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Garden scheme gone

More than 100 elderly and disabled residents on Arran will not be able to maintain their gardens after the withdrawl of a council-run garden maintenance scheme.

The North Ayrshire Council Garden Tidy Scheme cut grass and tidied the gardens of 103 Arran residents between April and September for almost 20 years.

The scheme has been cut as part of a plan by the council which has been forced to save just under £8 million after its 2006/07 budget announcement.

Cut costs

A spokesperson for North Ayrshire Council confirmed the scheme was being disbanded in order to cut costs and said by stopping the Garden Tidy Scheme, the council would save around £220,000 a year.

But it is feared many elderly and disabled people, for whom the scheme was established, will be unable to maintain their garden and find themselves in breach of their tenancy agreement.

Excellent

John and Janice Connolly of MacKelvie Road, Lamlash, benfited from the scheme, which employed two seasonal workers on the island. They said the scheme was excellent, with workmen visiting at least every 10 days.

Janice, who had not been informed of the cut, told *The Arran Banner*: 'That is terrible. It's a dreadful thing to happen. The tenants will be worried because many can't cut their grass.

'My husband, John, is registered disabled and there is no way I can push a lawnmower.

'The workmen cut my grass front and back and we like to grow flowers in it but we are not fit enough to cut the grass and I know of other people in our position.'

Colin Turbett, chairman of

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Restaurant's third time lucky

The Taj Mahal Indian restaurant re-opens tonight, Friday, after a six month absence from the Island.

This will be the third time this popular eatery has opened it's doors to Arran diners.

Manager Hossain Sahadath told *The Banner* on Monday: 'We are really excited about coming back to Arran and looking forward to opening our doors to diners - everyone is welcome.

'Award winning chef, Abul Hossain from our Oban kitchen will be joining a team of six others in our new premises.'

The Taj Mahal will fill the void created upstairs at the Cameronia Hotel after the Golden Dragon restaurant moved out earlier in January.

Hossain concluded: 'There will be some new dishes to look our for on our menu - we guarantee to be the best in Scotland.'

The crew of Arran lifeboat *Boys Brigade* outside the lifeboat station in Lamlash after their Sunday morning training session. They are: Prospective crewman Gavin Downard, tractor driver Bill Barr, trainee tractor driver Paul Archer, helmsman/station mechanic Mark Nelson, prospective crewman John Miller and crewman Martin Ferris. *Arran Banner* reporter David Lloyd spent Sunday morning working with the crew on exercises around Holy Isle and Lamlash Bay. He ended up in the water a few times but luckily managed to keep the camera dry.

For the full report and pictures see pages 10 and 11.

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Arran firemen train in Oban

Volunteer fire fighters from across Argyll and the islands, including Arran's Colin Cameron, left, and Norman Bond, attended the annual training seminar at Oban Fire Station last Saturday. Oban's new fire station was purpose-built to provide a state-of-the art training centre. The afternoon was spent carrying out practical training exercises using the smoke-filled training house and yard. b10fir01

Communities aim to be best of the best

Arran's community council is hoping the island will be named 'Best of the Best' in a competition being run by Calor Gas to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its community awards programme.

Prize money totalling a lucrative £20,000 awaits the overall UK winner. If won by the island the money will be put back into community projects.

The community council is now looking for the assistance of *Banner* readers in highlighting any initiative of any size going on around Arran that has made life better for everyone.

Community council chairman Campbell Laing said: 'We will be working on behalf of the community to try and highlight all aspects of island life.

'All the first responders, coastguards, lifeboat crew and firemen to name just a few do all the hard work on the island and this is a chance to demonstrate what they do.

'As community councillors we are just the face that will be representing them.

'The island wouldn't be what it is without them and their efforts.'

Forty communities across the UK will be battling it out to see who will be crowned the best village or community and take the prize money.

All entrants have either won the Calor Scottish Community of the Year title or Rural Community of the Year title in the last eight years.

2003 winner

Arran won the coveted title in 2003 after beating off stiff competition from over 100 UK-wide entries. This was the first time Arran had entered and the forms were filled out by community council secretary Alison Prince.

Alison said: 'We don't know anything about the competitors we will be facing but to have previously won they will have had to be of a very high standard.'

Judges from Calor anticipate visiting Arran in May to look at various community projects around the island that have benefited Arran residents. Calor have stressed that the judges will be completely different from the panel who visited in 2003 to eliminate possibility of prejudice.

Alison continued: 'May is a very tight deadline and our work will be cut out as there is a lot to do.'

Alison will now be compiling an A4 sheet listing the different five award categories. This includes community life, older people and the environment.

She continued: 'The community council will be working with a Corrie photographer who will be taking photos of the people in the community doing what they normally do.

'We are looking for anybody from any village who knows of some project that makes a difference for everyone.

'This could even be something very small but we will be more than interested to hear about it.

'It would be great to think we could win this award for Arran.'

Alison can be contacted on 700574.

The results of the competition will be announced at a special awards ceremony to be held in London, mid-September.

Campbell concluded: 'We will do our utmost to get the money for the island.'

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North Ayrshire branch of UNISON, said: 'One of the implications of this is housing association tenants may be in breach of their tenancy agreements by not keeping their gardens tidy.

'That could have serious consequences for people that can't afford lawn services. We don't want to see people evicted because they can't cut their grass.

'The trade union is not blaming the council for this. It has had to make an £8 million cut in services; something has to go.'

Science club

Arran children may be pleased to learn of a new online science club.

The Atoms Club, as it is known, was created by four Scottish science centres in partnership with the Scottish Executive.

It is full of colourful characters, games and messy home experiments that will give children a hands-on science experience.

The website went online at the start of March and has already recorded several hits.

Children can choose to be one of four atoms, Maximo, Eco, Spook or Jet and once a character has been selected they can navigate around the website asking other 'atoms' science questions such as 'what is the smelliest substance in the world?'

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Arran man is wildlife winner

Charlie McAllister of Braehead Farm, Sliddery has won this year's National Farmers Union, (NFU) Scotland Biodiversity Award.

Sponsored by the RSPB Scotland, Charlie scooped the coveted award last Thursday as reward for his protection of rare species, habitats and environmentally sympathetic farming on his farm.

He said: 'I have to say I am surprised to win.

'However, it is a great honour to have accepted the award, I thoroughly enjoy both the agricultural and conservation aspects of farming and so it is great to win an award for doing what I enjoy.'

One of the four ponds at Braehead farm. This was created ten years ago as one of Charlie and Willie's first projects. It is now home to much aquatic wildlife, moor hens and ducks.
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Along with his brother Willie, Charlie farms the 298 hectares of Braehead farm, Sliddery in the south end of the island. They have spent the last 10 years striving to make their farm a safe and welcoming haven for all species of wildlife where Charlie has lived all his life on the farm.

FWAG

Tommy Loudon of Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) for Arran has congratulated Charlie and Willie on their award.

They have worked with FWAG since 1998 taking general conservation advice and applying for agri-environmental schemes for the family farm.

Tommy said: 'We (FWAG) are delighted that this farm has won this year's NFU environmental award and congratulate the McAllister family on this well deserved achievement.

'They set a great example on the Island by working closely with the environment and wildlife. In today's tough farming climate it makes financial sense for farmers to work in an environmentally friendly manner.'

As reported in *The Banner* edition 1528 Charlie wasn't too sure of his chances when he became a finalist back in January. Speaking at the time he said: 'People I've spoken to are quite hopeful that I can win but we will just have to wait and see.'

And now two months on those friends of Charlie have been proven right. It was a neighbouring farmer who initially nominated Charlie for the award and his foresight has certainly paid off. Charlie's prize included an overnight stay at the St. Andrew's Bay Hotel, £500, plus a Biodiversity Farm Audit. This will involve specialists from the RSPB visiting Charlie's farm and conducting a number of surveys. They will be looking at various rare plant and animal species on the farm and advise best how to maintain and develop these. Charlie expects to be visited some time late spring, early summer by the RSPB.

Corncrake

On his farm Charlie has created four ponds and maintains existing habitats such as water margins, species rich grassland, coastal heath and hedges to maximise food and shelter for wildlife. The farm plays host to hen harriers, short-eared owls and last year a corncrake was spotted - the first time in 30 years. Charlie's work in protecting some of Scotland's rarest species and habitats has earned him his prize.

Speaking of his award Charlie said: 'Over the years both myself and my brother have done our best to combine sympathetic farming with conservation and we take great delight in monitoring progress, particularly when it comes to priority species, and seeing first hand how the conservation work is providing benefit.'

Charlie recognises the importance of his fellow farmers on Arran's environment. He added:

Charlie McAllister is on the right with Stuart Housden from RSPB Scotland who presented him with his prize on the left.

'Arran, as an island, has a great commitment to conservation and I'm told that there is a particularly high uptake of agri-environment schemes on the island, by farmers wishing to maintain the beautiful flora, fauna and scenery that we are blessed with.'

In 2004 Charlie was second in the Scottish section of the UK-wide competition, the Silver Lapwing. The award recognises farmers who demonstrate a commitment to conservation and environmental management as part of their farming activities within their farmland.

Future plans

Charlie said: 'There is no real scope for further conservation as we have done so much already but both myself and my brother will be continuing to preserve all we have done so far.'

Arran Avoids Accidents again

The fifth Arran Avoids Accidents week takes place between Monday 20 March and Thursday 23 March.

Tom Stewart, community safety officer for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue said: 'This year promises to be even better than before with all island rescue services aiming to be involved.'

All primary schools and the high school will be involved in dramatic displays around the island.

On Tuesday Arran primary school children will be shown round Lamlash fire station and in the evening a chip pan fire demonstration will take place at Lochranza fire station.

Wednesday night will find members of the Mountain Rescue Team, lifeboat, First Responders, and coastguard amongst others performing demonstrations at the Lamlash Community Centre.

On Thursday Arran High will be involved in a demonstration at Lamlash Pier with Arran lifeboat crew.

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Youths to speak at Scottish final

Pupils from Arran High School have beaten off the regional competition in a speaking competition at Irvine last Friday securing them a place in the Scottish finals.

Fourth year team, aptly called the A-Team and made up of pupils Kelly Donnelly, Calum Johnston and Jessica Gillson are now heading to Glasgow on Tuesday 21 March.

