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## One step closer

The path at North Glen Sannox has had nothing short of a major overhaul, bringing Arran one step closer to being a Mecca for walkers.

In the last few years the numbers of walkers and runners using the path has gradually declined because it had become so bog-like.

But now, as part of its on-going programme of path upgrades, Arran Access Trust has just unveiled this upgraded path at Boguillie Plantation, North Glen Sannox.

One of the trust's directors, Dick Sim said: 'This is just one of many ongoing improvements that all of us at the trust hope will help Arran to become a Mecca for walkers.'

### Nine paths

This latest upgrade formed part of the 'phase three' project. This initially envisaged improvements to nine paths around the island but due to savings made earlier in the project a further four paths will benefit from work.

Contractor Murray Boal spent the last six weeks upgrading the one-and-a-half kilometre path through this area of wooded glen which in places had knee deep 'peat traps'.

All materials used by Murray on the project were found on site, helping with recycling and minimising disruption.

His first step was to dig up the peat and put it to one side, he then dug up the shingle like bottoming stone and the hole was filled with the peat and boulders. He finished off the path by placing the shingle on top. This was then rolled over with a mini roller - giving a level dry surface and a

path that the access trust believes will be enjoyed all year round. No materials had to be taken up to Glen Sannox.

Malcolm Whitmore access project officer said: 'The path forms an approach to the northern hills including Caisteal Abhail and the Witches Step but it also makes a great short walk alongside some beautiful waterfalls.'

### Wonderful views

'Before the work the route was a misery but now you can enjoy the wonderful views without fear of disappearing in a peat bog.'

Dick said: 'This is a very attractive part of Arran and the series of waterfalls and pools that run down from the main burn are particularly attractive.'

'Before, it was real effort wading through the mud but this has been addressed.'

'I believe that there are small branch-off areas where walkers can enjoy the waterfalls.'

'The island has an excellent network of paths and this gives walkers a chance to head up into the Caisteals.'

This is in keeping with the many other projects by the trust which aims to try and incorporate paths with other routes giving more possibilities for walks.

The project has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Scottish Natural Heritage, Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, North Ayrshire Council and Forestry Commission Scotland.

The other paths that will benefit from the saved money are at Newton Shore, between Sannox beach and North Glen Sannox picnic site (Blue Rock), and at The



Arran Access Trust director Kerr Robertson with access project officer Malcolm Whitmore and contractor Murray Boal. They are standing on the upgraded path at Boguillie Plantation, North Glen Sannox. b12pth1

Saddle, between Glen Rosa and Glen Sannox.

The trust has been around for four years and aims to make as much of Arran's land accessible

for walkers, picnickers and just anyone who enjoys outdoor pursuits. The trust has just produced a leaflet for 2006 showing all the various routes it has upgraded and

is working on. The costal way leaflet showing other walking routes is also available. Both can be obtained from the tourist office in Brodick.



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## Crosshouse car park expanded

Parking spaces at Crosshouse Hospital have been increased this month.

This first phase in the development has created 260 new spaces to the east side of the campus.

Currently the construction of a new controlled disabled car park outside the Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Departments is taking place to the south side of the site.

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Dave Lang and Zoe Clelland with some of the participants in the Wildlife Tourism training course. b12snh01

## Arran best place for wildlife

Arran is one of the best places to see eagles, basking sharks, red squirrels, hen harriers and the unique whitebeam according to a new leaflet published by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

The leaflet, published last Thursday, explains where to see the island's spectacular wildlife.

In conjunction with the leaflet, SNH and the Royal Society for

the Protection of Birds (RSPB) have run a wildlife training course for tourism businesses.

A number of shop owners, bed and breakfast and guesthouse owners attended the courses on March 16 and 17.

Dave Lang of SNH said: 'This is the third year doing this course on the island and the idea is to promote wildlife tourism.'

'Arran has an amazing wildlife resource and already has people coming here for that reason.'

