0
Wed	05.22	2.6	12.31	1.0	18.05	2.3	** ** *	** *
Thur	01.27	1.1	06.26	2.5	14.06	0.9	21.17	2.3
Fri	02.38	1.0	08.58	2.4	15.12	0.8	22.21	2.4

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**

# the weather

**Saturday, March 4**

Cold, bright day with long sunny spells. Light moderate breeze. Temperature 5°C

**Sunday, March 5**

Frosty start, becoming dry and bright later in the morning. Very cold with a risk of wintery showers. Temperatures between 3°C and 4°C.

**Monday and Tuesday**

Dry. Variable winds. Showers developing into Tuesday. Temperatures up to 7°C.

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate  
Tarbert/ Lochranza - Moderate

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHURCH NEWS

### Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 5 March  
Shiskine 11am.  
Brodick 7pm.  
Reverend David Karoon.  
All welcome.

### Lamlash, Shiskine, Lochranza and Pirnmill

Sunday 5 March  
Lamlash Church 11.45am (including Sacrament of Baptism)  
by Rev Kenneth Fisher.  
St Molios, Shiskine 10.00am  
by Rev Kenneth Fisher.  
This will be a joint service with Lochranza and Pirnmill.  
All Welcome.  
Note: No service at Lochranza or Pirnmill this Sunday.

### Brodick and Corrie Churches

Worship will be conducted in Brodick Church on Sunday 5 March at 10.45am and in Corrie Church at noon.

Both services will be conducted by the locum minister Mr Angus Adamson. Tea and coffee will be available in Brodick hall after the service.

### Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 5 March  
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service. All most welcome. There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm and in Craigeilea at 3.15pm to which all friends are invited. The Young People's Group for all in S2 and older meet in the Manse at 7pm. All welcome.

### Arran Open Gate Church (Pentecostal, linked with New Life Church Prestwick)

We are a small group of

people meeting in a warm, friendly environment, enjoying lively and meaningful worship in God's presence. New to Arran, or just curious you are most welcome.

### Kilmory Church

'A faith to proclaim, a fellowship to share'.  
Sunday 5 March  
Public worship and Sunday school at 10am  
Visitors especially invited.  
Rev John Webster, locum.

### Holy Cross Catholic Church

Sunday morning mass 11am.

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

Sunday 5 March: 11.00 am, Holy Communion. Mrs Janis Gallagher. Coffee after service.  
Wednesday 8 March: noon.

Holy Communion.  
All Welcome.

### Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 5 March at 11 a.m. in the Free Church building, Brodick (Beside the Post Office)  
David Christison  
The Christian and Authority' (1Pet 2:13-25)  
Visitors welcome  
Ladies Supper Club  
Thursday 9 March at 7.30 Ormidale Sports Pavilion.

### Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

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

# PERSONALS

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### THANK YOU FROM SUSIE McKINNIE

A special thank you for the help and support to my friends Pauline Leitch and Jane McKinnie; my sisters-in-law Rosie and Mary; Hiedi, Janet and all the McKinnie clan who came to celebrate Robin's life. Also, thank you for all who sent letters and cards and, finally, to my daughter Sarah. I could not have done this without you.

**SMITH** - Dennis and Lorraine would like to thank all relatives and friends for their support at this sad time. Thank you to the doctors and nurses at Lamlash hospital and home carers. Thanks also to Angus Adamson for the beautiful service. Special thanks to her best friend, Morag, neighbours Morag and Kerry who cared for her. Also to David Hendry, funeral directors, and Mary, Peter, Margaret and Ron at the Lagg for the lovely soup and sandwiches.

## THANK YOU

### THANKS

**Euan and Eleanor** would like to thank all their friends for their help and good wishes. Sorry, we didn't manage to see you all before we moved but we look forward to seeing you in the Borders.

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Katie Glew of Blackwaterfoot recently graduated from the University of Derby with a BA Hons in Theatre Arts. She has now taken up a career as an English and Drama teacher working in Derby Further Education College.

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## BIRTHDAY

### HAPPY 25TH BIRTHDAY, PETE



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## BIRTH

### TELFORD

David and Anna (née Kilshaw) are delighted to announce the birth of Liam David on Wednesday, February 22, at Ayrshire Central Hospital  
Thanking all in attendance

## IN MEMORIAM

### MORROW

In memory of Beverley  
You are always in our thoughts  
Sandra, Colin, Tony and family

## DEATH

### BEAUMONT

Evelyn Muriel Beaumont, died, peacefully, at her home in Lamlash on Sunday, February 26. Funeral arrangements to be announced in the Glasgow Herald.