The competition, entitled Youth Speak is run by the Rotary Club and last Tuesday they were chosen from their school as overall winners from Arran in the first round held in front of Arran Rotary Club members.

Three teams of three members each gave presentations which were judged by a Rotary panel of Moira Starks, John Binning and George McCormack.

The young people from Arran High School represented 4th, 5th and 6th years and were accompanied by their English teachers, Heather Gough, and Loraine MacLean and Head teacher Douglas Auld.

The high standard of their contributions was much appreciated by Rotarians and all were a credit to their school as well as to Arran.

In Team A, fourth year, the chair was taken by Kelly Donnelly; the speaker was Calum Johnston and the vote of thanks given by Jessica Gillson. Their subject was 'Gossip'. They tackled the subject with humour and sensitivity and Calum gave a splendid analysis of the positive and negative aspects of gossip covering such topics as prejudice, social climbing, peer pressure and relationships.

Kelly gave a well thought out introduction and Jessica an enthusiastic vote of thanks.

Team B, fifth year, consisted of Malcolm Pennycot, chairman, Ailie McNicol, speaker and Emily Tilbury, who gave the vote of thanks.

Their subject was in complete contrast to the first and was entitled 'Tyrannical Regimes.' Ailie talked forcefully about the menace of tyranny.

She described the plights of those who had suffered as a result and the dangers of creating artificial status differences, exploitation, dehumanisation, the suppression of opposition ending in the unopposed reign of tyranny and evil.

Malcolm gave a thought provoking introduction and Emily a sensitive and heartfelt vote of thanks.

Finally team C, sixth year, Claire Johnston, in the chair, Paul Tinto as the speaker and Guy Sloan, giving the vote of thanks, chose the subject of 'Toys' in complete contrast once again.

Paul emphasised the need for toys and their importance in the social and emotional development of the child.

He pointed out that toys really did come alive in the minds of children and helped them learn the strategies needed to deal with day to day problems and emotions.

They had of course to be the right toys, those that would inspire and stimulate rather than turn children into couch potatoes.

Claire's introduction was bright and welcoming and Guy's vote of thanks was warm and sincere.

The Rotarians found it difficult to select winners from such an excellent trio of presentations, but did eventually manage to chose the winners.

The award for the best chairmanship went to Claire Johnston and for the best vote of thanks to Emily Tilbury.

Jessica Gillson, Kelly Donnelly and Calum Johnston, all S4, are through to the Scottish final of Youth Speak. b10cer01

All of the high school entrants to the Youth Speak competition. b10rot1

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Burns in Brodick

Burns Night may be a distant memory for many but for Arran primary school children the spirit of Scotland's famous Bard was very much alive in Brodick last Wednesday.

Fifty-five primary school children from across all of Arran's seven primary schools took part in the now annual North Ayrshire Primary schools Burns competition.

Apart from promoting Scots language, this verse speaking competition builds confidence in young people.

Project co-ordinators, Sheila Gilmore and Nina Hamilton presided over events held at the Orimdale Pavilion. The project is run in conjunction with North Ayrshire Council.

Judges for the day were Bill McLaughlin, Karin Fall and Stewart Lambie.

Commenting on the event Sheila said: 'We were delighted to see so many children taking part,- it was fantastic. Pirnmill Primary School deserves a special mention as two thirds of its school role took park in the competition.'

The emphasis is very much on the child's interpretation of the poems and there was a great range of poems performed on the day which greatly impressed the judges. All winners went away with a small presentation quaich to reward their efforts donated by Lamlash Burns Club.

The first three in each category will go forward to represent Arran at the North Ayrshire finals to be held in Ardrossan Civic Centre on Monday 20 March.

Sheila concluded: 'Congratulations must go to all the entrants and their teachers for such a great day's entertainment.'

Results: Primary 1/2 mixed (any Scots poem): First Fiona Bulger, Corrie, reciting *Heron*, second Ella Kerr, Whiting Bay, reciting *Camel*, third Carly Miller, Whiting Bay, reciting *Betty Frew*. Primary 3/4 boys (any Scots poem): First Iain Clarke, Shiskine, reciting *Street Talk*, second Rory Hunter, Lamlash, reciting *Baffie Sang*, third Ben Leslie, Lamlash, reciting *The Brickies*: Highly Commended - Michael McFarlane, Lamlash, reciting *Furry Hat*. Primary 3-4 girls (any Scots poem): First Kirsty Stewart, Whiting Bay, reciting *Mister Mank*, second Heather Snowdon, Shiskine, reciting *Donkey Ride*, third Cara Miller, Lamlash, reciting *Oor Dentist*: Highly commended - Gabrielle Allison, Lamlash, reciting *Last Nicht*. P5-7 Boys (any Burns Poem): First Colin McKenzie, Whiting Bay, reciting *Address to a Haggis*, second Calum Stewart, Whiting Bay, reciting *Winter - A Dirge*, third Gavin Gilbert, Whiting Bay, reciting *Address to the Toothache*. Primary 5/7 girls (any Burns Poem): First Anna Downward, Brodick, reciting from *Tam O'Shanter*, second Liusaidh McMaster, Kilmory, reciting *Dainty Davie*, third Catherine McEachern, Pirnmill, reciting *My Heart's in the Highlands*: Highly Commended - Niamh Campbell, Brodick, reciting *Address to the Toothache*.

Stewart Lambie, Karin Fall and Bill McLaughlin with Iain Clarke, Shiskine and Kirsty Stewart both P3 winners. b10bur2

With judges Stewart Lambie, Karin Fall and Bill McLaughlin are all the P5/P6 girl entrants. b10bur1

Norwegians looking for island inspiration

Alastair Dobson with some of the Norwegians at Arran Dairies in Brodick. Leif Borage is seen third from the left enjoying Arran Dairies ice cream. b10vis1

Last week a party of Norwegians from the Telemark region were on Arran to see how the Island's food and drink is produced.

Working in the food and tourism businesses and accompanied by Norwegian journalists the party were shown round under the guidance of Taste of Arran chairman Alastair Dobson.

This follows on from the Taste of Arran group being invited to speak at a small food conference in Norway last November.

Alastair said: 'After I spoke to the group last year I left brochures with them and said if any were interested in visiting them they could let me know.

'By the time I got home I had twenty five e-mails waiting for me.'

Taste of Arran has been in existence for four years and always promotes Arran as a place first and the food it produces second. The idea is to give an impression of where the products are actually made giving insight into them. Ten food and drink producers from the island are in the group.

A packed schedule awaited the twenty five visitors which kicked off last weekend. On Monday the group were given a north island tour stopping at the various food producing outlets and this was repeated on Tuesday when they got to see what the south side had to offer

Alastair said: 'They found Arran a stunning place and this is quite something coming from them as the area they live in themselves is outstandingly beautiful.'

One member of the party, Leif Bjorage, a farmer, was particularly keen on the ice cream producing facilities at Arran Dairies. He his hoping to begin production of ice cream in Telemark in the near future.

The journalists who accompanied the group could only stay until Tuesday and were intending to write about the experiences of the group on Arran in their newspaper *Telemarksavisa*.

The group are keen to establish what they describe as a 'Scotland-Norway- North Atlantic relationship' so they can share in the food and culture of the area.

This is something that the Taste of Arran Group are keen to foster.

As tourists they are very keen to visit the island to undertake the variety of out door pursuits on offer they are so keen on. With Arran's links with the Vikings the Norwegians were continually spotting place names of relevance to their culture as they travelled around the island.

Alastair concluded: 'I have been asked to go back for a meeting with the visitors

'They are very keen to start their own Taste of Arran style group and hope to draw ideas from the Arran example.

'I believe the people of Arran should be very proud.'

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Arran Banner contributor Elspeth Attwool MEP congratulated Sir Menzies Campbell on his victory in the Liberal Democrat leadership contest last Thursday.

Ms Attwool said, last Friday: 'My warmest congratulations go to Ming on his election as party leader. This will undoubtedly add to the momentum created by William Rennie's spectacular victory in the recent Dunfermline and West Fife by-election and I can foresee our party gaining more ground in the months and years to come.'

Although Ms Attwool did not support a candidate she is looking forward to working with Sir Ming. She is pictured with Sir Menzies at an agricultural show in 2004. b10mep1

Chickens on the Strasbourg agenda

Broiler chickens, services and rural development were among the issues occupying
us in our February Strasbourg session.

With broiler chickens we were debating and voting new rules about the conditions under which they should be kept. This was something about which a lot of people had written to me.

The task was to bring about real improvements in their welfare without making it impossible for EU farmers to compete against countries with lower standards.

Services presented an even greater challenge.

How could we open things up so that there were no restrictions on, say, a hairdresser or a building contractor or a caterer doing business in another EU country, whilst at the same time making sure that the appropriate safeguards on standards were in place.

The Parliament ended up pretty well rewriting the original Commission proposal and, in my view, went a very long way to getting the balance right.

We now have to wait and see how the Council of Ministers react.

Though not quite on such a major scale, we also made a lot of recommendations for changes in the guidelines that had been drafted about the use of rural development funding from 2007 on.

I was very pleased that a goodly number of those suggested in my own Opinion found their way into the Parliament's final Report particularly on the need for proper amenities for people living in rural areas.

Of course, that is not the end of Parliament's discussion on future funding. We are not satisfied with various aspects of the deal reached by the Council at the end of December and negotiations for changes are well under way. And, too, there are all sorts of issues to be decided about just how it is to be delivered here at home in Scotland. I'll keep you posted.

As I write this I am just back from Perth and about to start on one of our four constituency weeks, with engagements ranging from primary school to university level in Arran, Dunblane, Glasgow and Edinburgh. Come the longer evenings, I'll be ranging still further afield.

On these or any other issues, please feel free to write to me: info@elspethattwoollmep.org.uk or to Suite 5, 2nd Floor, Olympic House, 142 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3BU.

Elspeth Attwool MEP

Arran boys of summer

Summer 2006 promises to be an exciting and worthwhile time for Arran boys John Macdonald and Fraser Gough of Brodick and Corrie respectively.

The pair will be travelling to Africa for two months as volunteers for a Edinburgh University student-run charity known as Edinburgh Global Partnerships (E.G.P.).

John's project will take place in the Zambian village Chiyumu, where his group will be drilling a desperately needed bore hole to overcome the water shortage in the area.