'We are trying to promote it with the people on the front line, like the bed and breakfast owners.'

'If they are clued up on where people can see things they can pass on that knowledge to their customers.'

Zoe Clelland of RSPB said: 'This is an exciting time for Ar-

ran, which is fast becoming a wildlife destination.'

From May 27 until 31 Scottish Natural Heritage, RSPB Scotland, the National Trust for Scotland, Forestry Commission Scotland, the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group and Destination Arran will be hosting the Arran Wildlife Festival, with a programme of wildlife events and activities.

'It will kick off with the launch of the hen harrier viewing centre at Kilmory Public Hall, where visitors will be able to see live footage of nesting hen harriers. Other attractions include an award winning wildlife film show, boat trips, guided walks and wildlife safaris.'

The new leaflet will be distributed to all island businesses and the Tourist Information Centre.

## Police Files

### Wall damaged

The police are appealing for information/witnesses after a wall was damaged at Manse Road in Lochranza.

The incident occurred on Tuesday between 11am and 1pm, and is believed to have involved a blue flat-bed type of lorry.

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## Brodick path work under way

Last Friday work began on a new footpath along a stretch of Brodick's seafront.

Covering an area of roughly 300 metres it will extend from The Book and Card Centre to the slipway opposite Bilslands. The new walkway will incorporate an area for cyclists.

Richard Wright head of roads on Arran for North Ayrshire Council told *The Banner*: 'The path will be three metres wide with one metre being devoted to cyclists.'

'It is hoped to have this section painted to indicate this.'

Councillor Currie along with officials from NAC persuaded the company HiTrans to provide £45,000 toward funding for the project.

Community Councillor Harry Davidson said: 'It was good news to hear that construction was going ahead - the council reacted quickly.'

'This was to be the second phase in the project, with the first phase being a walkway along Brodick seafront from the putting green to the pier.'

'This part is now on hold and we will have to start all over again trying to get funding for this.'

'This stretch will go thorough flowerbeds but these will be replaced and new ones created.'

'Children from Brodick Primary School will be involved with this initiative when construction takes place.'

Community Councillor Alison Prince said: 'Arran really deserve this after all the disruptions at Brodick with the Scottish Water sewage project.'

'Hopefully it will get completed and all funding problems will be resolved.'

'It will be a great new amenity for Brodick.'

The roads around Arran are also in-line for an overhaul. The spring project of resurfacing on the A841 is set to commence at the end of April.

The technique of spraying and chipping will be used on various stretches.

Richard explained: 'This gives added weather proofing to the surface and will seal the road.'

## Brass band wins mainland competition

Arran Schools Brass Band has returned from a mainland competition as winners.

The elementary class took first place and the intermediate class second in the Ayrshire Music Festival held last Monday in Ayr town hall. Instrumental teacher and musical director for the band Craig Masterton said: 'It wasn't

an easy competition with some very hard mainland acts to compete against. The children all did really well - especially the younger ones.'

The band is raising funds for a trip to Lake Garda in Italy next year. Their next fundraiser is a coffee morning in Brodick Hall on Saturday 8 April, 10am-12.30pm.

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# Learning to make their gardens grow

The children of Brodick Nursery have just benefitted from a generous donation of gardening equipment.

Brodick Nursery Gardens have given the children gardening gloves, mini watering cans, trowels, fertilisers, potatoes to plant and tubs.

Council worker Stevie Bunyan has prepared an outdoor bed for the youngsters to plant their potatoes.

Nursery manager Vicki Yuill said: 'The children are all looking forward to planting their potatoes.'

'They are looking for a quick result and we have opted for po-

tatoes as they will be ready in nine week's time.'

Four-year-old Ross Dobson said he is looking forward to making soup with the potatoes while four-year-old Johnnie Soutter is looking forward to taking them home to his mum and dad.

Vicki continued: 'When I initially went into the nursery gardens to purchase the equipment, Jackie Morrison said she would just give it us for free, it really was unexpected.'