## Bridge results

### Shiskine Bridge

Results for Friday 24 February

N/S: K & M Romford +3050, C & M Banntyne +630, J Beattie & H Boyd -1120

E/W: M McGill & E Sillars - 160, 2 P Adamson & V Iutz -670, M Iutz & J Murchie -1730

### Lamlash Bridge

Results for Monday 20 February. N/S: 1 J & J Murchie +5250, 2 J & J Beattie +2100, 3 H Boyd & M Alexander +1920

E/W: 1 V & M Iutz +540, 2 R & J Murchie -1420, 3 E Sillars & L Primrose -1490

### Brodict Bridge

Results for Thursday 23 February, 1 A Bilsland & E Duncan 68.8%, 2 J MacLure & A McKelvie 56.9%, 3 J & J Murchie 54.9%

## Arran Pool League Table

### League table 2005/06

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	GOB	Pts
Aldersyde	14	13	1	0	117	46	9	40
Cameronia	14	8	3	3	97	69	10	27
PHT	14	8	1	5	93	75	8	25
Corrie	14	8	1	5	79	84	6	25
Bar Eden	14	7	1	7	89	91	6	22
Breadalbane	13	6	2	5	85	71	6	20
Lagg	14	4	2	8	79	86	12	14
Mac's Bar	13	2	2	9	54	88	3	2
Catacol	14	0	1	14	50	130	4	1

Finals day, Sunday 19 March at PHT, 3.00pm

## Ormidale pavilion work party

Arran Sports Association committee is holding a work party on Saturday 11 March.

Anyone willing to help out with a little painting inside or staining of external woodwork (weather permitting) or any other jobs that require to be done can come along between 9am and 4pm next Saturday 11 March.

urday 11 March.

Please give as much or as little time as you can to help with the maintenance of this vital community facility.

All help received will be very much appreciated by the committee and regular users of the pavilion.

## Arran Ladies Darts League

Ladies singles to be held Wednesday 8 March at Lagg Hotel 7.30pm.

All names to Susan Logan, on 850213 or 830231 by Monday 6 March.

Ladies doubles to be held on Wednesday 15 March at Aldersyde Hotel 7.30pm start.

All names to Susan Logan, contact 850213 or 830231 by Monday 13 March.

## Arran Golf Pass

The Arran golf pass AGM will be held on Wednesday 15 March at 8pm in the Kinloch Hotel.

## Arran Ladies Golf Union

The Arran Ladies Golf Union (ALGU) played at Machrie Bay last Saturday for the Drumadoon Tray.

Fifteen played and the winner was B Buchanan with a great score of 91-24=67 net, C Arthur was second.

The weather was cold but sunny.

The ALGU wish to pass on their thanks to Machrie for the courtesy of the course and to Hilary McMaster for great soup and sandwiches.

The next meeting will be at Shiskine on Saturday 25 March.

# Arran girl scores at Murrayfield



Lindsay Wheeler. b09lin1

Immediately after Scotland's triumphant Calcutta Cup rugby victory on Saturday at Murrayfield there was a match between Scotland and England women's teams.

Former Arran girl Lindsay Wheeler scored Scotland's only try of the match after seven minutes but they could not repeat the success of the men's team.

The Scotland women went on to lose to England by 22 points to five. Lindsay used to play for Arran junior rugby club and has kept up the sport since leaving the Island.

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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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Arran, KA27 8AJ by 4pm on Wednesday.

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How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. Crosses must not overlap

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### LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



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## Junior football proving a hit

Arran junior football club is ticking all the right boxes with inspiring youth football players on Arran.

Two weekly sessions at the Ormidale Park in Brodick- Monday evenings and Saturday mornings- finds upwards of 70 youths

learning the ways of the game under the supervision of six experienced coaches.

Boyd Sneddon is a professional Scottish Football Association, (SFA), coach and has been involved in training players for 12 years.

The other coaches, Brian Smith, Ian McLaren, Catherine McBain, Ann Hart and John Kerr also have various degrees of SFA coaching badges ensuring a high standard of training for the young players.

The coaches are now fully kitted out in new waterproof training kit which they have paid for themselves from fundraising events. Each jacket is monogrammed with the coach's initials. The sessions have been running through the winter months and are continually well attended.