Fraser will be in Swaziland working in the Manzini Youth Care Centre which provides support for 120 street boys and AIDS orphans.

They are attempting to raise approximately £9,000 towards each project, which will be spent solely on construction materials, and excludes travel and other personal costs.

Fraser and John have been actively fundraising in Edinburgh and will be holding a dance in Brodick hall on Saturday 1 April for anyone who would like to support them.

Any help would be very much appreciated.

John Macdonald of Brodick and Fraser Gough, Corrie, with part of their kit for their approaching journey to Africa. John is travelling to Zambia while Fraser will go to Swaziland. b10boy1

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Winter Points grand finale

There was a great turn out at the grand finale of Cairnhouse Riding Centre's Winter Points last Sunday when the champions were announced.

Going into the final only three points separated the top three seniors which made for a nail biting start to the round and indeed all the way to the very end.

The finals kicked off with the 'Wobblies' and of the 20 who entered, 11 were clear in round one, 12 went round the twisty little course clear.

In the second class the following riders recorded a double clear run to earn themselves six points on the old score board: Anna Hamilton, Amie Downard, Kirsty McBain, Megan MacAlister, Lynn Ramage, Kirsty McQueen and Shauna Jamieson.

Hollie Adamson had the fastest double clear on Merlin to pick up the twelve points on offer as it was double points at the last show. Fifteen were forward for the novice but the accurate riding that was required for this lovely little course was catching a few out and it wasn't until the fifth rider came in that the crowd got a super display of how this course should be ridden. Hazel Ramage, who was celebrating her fourteenth birthday, rode Summer beautifully and got a huge cheer when she returned the first clear round.

The next clear was Megan, followed by another four riders, so six were fighting for these valuable points. Megan was drawn first and was unlucky to have three faults. Hazel also had faults and Kirsty McQueen could not pull it out the bag either. It wasn't until Nicola Currie, riding her own Lilly, came in that we got our first clear in a time of 33.28 secs.

However, with the speed merchant Merlin in next it was short lived as Hollie returned with a clear in 29.88 secs to win the class.

Again, a good entry of 15 were in for the Mini Challenge class but the 100 fence wasn't to be tackled until fourth drawn Kirsty McBain, riding Sue Tozer's Katie, jumped it both ways to finish on a top score of 280.

Two riders later Megan, knew exactly what she had to do and brought her own Minstrel home on 310.

Hollie jumped her way into the lead with a top score of 340 and you would have thought she had it all sewn up with that great score.

Last year's champion Eilidh Kerr riding her great buddy Stormville City Arizona peaked at the right time to clear 10 fences and clinch the class on a top score of 385.

The clear round class wasn't without drama.

Hazel had a spectacular fall from Summer to win the first Duster of the day, all was well thanks to the superb medical back up team we have here. Clear rounds were elusive, with only Katrina and Hollie recording one a piece.

Kirsty McBain parted company with Katie in a magnificent manner keeping us well entertained and claiming the second Duster of the day, however, she collected eight points for third place with a top score of 105 in the final class of the day, the Cairnhouse Challenge.

Holly scored 70, but Kirsty held the lead until on form Eilidh ,who was the only one to successfully jump the 100 fence, did it both ways to score of 245 and win the class.

With only three left to jump the drama wasn't over yet, Kirsty McQueen and Calvin landed in the middle of the 100 fence and thanks to the arena party managed to walk away unscathed and score 165. Results: Junior Champion: Megan MacAlister 60, Junior Reserve: Katrina McDonald 54, Senior Champion: Hollie Adamson 142, Senior Reserve: Kirsty McQueen 129 Most Improved Wobbly: Beth Hamilton, Rider to be awarded the most Dusters during the season (and very proud of it too): Kathleen Dawson.

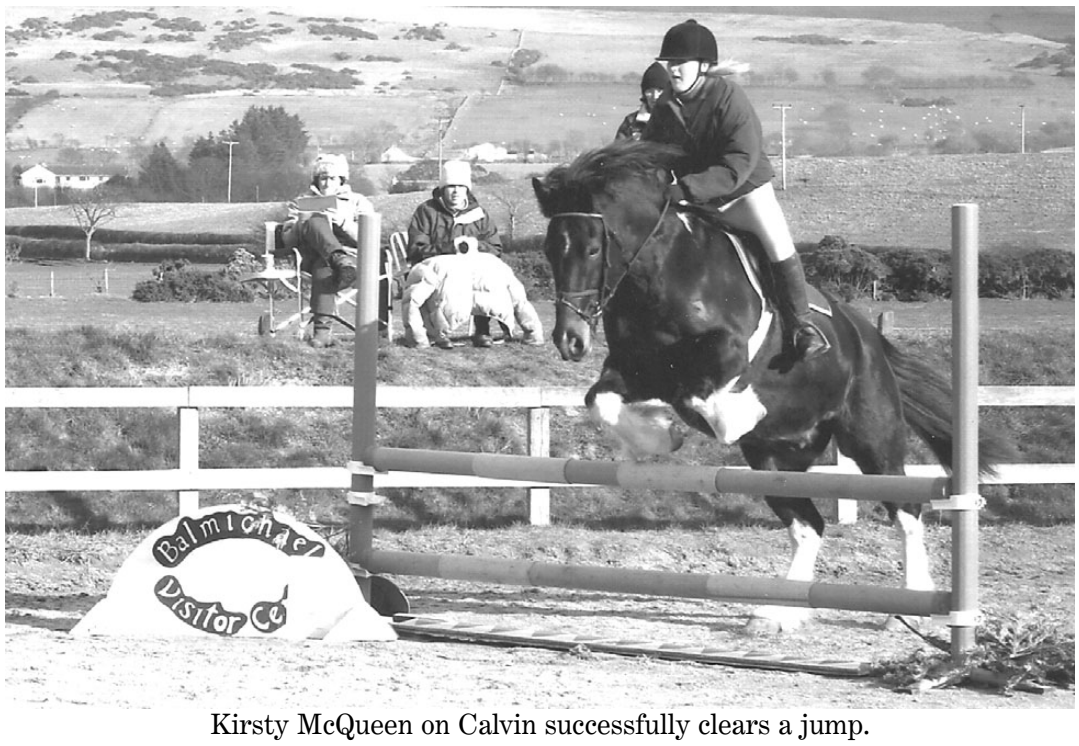
Best Turnout of horse and rider throughout the season : Jennifer Gilmour.

Highest top score in the Cairnhouse Challenge during the competition: Hollie Adamson

Dawn Murchie would like to say a huge thank you to all the team that work so hard over the season to make it all happen especially Jen and Marilyn.

To Liz at Winsome Rosettes, to Burt's Bistro and to all the mums and dads who brave the elements to come along and support the riders and my Dad for presenting the cups and rosettes.

Next competition at the stables is a Dressage Day on Sunday 2 April.



Kirsty McQueen on Calvin successfully clears a jump.

Hollie Adamson senior champion, left on Merlin and Megan MacAllister, junior champion, on Minstrel. b10hrs2

Arran Riding Club

Training days specially aimed at teenagers will be held with Debbie Rodwell, BHSII, on March 25 and 26. Names are required in advance and places can be booked by telephoning Dawn 860466 or Yolly 600 470.

Memberships are due now, and should be sent to Clair as soon as possible.

Further dates for your diary will be intimated shortly.

Arran Conservative and Unionist Association

Afternoon tea, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot at 2pm, Friday 17 march. Speakers Mr Phil Gallie MSP, councillor Margie Currie.

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Ask many people about their holiday and there's a fair chance they will tell you about the leg room or food on the aeroplane, the hotel they stayed in, the 'deal' they got, maybe the price of booze. If it wasn't up to snuff it may be that they were held up at the airport or sent to the wrong hotel or had too far to walk to the pool.

These keen holiday descriptions are often accompanied by reference to exotic destinations or a destination in a different continent, maybe even a place with ancient historical associations. At the other end of the scale the location may have little cultural interest and the holiday spent in a compound, everything found and all drinks served free on the beach. Plus a plastic card for exit from and entry into the compound which will be surrounded by fences with local people on the outside, staring through with immense curiosity and envy at the anthropological specimens within. Holidaymakers were advised that it was safer not to venture outside.

You are less likely to hear about adventures, of the holidaymakers negotiating their way through the unexpected, of problems being welcomed as challenges and as the very stuff of what holidays are for and, least of all, of any interaction between them and the people of some of these exotic places visited.

A friend, not unfamiliar with holidays of the sort described above, recently said to me that there were really very few places left in the world which were truly undiscovered. He was surprised when I disagreed and said that 'undiscovered' places were all around us. It wasn't necessarily a question of going thousands of miles to, say, a Thai beach or even to see the terracotta warriors of Xian. Our own country is full of places which offer immense interest without feeling that you are part of a huge crowd and, while undiscovered may be too strong a word, our own island is full of places where one can find a sense of quiet; a sense of discovering it for yourself.

Arran's summer season is just around the corner. Remembering back, this time of the year was often accompanied by wringing of hands and gnashing of teeth as Arran Tourist Association members worried about bookings and feared that the coming season would not match up to last. Perhaps I am too out of touch to be aware of it, but there does not seem to be the same angst as in the past. Are numbers of holidaymakers increasing, even keeping in line with the increasing accommodation on offer? Certainly ferry passengers go up each year and that must tell us something.

The world is getting smaller in all sorts of ways and people are going to all sorts of places. But as these 'exotic' places become more crowded and people become more aware of the damage done by mass tourism, both environmentally and culturally, attention will turn back to places closer to home. It already is and increasingly people are aware that a holiday does not just mean sea and sun. Arran, long a holiday resort but having felt the pinch as people looked further afield, offers the very best of what people will be looking for in the future. The future will be on Arran's side.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the Love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:39*

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E-mail editor@arranbanner.net

Letters to the Editor

On the trains

Sir,
How depressing it is to note that such an influential opinion former as your leader writer lacks the power of elementary observation.

The railway motif he mentions is still in use and on plain view for all to see, but in fact the double arrows do not symbolize tracks or trains whizzing in opposite directions.

The logo is obviously an indication that due to unsuccessful meddling by successive governments, the railway operators do not know if they are coming or going.
Yours
Berni Mitchell-Luker
Phairstaidge
17 McKelvie Road
Lamlash

Butterfly farm

Sir,
First we would like to say thank you for our article in *The Banner* about our Eco-Friendly Butterfly Farm. It was very accurate except for the point where it reported that we are a family of chip shop owners.