'As we are a voluntary group with limited funding from the council everything helps - we are delighted.'

Jackie and Colin Morrison, owners of Brodick Nursery Gardens were only too pleased to help the group.

Jackie said: 'The children were here a couple of weeks ago planting potatoes and we all had a lot of fun and a good laugh.'

'I was impressed with the children who all understood that certain foods come from the ground.'

'We always try our very best to help local groups and it's good that the nursery will be able to use the money they had set aside for the gardening equipment and use it for other projects.'

This current project finds all nursery children, Kirstie Kerr, Robbie Milton, Amber MacPherson, Naomi Proven, Johnnie Soutter, Darren Hewie, Ross Dobson, Cameron MacKay, Courtney Drummond, Alice Kinniburgh, Hannah McCartney, Rachel McGovern, Dylan Smith, Elyse Aitken, Dan McAleer, Duncan Coyne and Amy Cameron involved in this outdoor initiative.

Vicky continued: 'This is part of a theme the children are following called growing.'

Ann McKay said: 'It gets the children closer to nature and makes them aware of environmental issues.'

Rosemary McLoone said: 'This project lets the children see the whole process of how potatoes are grown.'

By the middle of May the children will be back in their garden digging up their potatoes and putting them to a variety of different uses.

Vicky concluded: 'We would like to thank Jackie and Colin of Brodick Nursery Gardens for their generous donation and support.'



Hannah McCartney, Kirstie Kerr, Cameron Mackay, Naomi Proven, Amber MacPherson sample their new gardening tools donated by Brodick Nursery Gardens.  
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# Ladies get the feel good factor from art



Tutor Dorothy Smith with Jessie Ferguson, Reita Murray and Nan Wilson.

Their creations hang on the wall behind. b12pic2

Local artist Dorothy Smith has just completed a six-week art group session with some of the residents of Montrose House.

May Dunn, Jessie Ferguson, Reita Murray and Nan Wilson now all have their own paintings, which they created from photographs.

Reita, who has been attending the classes for the last four years said: 'The painting sessions have been very therapeutic and relaxing - it has left us all with a feel good factor.'

'It's just such a shame that it is all over again - we really look forward to them.'

The budding artists worked with oils on canvas board and were treated like professional artists by

tutor Dorothy who is also commissioned by customers to paint scenes of Arran.

Dorothy has been involved with these sessions for several years and her emphasis is very much on producing a professional environment for the residents to work in.

She said: 'The session lasted for an hour-and-a-half over six weeks and the ladies used easels and high quality art materials to make their creations.'

Jessie created a painting of a cat which she has called 'Ginger'. Reita's painting is of the Machrie Burn while Nan has produced a painting of an iris. May's painting is of a winter landscape.

Dorothy's husband John framed the finished pictures for the ladies

something they are grateful for as they feel it gives their creations an added edge. In true art gallery style the ladies had a cheese and wine party after their works were finished.

Dorothy said: 'I will be taking a break for a while now but I am definitely considering doing it again. I take a lot of enjoyment from working with the ladies - I couldn't cope if I didn't.'

Reita said: 'The painting sessions make me feel like a real person and not just someone in a home.'

The ladies are naturally very proud of their achievements. Reita's family have already spoken for her creation. The other ladies intend to display their work in their rooms at Montrose House.

# Arran artist goes national

Local artist Chris Mills has had his works published in a national arts magazine.

The January edition of *Imagine FX* features four of his fantasy paintings, *Smaug comes to the Lonely Mountain*, *A King passed by*, *Owls*, and *Bridge of Dreams*.

His Smaug painting, which took six months to complete, was shown at the seventh annual winter exhibition of contemporary art at Brodick Castle in November 2005 and was pictured in *The Banner* at the time.

## Influences

The influences of J R R Tolkien can clearly be seen in this painting.

'I got hooked on fantasy art after reading Lord of the Rings when I was 14-years-old,' he said.