### Respect

All young players are treated with a high level of respect as are the coaches ensuring a level playing field.

Four different groups operate together on the pitch - 8-11 year-old boys, 12-14 year-old boys, 15-18 year-old boys and a girls development squad.

### Elite

Twenty elite players from S1 to S4 are in a school development squad also run by Boyd.

He said: 'These are the best



Boys 12-18 year-old team at the Ormidale Park. b09fo02



Coaches Brian Smith, Boyd Sneddon, Ian McLaren, Catherine McBain in their new training kit. Brian is in charge of the 15-18 year-old boys, Boyd the 12-14 year-old boys, Ian the 8-11 year-old boys and Catherine coaches the girls development squad. b09fo03



Back row: Girls development squad. Front row: Boys 8-11 year-old squad. b09fo01

## Golf...Golf..Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf..Golf...Golf...Golf..Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 21 February, Lochranza Hotel Cup

Fifteen played in excellent conditions: 1 D Price 41 points, 2 D Campbell 40 points, 3 I Buchanan 39 points.

There were no 'twos' scored, best scratch was Brian Sherwood's 73. Winter cup continues noon Tuesdays, next Lochranza Cup, Saturday 4 March at noon.

Graham and Barbara Williams wish to thank Machrie Bay for their kind gift of glassware and best wishes on their leaving Arran. There can be few places better to play golf (good or bad!) than Machrie Bay on a good day. They also wish many good days to come for the club.

### Brodick Golf Club

Sunday 26 February, locals v settlers:

Thirty four players took part in this match. With a 10am shotgun start most matches got off to a slow start; was it the cold or were the heads still dizzy from the day before? Thankfully the temperature improved. The locals were

up in four matches, the settlers up in three and two matches were halved but it's holes-up that count. Final score: Locals 16 up, Settlers 16 up so the locals retain the trophy.

Robbie Duncan captained the locals and accepted the trophy while settler's captain Peter McCalla was left to rally his troops for next year.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 26 February. 16 played on a crisp, cold day with the course playing extremely well for February.

1 Malcolm Pennycott 65-4=61, 2 John Pennycott 73-9=64, 3 Danny Head 71-6=65(bih). Malcolm also won scratch with his 65 scoring the only magic 2.

### Fixtures

Sunday 5 March - Winter League at Brodick against Shiskine. Tee off at 10.50. Sunday 12 March- Winter Cup final round. Congratulations to Danny Head and Malcolm Pennycott for being selected to represent Ayrshire at under 16 and under 18 level this year. Good to see the Whiting Bay Golf Club name, and

the name of Arran golf, to the fore in Ayrshire golfing circles.

### Corrie Golf Club

Monday 20 February. 1 D Wilkinson 38+33=71-11=60, 2 I Buchanan 33+36=69-8=61, 3 P Moran 39+40=79-17=62. Seven magic twos.

1 A McKenzie 39+37=76-18=58, 2 J Innes 32+36=68-8+60, 3 A MacDonald 39+33=72-11=61 bih. 4 magic 2's

### Fixtures

Saturday 4 March, stableford, noon

### Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 16 February, 12 hole medal, css 47 non-counting, 7 played. 1 Carole Arthur 61-9=52, 2 Elizabeth Kelso 63-9=54, 3 Alice Anderson 74-14=60. Scratch, Carole Arthur 61

Sunday 25 February, competition 18 hole medal, 68 non-counting, 6 played. 1 C Bannatyne 92-21=71, 2 H Bannatyne 77-5=72 bih, 3 R Green 94-22=72. Scratch J Stewart 77 (bih).

Clubhouse consultation meeting

in Shiskine Golf clubhouse on Wednesday 22 March at 7pm. All club members welcome

### Fixtures

Ladies: Thursday 16 March, 12 hole medal

Saturday 25 March, ALGU Drumadon at Shiskine

Gents: Sunday 12 March, 12 hole medal, final winter cup

Sunday 20 March, 18 hole medal

### Lamlash Golf Club

Glenburn cup, Sunday 26 February, CSS64, 11 played. 1 Ian Bremner 70-6=64, 2 Ewan Evans 77-12=65. Best scratch I Bremner 70, magic twos I Bremner 2 at the 5th and 1 at the 13th.

### Fixtures

Saturday 4 March, Glenburn Cup, 9.30am and noon starts. Sunday 5 March, Winter league game at Brodick.



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