Adrian's father was in the chip shop trade but has since retired; at the moment I am working in pizza hut and working through the Business Gateway on our plans for the Butterfly Farm and Adrian looks after the children but we have both have lots of catering experience.

We would welcome any comments or suggestions that anyone has; for instance any eco-friendly energy saving ideas that you can think of that we might use as we intend to use the farm to demonstrate energy efficiency in action.

I am also waiting to hear from the Business Academy and will keep you posted if anything happens. This will take the form of a live internet programme with a panel of entrepreneurs answering questions. Please feel free to e-mail us at jcsc20957@blueyonder.co.uk
Yours,
Isabel Simpson
108 Saughton Road North
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Pub Knitting Club

Sir,
A few of us have started a knitting club. We will be meeting in a different pub round the island every week at 7.30pm.

This is an informal club for people who want to knit and socialise at the same time. Membership is free and open to anyone over 18. If you have never knitted before more experienced knitters will be more than happy to get you started and teach you the stitches, so please come along.

The next Knitting Club In A Pub will be at Bar Eaden on Wednesday 15 March. Please bring your own materials etc.

For more information please contact Susan at the Arran Art Store, Lamlash. 600 627
Yours,
Susan Wilkinson & Julie Gurr
C/O The Arran Art Store,
Lamlash

Proposed fish farm

Sir,
In the February 24 issue of another local island newspaper, The Crown Estate published a notice to the effect that a fish farm was proposed 400 metres north of Inchmarnock.

I oppose the fish farm for several reasons, foremost of which is the marring of the beautiful scenery that is visible from the west of Bute and the north of Arran. This is an unspoilt area where I go sailing, kayaking, swimming and walking.

Many tourists who visit Bute go out to Ettrick Bay tearoom to swim and enjoy the scenery. The site would be visible form a good length of the coastal road, used by locals and tourists and also from three scenic lookout points. I do not want to see this unspoilt landscape marred and I do not want a precedent set that would allow other fish farms to be established in this scenic area. I also don't want the chemical pollution that may result.

I question the cost effectiveness of fish farming (it takes several pounds of ground fish to produce one pound of farmed salmon) and I wonder at the sustainability of a small fish farm - will it stay locally owned or due to economic pressures be sold to the large Dutch and Norwegian conglo merates and have little local accountability.

If you as a reader of *The Banner* share even one of these concerns please make your concern known to Mr Gove, Senior Planning Officer, Argyll and Bute Council, Milton House, Milton Avenue, Dunoon, PA23 7DU by March 23.

It is extremely important that as many letters be sent as possible if successful opposition is to be achieved.
Yours,
Theresa Nelson,
23 Argyle Place, Rothesay

Arran Scouts 25

Sir,
Isle of Arran Scouts registered with National Headquarters on Feburary 24 1981.

I believe the groups were the 32nd Ayrshire (Lamlash) and the 30th Ayrshire (Blackwaterfoot) unfortunately 30th closed down in 1998. Tenth Ayrshire (Brodick) started in 1991 and this group of Beavers and Cubs had to move to Lamlash 10 years ago and amalgamated with the 32nd Ayrshire 2001.

Tenth Ayrshire Shiskine started in 2001 with Beavers and Cubs, the following year Scouts commenced.

Many things have changed in the movement since then, new badges, uniform, change of name sections and age ranges.

It has often been felt that the changes have not always been for the best but I am pleased to say the island sections have overcome all these changes.

Over the years various members of the sections have attended world-wide international campuses, group camps and represented Arran in various mainland activities. Many Beavers in both Lamlash and Shiskine have obtained the highest award to them the Bronze and Silver respectively. We have a Scout at the moment who is working for his gold award; if this is achieved it will be the first for Arran.

Throughout these years the sections have been very fortunate in recieving various donations from local groups enabling us to purchase equipment for which we are very grateful. The later part of 2005, we recieved a further grant from Awards for All this allowed us to purchase a trailer.

At the present moment Shiskine Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are running. Lamlash beavers and cubs are still up and running despite the rumours that the scouts on Arran have closed down. The only group that is temporarily closed is the Lamlash Scouts. This is not because of lack of boys but the lack of help and leaders. We do have a waiting list for boys to join the scouts.

To enable us to keep scouting going on the island we are in desperate need of help in both Shiskine and Lamlash I would not like to see these groups close down after all the good and hard work put in by the present leaders and many dedicated previous leaders.

Next year will be the centenary of scouting and Arran has been chosen to hold a week's camp in Glen Rosa. This will mean members of the association from all over the Scotland will be attending.

At this point I would like to say 'thank you' on behalf of the scout movement to all past and present leaders for all the time and effort in keeping the movement alive. May it continue for many years to come.
Yours in scouting,
Carole Boon,
Northbank Cottage 2
Whiting Bay

ARCO thanks

Sir
ARCO (Arran Recycling Community Organisation) would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the indoor car boot sale on Saturday afternoon (4 March).

Special thanks go to everyone that 'bought' a table, to a merry band of volunteers who made an incredible range of homemade cakes and sold teas and coffees behind the counter, to all those that came along and spent money, and to Maureen at the Lamlash Community Centre. Through everyone's very generous donations, over £200 was raised for ARCO.

Yours,
Jo Totty, ARCO

Correction

In *The Banner* edition 1533 an article entitled 'Walker rescued by two helicopters' contained the sentence 'a student from Lancaster who was studying at the Lochranza Field Centre'.

This proved not to be the case, as the girl did not stay at the Lochranza Field Centre as *The Banner* had been informed and reported. The *Arran Banner* apologises if any confusion or embarrassment was inadvertently caused.

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Bird Notes for February by Jim Cassells

In February the unusually dry and settled period of weather continued and the month finished with cold winds from the north.

Observations reported to me included: an immature Sea Eagle giving a demonstration of flying to paragliders on Dun Fionn on 28 January; on 1 February 143 Oystercatchers at Machriewaterfoot, and 26 Turnstone at Blackwaterfoot; on 3 February a male Goshawk at Dougarie; on 4 February a Great Spotted Woodpecker at Castle Park Fields in Brodick Country Park; and on 6 February 4 adult Whooper Swans at Whiting Bay.

On 11 February there were 3 Yellowhammers, an increasingly rare bird on the island, at a bird table in Shiskine; on 12 February a Black Throated Diver at Newton Point, a Little Grebe at the fish farm in Lamlash Bay, and 112 Teal at Kilpatrick shore. Also on 12 February 3 Long Tailed Tits and a Treecreeper were on the same tree at Clauchlands; on 13 February a flock of 30 Fieldfare in the Shiskine valley; and on 14 February 2 Redpolls in Merkland Wood.

On 18 February the illusive Moorhen at Machrie Pond made a brief appearance; also on 18 February there were 10 Goldfinch at feeders in Machrie; and on 19 February 57 Wigeon at Machriewaterfoot; Meanwhile at Brodick Pier contrary to *Caledonian MacBrayne* bylaws on 20 and 21 February a Kingfisher was fishing; also on 21 February there was a male Merlin in Glen Loig; and on 26 February a flock of 50 Redwings in High Kildonan.

Finally there were a number of sightings of Bullfinches in twos and threes at Torbeg on 10, Shore Lodge Brodick Country Park on 16, Margnaheglish on 17 and Maol Donn on 21 February.

From these observations a lot of the winter visitors like Wigeon, Teal, Redwing, Fieldfare are, not surprisingly, still around but there are some small signs that spring is on the way with birds more associated with summer making an appearance, like Lesser Black Backed Gull, with singles seen at Drumadoon on 12 and Kildonan on 26 February , and Gannets with singles at Kildonan on 8, Lamlash on 11, Sannox on 15 and Machrie on 18 February.

`Indeed people have reported hearing some of our resident birds, Song Thrushes, Robins, and Blackbirds going through their full repertoire of song - some even in January!

I will say more about the approach of spring in the next Bird Notes.

My thanks to the people who have been in contact. It is much appreciated.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or telephone 01770 860316. e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net.

I look forward to hearing from you. Enjoy your birding.

A Yellowhammer like this was spotted at a bird table in Shiskine. They are becoming increasingly rare on the island.b10ham1

Whiting Bay Thursday Club

Twenty-two members of the Whiting Bay Thursday Club met for afternoon tea in Bilslands shop, Brodick on Thursday 2 March.

Jean Bilsland and her team at the shop provided a lovely spread for the group with plenty of scones, cakes, tea and coffee.

This was a new venture and it couldn't have been better as the club members enjoyed the scenery and reflected on how fortunate they are to live on Arran. At the end of the afternoon Heather White gave a vote of thanks to Jean Bilsland and the staff at Bilslands.

The group's next meeting will be their lunch and AGM to be held in the Eden Lodge Hotel, Whiting Bay on Thursday 16 March at 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Isobel Thomson on 700346 or Bay News in Whiting Bay where another list is available.

The Insider at Corrie

One man knows the biggest secret in corporate America.

If he talks the information will literally change history, and one of the most powerful industries in the world will be brought to its knees.

If he stays silent, he stays alive and so do his family. Jeffrey Wigand is the outgoing head of Research and development at Brown and Williamson - America's third-largest tobacco company.

He knows that cigarettes are addictive and dangerous but is reluctant to blow the whistle on the tobacco company because he has signed an agreement never to divulge what he knows and his leaving package includes health care for his asthmatic daughter.

But his conscience gnaws at him: his silence is part of the biggest cover up in economic history and is costing thousands of lives every year.

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Whistle-blower

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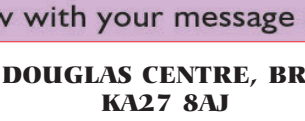
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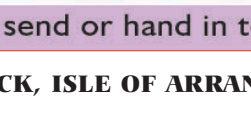

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A day in the lifeboat

Anyone looking for something different to do on a Sunday morning may like to consider signing up with Arran lifeboat crew the *Boys Brigade.*

Currently embarking on a recruitment drive the team are looking for new members of sea-going crew having already filled most shore based vacancies

Arran lifeboat operations manager Geoff Norris said: 'We are aiming for an extra four sea-going crew members but we would rather have too many - the more the better.'