Chris works at the castle as a cashier and administrator for eight months of the year which gives him time to concentrate on painting in the winter.

## Watercolour

He told *The Banner* that he creates the original fantasy images in his home at High Glencloy on a three dimensional computer artwork programme and then uses these to make a painstakingly detailed watercolour.

Chris has already sold some of



Owls by Chris Mills. This featured in the January edition of a national arts magazine. b11owl1

his paintings and has more on the go.

'It's a hobby really, but if I could make a living out of it I would,' he said.

## The Rowan Singers concert

It was a wild and windy crossing to Ardrosson on Monday 13 March.

The roads were clear for the Rowan Singers coach to take the choir to Glasgow, but the surrounding fields were covered in surprisingly deep snow. On arrival it transpired that people had been snowbound in Glasgow over the previous night and the pavements were still difficult to negotiate. Road conditions prevented two choirs from reaching Glasgow and the conductor of a third had to retire as a result of a fall on the ice. The

group were congratulated on having managed the journey from Arran. The evening was arranged as a concert involving several categories of choirs, although it was competitive. This year the Rowan Singers were pleased to listen to three youth choirs as well as church choirs, male voice choirs, barber shop groups and ladies' choirs. One of the latter won the overall prize and there was a high standard throughout. The Rowan Singers won the mixed voice section. As with the group's two previous visits, the choir found the experience enjoyable, interesting and educational.

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# Obituary

## Harry Smith, 1916-2006



Harry Smith, 1916-2006

Harry Smith was a breed of man, the likes of whom we may never see again.

A man whilst in his nineties was still remembering those who were his comrades in the Second World War, during a period which, like so many others, they had a great slice of their youth carved out for them.

It was a period of his life he could never forget, remembering the good with the bad, the dangerous times with the funny moments but most of all the comradeship which is always a part of men and women facing a known and common enemy together.

Harry was proud to be able to pass on his first-hand accounts of the fighting at Dunkirk and his experiences on the PS Waverly in the English Channel, which he described in an article in *The Arran Banner* only a few months ago. Harry received special medals for these campaigns and others in Burma where he was a small arms instructor with the West African

Frontier Force instructing troops preparing to fight the Japanese.

Harry was born in Warrington, but after leaving the army he spent 36 happy years in Lamlash where anyone seeing Harry's garden would know his previous background as a landscape gardener had been put to good use.

Both Harry and his wife Helen were great supporters of the Arran Branch, Royal British Legion Scotland and enjoyed the company of ex-Servicemen, women and their partners.

At the social meetings Harry, with a twinkle in his eye, always had a story to tell. Harry died in Arran War Memorial Hospital, Lamlash on Wednesday 15 March a place he had visited every November, proudly wearing his poppy and his medals, to remember those of his age and generation who never came home to carry on their lives after the wars.

Harry will be sadly missed by all those who had the privilege to call him a comrade and colleague.

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### Shiskine Playgroup

The committee members would like to thank all those that came to their whist drive in the Kinloch Hotel last Thursday when £230 was raised for the playgroup's fund. A big thank you to everyone who donated a raffle prize. First gent, Colin Bannatyne; second Ben Gruber. First lady, Margaret Bannatyne; second Jennifer Gilroy. Booby prize, ladies joint Sheila Gilmore, Maureen MacDonald. Gent, Rona Hunter. The group said it was a great evening and hope to repeat it next year.

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## Island accountant brings Peak Performance

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Operating under the name of Peak Performance, Mark intends to visit people in their own homes or at their workplace and provide a complete package including marketing, internet websites and business support.

Mark moved to Arran from County Durham in December to join his wife Nina who took up the position of manager at the Citizens Advice Bureau, Park Terrace, Lamlash in September.

Formerly a commercial manager with Siemens, he is relishing the challenge of working independently. 'I am more than confident that it will work,' he said. 'I'm keen that customers should understand what I have



Mark Yerrell.b12mar1

done for them or their business.'

Mark's hobbies are photography and music and he will be working from his new home at Bourtree Bank.

### United Auctions livestock sales

United Auctions, Stirling, had forward 1586 store cattle and 46 cast cows and 835 store hoggs and ewes with lambs at foot on Wednesday 15 March.

Island stock featured strongly on the sales list with Charolais cross bullocks from Braehead selling to £645 while Suffolk cross hoggs from Clachaig sold to £53.

**Cattle**  
Charolais cross bullocks £645 (130p/kg) Braehead, Friesian bullocks £430 (90p/kg) Tighenfraeoch, Limousin cross bullocks £545 (99p/kg) Tighenfraeoch,

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Suffolk cross hoggs £53 Clachaig, Texel cross hoggs £50 Bellevue, £42 Bellevue, £40 Balegra, Mule hoggs £40.50 Bellevue, £42.50 Balgowan, Texel cast ewes £52 Bellevue.

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# High School news

## Pedometer Panic!

Pupils may have noticed some of their teachers bounding around classrooms during lessons.

Contrary to popular belief, these members of staff have not lost their minds but are instead attempting to increase the step count on their new toy: the magnificent pedometer.

These gadgets have been introduced by Ann Hart, Active Schools Co-ordinator as part of a healthy staff initiative.

A reward chart featuring shiny stars monitors pedometer performance and takes pride of place in the staffroom.

However, some members of staff have encountered problems with their new gadgets. Two members of staff, who wish to remain anonymous, have misplaced their pedometers down toilets whilst others have conveniently 'lost' theirs.

After some ominous escapades, most staff members have completed their three day trial stint to achieve their baseline, which is their average daily amount of steps. The idea is to build on your baseline improving your step count weekly.

However, fierce competition among staff has led to some less than honourable behaviour. We have been asked to emphasise that those shaking pedometers to

up the step count are cheating and will be caught out.

With staff now desperate to add more stars to their name on the chart, occasional laps around the classroom can make all the difference and it has been noted that some staff are seeing corridor duty in a whole new light!

**Sarah Weir, S6**

## Young Scot Challenge to Cal Mac

Recently the Arran High *Young Scot* Representative 'posse' have been very busy undertaking various *Young Scot* related activities.

*Young Scot* is a national youth information service, which works in conjunction with the Scottish Youth Parliament and local youth councils to help improve services for young people in Scotland. They do much of this through the 'Young Scot Card' scheme, which offers hundreds of discounts across Europe for cardholders.

*Young Scot* are incredibly careful in their selection process for representatives, with only the most attractive, trendy and downright cool young folk being chosen.

We would like to take this opportunity to point out that Liam Turbett and Calum Johnston are two of the *Young Scot* representatives on Arran.

Locally, representatives have been campaigning for a *Young Scot* discount on Caledonian MacBrayne ferries. They have already collected over 100 signatures in support of their cause, and written letters to the relevant ministers at the Scottish Parliament.

They have contacted other representatives for island schools, and have already gained the support of other organisations, including the Highland Youth Council.

Representative Calum Johnston said: 'It's smashin' to see so many young people getting be-

hind a cause.'

The Arran *Young Scot* Team, would also like to announce the sad departure of Chris Green from their ranks, who will be sorely missed.

On a brighter note, we can announce the arrival of new *Young Scot* representative, Alistair Milesi, who won the approval of Ms. Wright to earn his place on the *Young Scot* Team.

We wish ourselves and the rest of the *Young Scot* Team success in their campaign for a discount on *Cal Mac* ferries.

**Liam Turbett and Calum Johnston, S4**

## Prince Publications

Last month children's novelist, Alison Prince visited Arran High School to discuss the art of writing with one lucky first year English class.

1C1 was delighted to participate in a workshop which lasted a generous 90 minutes.

The workshop included the study of writer's techniques such as brainstorming.

The pupils were then challenged to write a short story inspired by a log which appeared to show the head of a dog.

In addition to this, Alison Prince was lovely enough to donate several of her published works to the school library where the pupils can see her skills put to use!