All that is asked for are people under forty-five, with good colour vision and without back problems. Ideally they will live in Brodick, Lamlash or Whiting Bay as they will have to get to the station in Lamlash quickly in the event of a call-out.

Boys Bridage and it's crew in the water off the Holy Isle. b10rnl3

Prospective crewmen Gavin Downard and John Miller with crewman Martin Ferris at Ossian's Cave on the Holy Isle. b10rnl2

Training session

The Banner went out with the lifeboat crew on Sunday for one of their regular three hour morning training sessions. Leaving from Lamlash lifeboat station aboard the Atlantic 75 Class B RIB, named the *Boys Brigade*, the crew made their way to the Holy Isle. There were five aboard: Helmsman Crawford Duncan, crewman Martin Ferris, and prospective crewmen John Miller and Gavin Downard and *The Banner* reporter.

Gavin took the helm and the scenario set by Crawford Duncan was to navigate the Boys Brigade along side the western edge of Holy Isle. This is known as landing on a lee shore, on the windward side. Gavin approached cautiously and stopped in a depth of one metre. The crew then entered the water and went ashore making there way inland a few yards to Ossian's Cave to look for an suspected injured walker. The search was negative and the crew returned to the *Boys Brigade*.

Capsize

Heading back into the bay a mock capsize exercise took place and the crew carried out the necessary drill for this procedure and then entered the water. A line was put out which was held on to by the crew. Meanwhile Crawford dropped- a drouge or sea anchor into the sea. This was not an anchor that most would imagine as it was made of heavy nylon. This is used to keep the head of the RIB into the wind and would be used in the event of a capsize.

Back aboard the crew made their way around the east side of Holy Isle and each took a turn at the helm to familiarise themselves with the controls and the feel of the RIB.

Overboard

After radioing Clyde Coastguard to check for any incidents the crew began to make their way back to the lifeboat station. En-route a crew member fell overboard as a lesson to the other members of the crew that it is imperative before moving off to ensure that all crew are safely in place on board. After returning for the crew man the RIB headed for the lifeboat station. It was met by tractor driver and new recruit Bill Barr. The tractor is used to pull the RIB out of the water.

After a couple of hours the RIB was back in the station and the work began cleaning down the equipment.

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Helmsman Crawford Duncan holds the drogue anchor while discussing the procedures to be followed in the event of a capsize. Holy Isle can be seen in the background to the right of the photograph.b10rnl5

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Working as shore crew on Sunday were Mark Nelson, station mechanic and helmsman and trainee tractor driver Paul Archer. Currently there are four helmsmen and six crew. Within the station are two launch authorities, Dave Nelson and Geoff Norris.

All crew are multi-skilled to ensure training among them is on an even keel. Regular training takes place including first aid from St. John's ambulance service and radio training. This gives the crew a licence to operate a marine VHF set. The crew have pagers and this is triggered when a call is put through to 999 from someone in difficulties. The Coastguard in Greenock alert the team.

New system

A new system is now in place meaning that prospective crew can go out on the lifeboat three times without having to officially sign up. This acquaintance form system allows them to gather a flavour of what duties are involved in working aboard the lifeboat. A wide variety of tasks are dealt with including capsized canoes, injured sailors and walkers in remote locations, medical evacuations, broken down vessels, as well as extended searches for missing persons.

On a normal call-out the crew would consist of a helmsman and two crew though this can be increased if conditions warrant. The crew are on call 24 hours a day throughout the year.'

New crew members start out as probationers and are issued with a task book. They work through this during the training session. After a year they then travel to Poole in Dorset to the lifeboat college.

They would then sit exams and come out as fully trained crewmen. They would also have a Royal Yachting Association, (RYA) level II powerboat certificate.

Tractor drivers who guide the RIB into the sea ready for launch receive training at the Royal Marine and Welfare Unit in Devon.

Many people seem unsure as to why the Arran lifeboat has the name *Boys Brigade*. Geoff explained: 'The Atlantic 75 was donated to us by the Boys Brigade after they ran a national appeal about five years ago.

'Arran was lucky enough to get one RIB while the other, called *Steadfast and Sure*, operates out of a lifeboat station in England.'

The RIB is fully equipped with the best of equipment. At the heart is a GPS system which has many applications. One that was used during Sunday's exercise is the ability to lock-in on a casualty in the sea, thus pin pointing their exact location and aiding in their rescue.

Future plans

Future plans include safety briefings with the local ambulance crew to familiarise them with the lifeboat. The ambulance crew would be required to travel aboard the lifeboat to attend to someone sick on a boat at sea or in the event of having to evacuate someone from Holy Isle. Both of these type of rescues have been undertaken by the lifeboat crew in the past few months. Last year was the second busiest on record for the station since it opened in June 1970. The crew had their first callout of 2006 two weeks ago when they helped rescue a yacht which had broken a backstay in the rigging.

Geoff said: 'If anyone is available for three hours on a Sunday morning then I would be more than happy to show them around the station in Lamlash.'

Online

Visit www.rnli.org.uk to view the website. By keying in Lamlash station the home page of Arran's lifeboat team can be viewed.

Geoff concluded: 'From this webpage prospective crew can sign up to be a part of our team.'

View from the *Boys Brigade* where crewman Martin Ferris undertakes his duties. b10rnl7

Tractor driver Bill Barr guides the *Boys Brigade* lifeboat onto the trailer in Lamlash Bay. b10rnl8

From left: Helmsman Crawford Duncan, prospective crewman Gavin Downard, crewman Martin Ferris and prospective crewman John Miller on exercise on the east side of Holy Isle. b10rnl6

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Gymnastics, Auchrannie Games Hall 5yrs plus, 10am
Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am- noon
Football coaching, Ormidale park, boys & girls5-15, 10-11.30am
Lamlash Church Hall- Cool Club coffee morning 10.15am - noon.
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
Scotland v Ireland on Big Screen, Kildonan Hall 3.30pm

SUNDAY12th 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 13th 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, 10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30pm
Childrens Art Class, Burnside Gallery 4.00-5.30pm
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 14th 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 & Cat Coffee morning, hall 10am - 12pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Alcoholics Anonymous 'drop-in' Hospital Bunglaow 6.30pm - 8pm

WEDNESDAY 15th 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

THURSDAY 16th 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 Molios church, Shiskine 10.30 - noon
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm
Indoor bowls, Auchrannie Hall 7-9pm
Badminton, Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm
Arran Junior Singers choir practice, W/Bay school 6.45pm
Shiskine Cubs, shiskine hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
Shiskine Scouts, shiskine hall 8-9.30pm
Sound of Music rehearsal Brodick hall 7.30pm
Lochranza Craft Club, Hall 2pm

FRIDAY 17th 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
Loch & Cat Coffee morning 10am - 12pm
Asthma breathing workshop. Ormidale Hotel. Kids 4pm, Adults 7pm
Shiskine Playgroup, Auction, Shiskine Hall. Viewing from 6pm. 7pm start
Knitting Club,Bar Eden, 7.30pm
Lochranza Mooring Owners, AGM, Lochranza Hotel 8pm

SATURDAY 18th March(non regulars)

Whiting Bay & Kildonan Church, Jumble Sale, Whiting Bay Hall, 2pm.

Arran Words and Music Workshop

Gremlins caused the wrong date to be printed for the next workshop - it is in fact on Saturday March 25th, at Kilmory Hall, 9.30 a.m. to 1.30.

The re-arranged time will allow for a coffee break, but there will be no need to bring sandwiches unless you are in danger of fainting from the various exertions.

This workshop will build on the many excellent start-points developed in the previous one, moving towards an overall theme and a making of stories and music. Writers are still very much needed, whether previously involved or not, and so are musicians of every kind, including singers.

Virginia Rushton will not be at this one, but she will be holding an all-day voice workshop in May, purely for singers of every kind. Watch for an announcement of the date.

Meanwhile, newcomers are warmly invited to come along on March 25th, together with those who have already made such valuable contributions.

This workshop will be hammering out a definite theme - the piece has started to grow towards its eventual shape, and from now it's going to get faster and increasingly interesting.

Never mind if you can't commit a lot of time - it's amazing what may emerge even from a single session. Bring whatever you play, bring a pencil, bring your voice and your presence and your maddest imagination. This bandwagon is starting to move, and it's going to be enormous fun. Kilmory Hall, 25th, 9.30.

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Antiquarians hear tale of a Prince

The well-known writer, Alison Prince of Whiting Bay, told the Antiquarians of 'Old things, alive and dead', things that have made an impression in her life and are a bridge between her and the past on February 12.

She started by regaling her audience with a long story about her grandmother.

This lady was a servant to a wealthy Scottish family who had a liaison with one of her sons. The inevitable result saw the gentleman joining the army and getting posed to India. The intrepid lady followed him and presented herself to the commanding office, who commanded the young lieutenant to marry the lady at once!

Alison's mother was born in India and as a result the house was full of Indian articles and a habit of 'old things' was formed. Her grandmother was a prolific letter writer so there are records of her life. Wanting to be an artist, Alison won a scholarship to the Slade School of Art. She first came to Arran when aged eight and knew she had to come here but it took another 50 years. Working as a teacher she started writing children's stories, made a small film, sent it to the BBC, who asked for 13 more. Then Trumpton followed, together with many children's books and biographies. She now lives near ancient hut circles. The Antiquarians wish to thank Alison for sharing her reminisces with them.

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Kilmory School full

Kilmory School is full. Stuart and Mary Yates have just moved from Shiskine to Kilmory but find that the local school is at capacity and their two girls have to be driven back to Shiskine school each day. Head teacher Rona Lawson said that the school was built for 33 children and they already had 36 on the roll.

Stranded in Teneriffe

Two young men from Arran are having an extended holiday in Teneriffe.

When Gordon Mulholland and James Hamilton from the southend flew out three weeks ago they were looking forward to a two-week break but their tour company got into financial difficulties.

They have been in touch with their families and are seeking an alternative route home.

Concert cancelled

Due to industrial action by school teachers there will not be a concert on the final night of the music festival this year.

Rotten rock on the move

Contractors have been instructed to remove the seven mounds of rotten rock which have lain in front of the Blenheim Bar for five months.

This area has been the subject of a protracted neighbour dispute.

Top teeth on Arran

Chief administrative dental officer Dr David Sutherland inspected the teeth of almost all of Arran's primary and S1 pupils this week. 'By and large the teeth on this Island are extremely good,' he said.

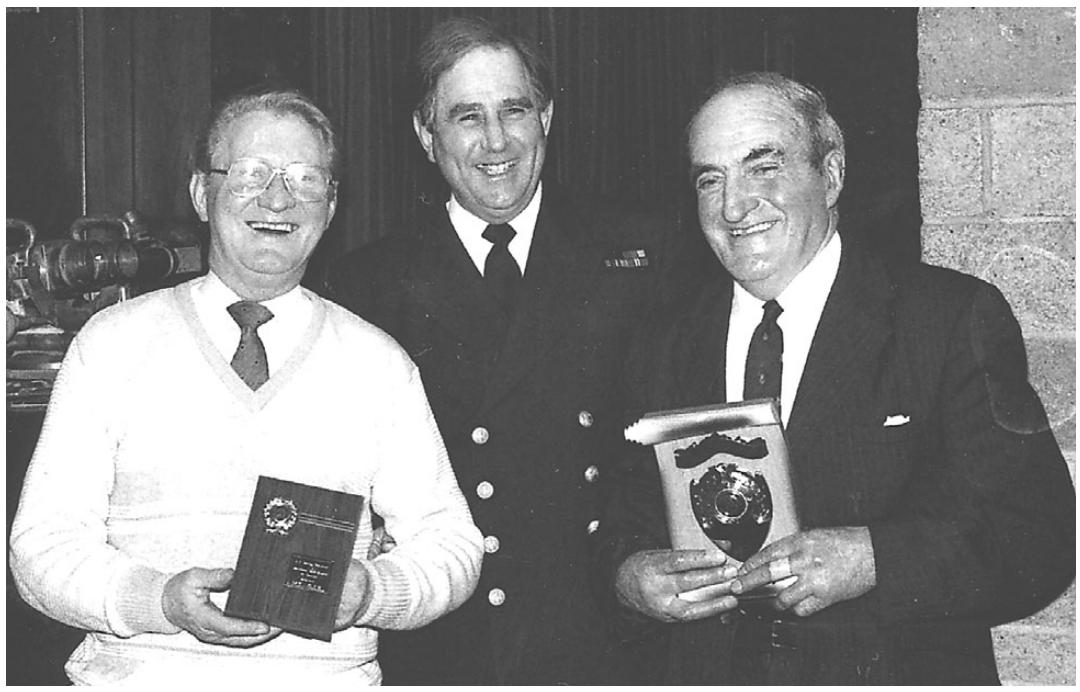
Plaque plucked from plinth

The diagramatic plaque at the summit of Goatfell has been removed and is in the custody of the ranger centre at Brodick Castle.

It is being repaired after it was damaged by someone attempting to prise it off its plinth.

New Lanark drama

Primary schoolchildren from all over the Island travelled to Lamlash on Thursday to see the New Lanark Theatre Company put on a performance about Robert Owen and the workers paradise he created at New Lanark almost 200 years ago.



David McNab, right, received a commemorative plaque from regional controller Ian Huntington after retiring as auxiliary coastguard for 35 years. Snowie Gardner, left, also received a long service plaque. b10twe2

Lamlash Club

Mrs R Middleton welcomed members of Lamlash Friday Club to the meeting on 21 February to hear Mrs Robertson of Whiting Bay give an interesting talk on her work as a chiropodist.The next meeting of the club is on 14 March.

Janny job

Applications are invited for the post of janitor at Lamlash Primary School. The current gross wage, paid weekly, is £130.59.

Rugby tour to Islay

Arran rugby club had an interesting weekend tour to Islay last week. They beat Islay 28 points to 13 at rugby and three goals to one at football. Club secretary Ian Sillars said that he was sure they would be welcomed back anytime. The Arran team was: R Crawford, R Robb, R Logan, D Stuart, S Bannatyne, J Morrison, H Lochrie, C Marriott, A Adamson, A Dobson, E MacNee, I Mulholland, J Bannatyne, I Sillars, M Boal.

Douglas Hotel set to re-open

The Douglas Hotel will be re-opening for the 1986 season on 21 March. Perisher Bar discos will be held on Fridays and Saturdays.

Mother's day

Mother's day flowers and pot plants are available from Arran Nurseries in Whiting Bay. Lunches, flowers and plants are also available at the Hot Bread Shop in Brodick.

Members of Arran Junior Mountain Rescue team had a winter exercise in the snow in Glen Sannox last Sunday. b10twe1

Proposed closure of landfill site

A letter from Campbell Laing acting on behalf of Arran Community Council to J Currie, head of cleansing for North Ayrshire Council.

It was disappointing, but not unexpected to read confirmation in the Banner of 18 February about the decision to close the present landfill site at Brodick in August 2006.

This matter raises genuine concerns about the future local disposal of non domestic waste which would appear not to fall into any of the obvious categories suitable for recycling.

For instance the present boom in the building industry on the island creates ever increasing quantities of waste in the form of spoil from excavation, building rubble and general building site waste including aggregates, timber, plastic and metals. Landscaping and grounds maintenance likewise produces similar waste and of course considerable quantities of grass, tree roots and other cuttings. Food waste from hoteliers and other catering outlets and other commercial waste all require safe disposal.

I anticipate that we will be advised that NAC has no requirement to accept such waste however I am sure you will agree that some provision will have to be made if the inevitable and unacceptable consequence of fly tipping is to be avoided.

Apart from the obvious legal aspects of this it would be completely detrimental to the landscape of the island which our many thousands of visitors find so appealing.

It is clearly not good enough to wait until the day after the gates are shut before a solution is found and it is equally clear that doing nothing is not an option. Where will the council dispose of its grass and hedge cuttings and commercial waste from its offices and repair workshops and spoil from road and other excavations?

It is likely that the costly administration and necessary infrastructure required to satisfy SEPA's standards will make the whole venture commercially unattractive to any private contractor and it is therefore inevitable that the council will, in time, have to confront the problem.

I seek your assurance that this matter will be addressed with the utmost urgency and that it will be discussed with the Community Council, the appropriate industry and building trades, haulage and skip operators and all others who will suffer the consequences of this ill considered decision.

Campbell Laing, Chairman.

Cc Mr Snodgrass Chief Executive, Mt T Orr Head of NAC Property Services, Cllr, M Currie, Community Councillors, Arran Banner.

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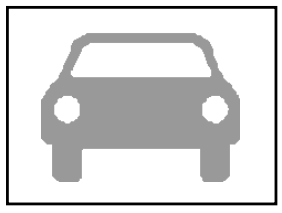

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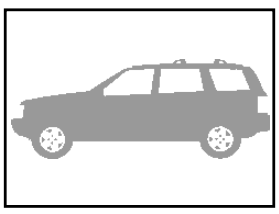

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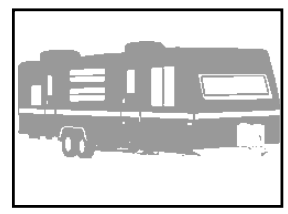

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Win tickets to the Ideal Home and Garden Show in Glasgow through *The Arran Banner*

Free tickets to the Ideal Home and Garden Show at the SECC worth a total of £120 are on offer through the *Arran Banner* in a ticket giveaway to readers.

Following a successful launch in 2005, the Ideal Home and Garden Show is back in Glasgow in Spring 2006 with a host of new features focusing on brightening up your living space.

And *The Arran Banner* has 20 tickets to give away to 10 lucky *Banner* readers.

By April, thoughts turn to making the most of the brighter weather and lighter evenings with more and more people viewing the garden as an integral part of their living space.

Expert

Reflecting this trend, the show provides everything you need to gear up for the new season.

On offer will be expert advice covering all aspects of the home and garden; stunning interior and exterior displays and a host of products for re-designing, re-planting and re-accessorising.

All this, plus a wealth of ideas and inspiration for outside and inside, makes the Ideal Home and Garden Show at the SECC, Glasgow from 5 to 9 April 2006 a must for all garden lovers.

The show's central feature will be a massive greenhouse packed full of unusual and exotic plants and fruits that will particularly delight the green-fingered.

Problem

You can also bring along your problem plants and gardening questions to a specialist horticultural clinic.

Here you will be offered expert advice on how to care for your plants from the plant doctor.

In a combination of room and garden sets, experts on interior and landscape design will show that styles and trends can be shared and reflected; blurring boundaries so that the garden area really becomes another room of the home to relax and entertain in.

Demonstration

The Home and Garden demonstration theatre, hosted by Lynn Harris, a landscape designer for BBC's Beechgrove Garden, will feature interviews and presentations from celebrities and experts.

They will be discussing everything from revitalising interiors, home entertaining and DIY to contemporary garden design and live topiary demonstrations.

A new feature for this year's show will be a market garden where visitors can buy a variety of plants, shrubs, bulbs, seeds - in fact everything you need to ensure you can have a colourful garden in summer 2006.

There will also be a host of exhibitors selling everything from wallpaper to window boxes and rugs to rosebushes in preparation for the spring and summer months ahead.

Show Manager, Fran McIntyre, comments: 'The combination of home and garden within one event responds to the rising trend for homeowners to consider the design, look and feel of their whole living space, including patios and gardens.'

Featuring everything from housewares to home improvements, fitted kitchens and furnishing to plants and garden accessories, the Ideal Home and Garden Show is the must-see Spring event in Glasgow this year for gardening lovers.

The Arran Banner has joined forces with the Ideal Home and Garden Show to offer 10 lucky readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the popular gardening show.

Enter

To enter the competition simply answer the following question:

What is the name of the Banner's Garden Notes expert?

Please send entries by Monday 20 March to:
The Arran Banner
Douglas Centre
Brodick

If you're not lucky enough to win, why not book tickets online at www.idealhomeshow.co.uk or call the Advance Ticket Hotline on: 08701 20 70 205.

Arran ceilidh dance group

The last of the regular weekly dance sessions was held last week in Corrie village hall.

There were four sets for the square dances - waltzes and two steps - all old favourites.

Present and past members were reminded of the new venture - a spring dance - to be held in Corrie hall on March 21 at 7.30pm until 11.30pm.

Music will be provided by Jan Muir and there will be a complimentary drink before the dancing begins at 8pm. Couples are requested to bring a picnic plate and refreshment. This should prove to be a happy event to finish nine successful well attended sessions.

Drop-in centre

A proposed 'drop-in' centre for Arran will be discussed at an open meeting on March 17.

The meeting will be used to discuss who would need such a centre which could be run by volunteers. The meeting will be held in St Margaret's Church, Whiting Bay, at 11am.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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11 a.m.
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 THE NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (GREYHOLME, BRODICK) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2006

THE NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL hereby give Notice that it appears to them as Planning Authority for North Ayrshire that it is expedient in the interest of maintaining the character and amenity of land lying at the subjects known as and forming Greyholme, in the village and Parish of Brodick, Isle of Arran and County of Bute to make provision for preservation of the trees specified in the Schedule hereto, which trees make an important contribution to the amenity of the area, and consequently the Council have made an Order under Sections 160, 161 and 163 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 prohibiting the cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, wilful damaging or destruction of any tree specified in the said Schedule.

Copies of the Order and the map referred to therein may be inspected by any person, free of charge at Arran Library, Shore Road, Brodick, Isle of Arran and at Legal and Protective Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine, during office hours.

Objections or representations with respect to the Order should be made in writing to The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective Services), Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE within 28 days of receipt of this notice in accordance with Regulation 7 of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 as amended, a copy of which is appended hereto.

The Order shall take effect provisionally from 10th March 2006 and shall continue in force until either the expiration of a period of six months, beginning with the date on which the Order was made, or the date on which the Order is confirmed, whichever first occurs.

Dated this Twenty-third day of February Two Thousand and Six.

Ian T Mackay, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective Services)

SCHEDULE

Mature beech tree situated on or towards that part of the plot or area of land known as Greyholme, in the village and Parish of Brodick, Isle of Arran, and County of Bute bounded on or towards the west by southwest by the public road having the classification A841 and on or towards the south by south-east by an unclassified access road.

APPENDIX

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION ORDER & TREES IN CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1975 AS AMENDED

REGULATION 7

1. Every objection or representation to the Planning Authority in respect of an Order shall be made in writing, shall state the grounds thereof and shall specify the particular trees, groups of trees, or woodland in respect of which it is made.

2. An objection or representation shall be duly made if it complies with Paragraph (1) of this Regulation and is received by the Planning Authority within 28 days from the date of service of the making of the Order, or the date of the publication of a Notice by advertisement as the case may be.

Ian Snodgrass
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949

APPLICATION FOR SLIPWAY AT PIRNMILL

Notice is hereby given that **Mr Carrick of Wallace Stone & Partners on behalf of Pirnmill Sailing & Angling Association** has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Executive, under section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949, as amended by the section 36 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988, to carry out construction of a slipway at the above location in the position:

Description: New Slipway, Wave Wall and Wave Barrier
Latitude: 55o38.57'N
Longitude: 05o22.98'W

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Pirnmill Village Store, Pirnmill, Isle of Arran, KA27 8HP.

Objections relating to safety of navigation, in respect of the application should be made to: Ports and Harbours Branch, The Scottish Executive, Transport Division 4, Area 2F North, Mailpoint 2B, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ within 28 days of the date of this notice quoting reference: **2SPC\1\3\84**

A.G.M Arran Heritage Museum
7.30pm
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Saturday, March 11 2006
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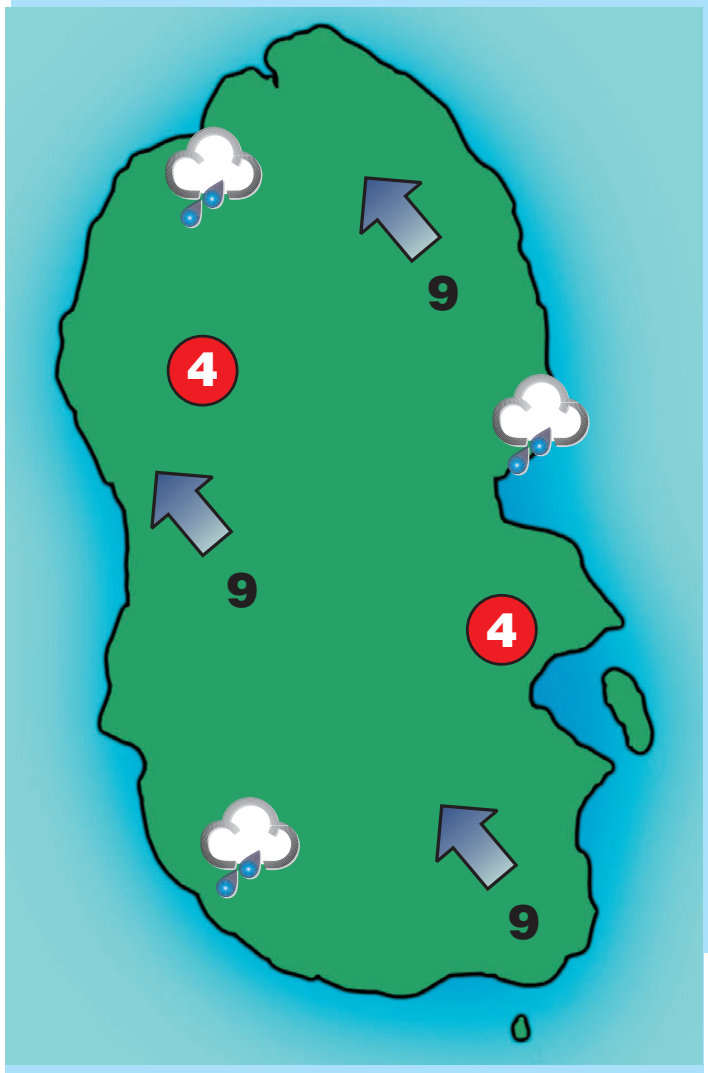
All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	03.36	0.9	10.10	2.7	16.04	0.6	23.08	2.6
Sun	04.25	0.7	10.59	2.8	16.46	0.4	23.49	2.7
Mon	05.05	0.5	11.41	2.9	17.21	0.3	**.**	*.*
Tues	00.24	2.7	05.39	0.4	12.14	3.0	17.53	0.3
Wed	00.54	2.7	06.08	0.4	12.44	3.0	18.19	0.3
Thur	01.21	2.7	06.34	0.3	13.09	3.0	18.43	0.2
Fri	01.43	2.7	07.00	0.3	13.36	3.0	19.10	0.2

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

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



Saturday

the weather

Saturday, March 11

The day will see heavy rain.

Light moderate breeze.

Temperatures between 1ºC and 7ºC.

Sunday, March 12

Rain will be lighter with some dry spells.

Light to moderate southerly winds will continue.

Temperatures around 8ºC.

Monday and Tuesday

Will be showery with longer periods
of heavier rain.

Mild temperatures 5 C and 8ºC.

Fresh to strong south winds.

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate

Tarbert/ Lochranza - Moderate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 12 March
Shiskine 11am.
Brodick 7pm.
Mr David Gregg.
All welcome.

Lamlash, Shiskine, Lochranza and Pirnmill

Sunday 12 March
Lamlash Church 11.45am; St Molios, Shiskine (All Age Service) 10.00am.
Both services by Mrs Jean Hunter.
St Brides, Lochranza 10.30am; Pirnmill Church 12 noon. Both services by Rev Kenneth Fisher.
All Welcome

Brodick and Corrie Churches

Worship will be conducted in Brodick Church on Sunday 12 March at 10.45am and in Corrie Church at noon.
All welcome. Tea and coffee will be avaliable in the hall at Brodick after the service. After the morning services the Stated Annual Meeting will be held for both churches.

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 12 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.

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

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Sunday 12 March
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Holy Cross Catholic Church

Sunday morning mass 11am.

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

Sunday 12 March: 11.00 am, Holy Communion. Canon Keith Pagan, Campbeltown. Coffee after service.
Wednesday 15 March: noon. Holy Communion.
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Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 12 March
at 11 am in the Free Church building, Brodick
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Rev Jack Paterson
'The Christian Community'
(1Pet 2:4-12)
Visitors welcome

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 12 March
Trust housing lounge, Brodick, 11am.
Evening service, 5 Glen Road, Brodick 7pm.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 15 March, 7pm.
Rev D MacLeod.
All welcome.

Arran Churches Together

Youth Connect.
Conference about youth work on the Island.
Saturday 18 March 10am - 3.30pm in Lamlash Church Hall.
Ed Feffrey - Youth for Christ,
Alec Jack - Langside Parish Church
All interested including youth welcome, bring your own lunch.

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.

The Friends of Brodick Castle

The next meeting of the Friends of Brodick Castle will be on Sunday 15 March in the castle tea room at 2.30pm when the guest speaker will be Marvin Elliot he has described his talk as 'Retrospective.'

Quite soon in the local press will be details of Easter at the Castle on Sunday 16 April.

The friends look forward to both these meetings.

Lamlash WRI

Lamlash rural intend running a bus to New Lanark on Friday 12 May leaving on the 8.20am ferry and returning on the 8.30pm ferry.

Anyone interested should contact Margaret Gray on 600904 for details.

Lochranza Guild

The next meeting of the Lochranza Guild is on Monday 13 speaker at 2pm in the village hall.

The speaker is the Rev. Angus Adamson and all are most welcome.

PERSONALS

BIRTHDAY

70 years young

10.03.36

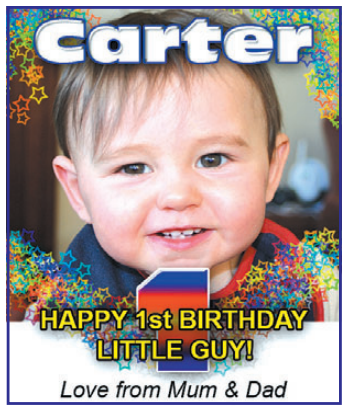
Many happy returns to both of you today
Two wee surprises born
70 years ago to the day

Happy 70th Elizabeth and Willie

Go party go!

Love from all the family here and there
X X

BIRTHDAY



Love from Mum & Dad

MARJE

Welcome to the world of SAGA

Happy birthday

Love from
Dougie, Pat and **John**

THANKYOU

THANKS

Ed and **Iris Alderson**, of Cairndhu, would like to thank their neighbours and friends for all their cards, kind wishes and support received while Iris was in hospital. Thanks, also, to the staff at Lamlash and Crosshouse hospitals for their care and attention.

BANNER PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SYLVIA LANSDALE

My grateful thanks to doctors Kerr and Gallagher, Lamlash Hospital and Cumbrae Care Home for the wonderful care given to Sylvia during her battle with Alzheimers. I cannot thank Angus Adamson enough for the beautiful and comforting service, and my grateful thanks also to Peter McArthur for all his help and funeral arrangements. Last, but not least, thanks to Marjorie, Wendy and Dave for always 'being there' – Sylvia Paul

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

Whiting Bay Golf Club - ladies section

Smiddy braye competition, Sunday 12 March, stableford, tee off noon, all welcome.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Fixtures. Sunday, March 12 - Winter Cup final round. Sunday, March 19 - friendly v Lamlash.

Brodick Golf Club

Saturday, March 4 - Hirsel Trophy (hangover trophy).

Ten gents survived Friday night's festivities to compete in the hangover cup. Between the sore heads and the cold and snow this was never going to be a high scoring event.

Result: 1 Jamie Duncan, 34pts; 2 Kerr Robertson, 33pts; Iain Sillars 31pts.

Wednesday, March 5. There were 13 players on a crisp winter day. Result: 1 C. O'Neil, 53; 2 W Kroner 57; 3 K Robertson 58.

Corrie Golf Club

February 27 Monday competition: 1 I Buchanan, 62; 2 A Henderson, 64; March 4 Stableford: 1 A. MacDonald, 40pts; J McGovern, 37pts; 3 C Pattenden, 34 (bih).

Fixtures - March 11, Winter Cup final at noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday, February 28. Winter Cup yellow tees result: 1 Drew Crawford 67; 2 Denise Sherwood 69bih; 3 Hamish Bannantyne 69.

Scratch - Hamish Bannantyne, 68. Two - H. Bannantyne, D. Crawford and D. Price.

Saturday, March 4 - Lochranza Hotel Cup result: 1 Hamish Bannantyne 37pts, 2 Elizabeth Ross 34pts(bih); 3 Mark Sherwood 34. Magic Two and scratch - H. Bannantyne, 68.

Fixtures. Tuesday Winter Cup, Tuesday, March 21 (last Lochranza Hotel Cup). Saturday, March 25 - Junior handicap over 18 holes at 10am. Names for ladies Kiscadale team to Denise please.

Lamlash Golf Club

Well done to the Lamlash team which won the winter league at Brodick.

Also thanks to other players who played for the team throughout the winter.

Fixtures: Sunday, March 12 - Final day of Winter Stableford, 9.30am and noon starts. Sunday, March 19 - Final game, winter friendly, Lamlash versus Whiting Bay at Lamlash. Meet 10.30am for 11am start.

Arran DRIVING RANGE

PARKING at Balmichael Visitor Centre

- Open 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. every day
- Bring £1 coins or buy a digicard from the Lemon Tree (Balmichael Visitor Centre) or the Book and Card Shop (Brodick)
- Seven Indoor Bays and Four Outdoor bays
- Target Greens and distance markers
- Clubs available
- All welcome

Any enquiries to **Gordon Stewart** on **860530** or **Donald Currie** on **860251**

Teens tee off county training

Malcolm Pennycott, left, and Danny Head of Whiting Bay Golf Club get into the swing of things as they prepare for their county call-ups. The boys recently attended a coaching session at Inverclyde where they met up with fellow Ayrshire squad members. Malcolm will represent Ayrshire in the under-18 age group and Danny will play for the under-16s.

Lamlash take 15th winter league title at Brodick

Lamlash Golf Club members won their 15th Arran Golfers Association Winter League in frosty conditions at Brodick on March 5.

After 20 games they finished just one point ahead of Machrie Bay after beating Brodick in their own back yard. Machrie Bay beat Corrie and Whiting Bay recorded their fourth tied match after their stalemate with Shiskine. Players praised the condition of the course.

To celebrate the association's centenary a dinner dance will be held at Kinloch Hotel on November 11. Places are limited and tickets are available from the secretary on a first come basis.

Next fixture: Junior handicap at Lamlash, May 1, from 4pm.

WIN £350 JACKPOT

THE ARRAN BANNER

Spot The BALL Competition

All you have to do

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

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact 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.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 (note not coin) per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ by **4pm** on Wednesday.

You may hand it into The Arran Banner Office in Brodick by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

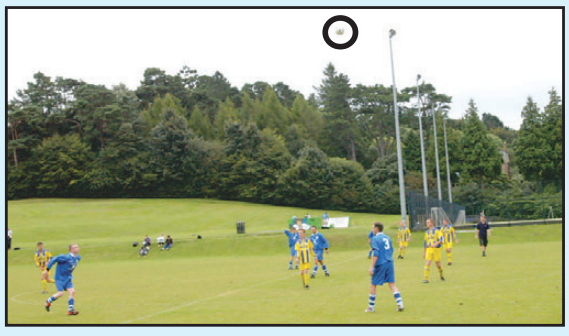
The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time.

Employees of The Oban Times Limited, their immediate relatives and any persons otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter.

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE. . .



This week's two near misses who each receive £25 are: Mr A Storey, 67 Main Street, Dunlop, Ayrshire and F Langley, Felmemris, Corrie

I enclose £1 (note) for 10 crosses (tick box) ❑ The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 10, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish.
No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules.
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Arran runners dominate

Runners, from left, Nicky Emsley, Nicole Bunyan, Michael Jenks, Cameron Paul and Christopher Jenks. b10run01

Arran cross country athletes have shown their mainland competitors how it is done after four of the five team members members won their respective leagues.

The pupils competed in four separate events over the winter, accumulating points towards a final league placing in the North Ayrshire Schools Cross Country League.

The league is organised by North Ayrshire Leisure for primary and secondary schools in the area.

Four Arran High School pupils; Michael Jenks, Nicole Bunyan, Nicky Emsley and Cameron Paul, all took home gold. A fifth team member, primary six pupil Christopher Jenks, showed what great promise he has with an excellent fifth place finish in his first season at cross country.

The athletes competed at Marress Sports Ground, Irvine; Kilbirnie Public Park, the Beach Park, Irvine and Inverclyde Sports Centre, Largs.

Michael Jenks (S1) ensured an overall win with three wins from the first three races, and went on to score victory in the final event as well.

Cameron Paul went to Largs knowing that only a win would be enough to secure joint first place in the league. He ran a controlled first two laps before going into the lead at the start of the last lap. With 200 metres to go, Cameron unleashed a final uphill sprint finish which left the opposition struggling in his wake.

Nicole Bunyan (S3) won the first two races and finished second in the third, guaranteeing at least joint first place with long time rival and friend, Sarah Munn from Irvine. Nicole has recently been competing in indoor sprint events, which gave Sarah the better endurance for the final event. Sarah's win ensured top spot was shared between the two girls.

Nicky Emsley (S3) had also won the first three races, giving him the outright league title.

Two Shiskine Primary pupils, Wallace Currie (P5) and Nikki Lennox (P6) competed in the final two league events.

The high school runners will compete again this Saturday in the Scottish Secondary School Championships at the Beach Park, Irvine, and the following weekend at the National Junior Road Race Championships in Falkirk.

The young athletes thanked coach Paul Emslie for his commitment, patience and enthusiasm in training and competitions.

Rugby under-18s show grit

There were very encouraging signs from Arran's under-18 rugby team as they showed true grit and determination to overpower Cumbernauld at Lamlash community pitch.

The feisty Cumbernauld side would have fancied their chances before this match but couldn't match the determination of the Arran youngsters who were playing only their second game this season.

Cumbernauld are third in the Glasgow and District League.

Arran rugby coach Chris Marriot said: 'The boys played quite well and considering we are not playing regularly it was a great win for us.

'I think we were just too powerful for them.'

Deadlock broken

Both teams started well and the game was very tight up until the 28th minute when Arran broke the deadlock and both teams began to score freely.

The game's first try came after good work by the forwards set up winger Martin Wood for a score.

However, Cumbernauld immediately hit back with a try from their captain, McKay.

Only five minutes later, Arran inside centre Murray Picken barged over the line despite the attention of three tacklers.

Yet again Cumbernauld replied soon after and levelled through their number eight after a breakaway.

Arran dug deep and finished the game the stronger team.

They began carrying the ball at every opportunity, wearing down an already tired Cumbernauld defence and were rewarded with a second try for Wood.

Lead increased

With Cumbernauld pushing forward to try and level the score, Arran took advantage of a gap in the defence to increase their lead through lock forward Mark Whetton, sealing a well-deserved win.

Next fixtures: Saturday, March 11 - U18s v Stewartry at Lamlash (2pm kick off); March 19 - U16s and U18s away to Ardrossan.

Mini training has restarted on Wednesday at 6pm at Brodick followed by midis and senior 7pm-8.30pm.

Footballers target tokens

Arran's football development squad is looking to island residents to help them get a new set of strips.

Arran Junior Football Club/Arran High School have registered for the Kits for Kids promotion run by the Daily Record/Sunday Mail.

Now they need to collect tokens from the newspapers in exchange for a set of strips.

Coach Ian McLaren said: 'It would be great if the Arran public could support us by collecting tokens on our behalf and hand them in to Arran High School or the Lighthouse in Pirnmill.'

❒ The two remaining Saturday morning coaching sessions of this term will take place on March 11 and 18 starting at 10am.

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Bridge results

Lamlash Bridge Club results for Monday 27 February.

N/S: 1 H Boyd and M Alexander +2790, 2 R & J McBride +1140, 3 M Cumming & E Paul

E/W: 1 E Sillars & L Primrose + 680, 2 J & J Murch ie -450, 3 P Adamson & P Sloan -510.

Brodick Bridge Club results for Thursday 2 March.

NS: 1 J. and J. Murchie +680, 2 A. Bilsland. E. Duncan+200, 3 D. Scobie. D. Bruce-160

EW: 1 J. Maclure. A. McKelvie+1310, 2 I. MacArthur. E. McKellar +660, 3 R. and J. McBride +200.

Cairnhouse Winter Points final winners, from left: senior reserve Kirsty McQueen; senior champion Hollie Adamson; junior reserve Katrina McDonald; junior champion Megan MacAlister; Most dusters award Kathleen Dawson; Most improved wobbly Beth Hamilton. For report and pictures see page 7. b10hrs1

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