This workshop effectively coincided with the class syllabus and has even inspired some of the pupils to continue writing out with the class.

They are now producing some sparkling essays, and 1C1 and their teacher, our very own Miss Gibson cannot thank Alison enough for kindly donating her time and sharing her expertise, thank you!

**Emily Ross, S6**

## Arran Aqua Land is the best new attraction

Last Wednesday third year pupils from Arran High School took part in a 'Springboard Skills Challenge' run by Destination Arran.

The remit set for the children was to produce a model of a new tourist attraction for Arran. This was set by Destination Arran chairman, Alastair Dobson.

Held in Brambles at the Auchrannie the session lasted four hours with six groups of 10 pupils creating, and then working to, a business plan. From this they created a model and at the end they held a presentation to the other groups using Powerpoint.

Jenny Pattenden and Margaret Wright of Arran High School took the children along to the event.

The students were guided through their tasks by six mentors who work in the business industry on Arran. Jenni Turnbull,



The winning S3 students with their certificates. b12skl2

Gina Thorburn, Graham Chappell, Archie Cumming,

Daryl Urquhart-Dixon and Steve McNeaney all provided support for the students.

Jenni said: 'The kids really seemed to enjoy themselves, as mentors we all had a great time too. It was a revelation how quickly the kids got into the project. They were all very enthusiastic and a nice bunch to work with.'

The students had a break for

lunch at the Spa and then headed back to Brambles to be judged on their efforts. The winning team had created a tourist attraction for Arran. They gave it the name 'Arran Aqua Park' and the model showed an area of land which housed a swimming pool, chalets, aquarium, kids play area and wild life room. The students said they had a good day and are looking forward to further challenges.

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Mentor Graham Chappell talks with one of the groups. b12skl1

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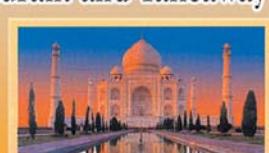


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# Bird Notes

## March Arrivals by Jim Cassels

In the Bird Notes for February, I mentioned that there were signs that spring is on the way.

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



Sand Martin.<sup>b12nat1</sup>

This month, March, is the month that our bird summer visitors begin to return. The ones expected this month include Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Wheatear, Common Sandpiper, Sand Martin, House Martin, and Swallow.

From the records kept on the arrival of these migrants, they seem to be arriving earlier and 2005 saw some of the earliest ar-

rivals for a number of species since records began. The cold northerly winds at the start of March may delay arrivals this year. Please let me know when you first notice any of the bird summer visitors on the island.

Three of the birds listed above belong to the same family, Sand Martin, House Martin, and Swallow. The family is called 'hirundines'. As you know these are all highly aerial birds, feeding almost entirely by catching flying insects while on the wing.



House Martin.<sup>b12nat3</sup>

Some of the key features for telling them apart are shown in the illustrations.

The Sand Martin is about 12 centimetres long with brown upper wings, a brown breast band

and white chin. The House Martin is about the same length, with blue-black back, white throat and under parts, and the distinctive white rump.

The Swallow is larger about 18 centimeters with very dark blue upper parts, whitish under parts, and deep rust red chin.



Swallow.<sup>b12nat2</sup>

Although one swallow does not make a summer, it is always good to see the first one and to be reminded of summer days ahead.

Remember to send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or telephone 01770 860316 and leave a message, or e mail me at [james.cassels@virgin.net](mailto:james.cassels@virgin.net). I look forward to hearing from you. Enjoy your birding.

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## Celtic Carnyx blown at concert

The final concert in the Arran Music Society season last Saturday night was both musically moving and historically fascinating.

The focus of the evening was the Carnyx, an instrument blown like a trumpet, which was central to Celtic culture as far back as the third century BC.

John Kenny, the featured artist, was part of the team that reconstructed this ancient instrument in the 1990's and is the only living performer on this astonishing instrument. Made of bronze and six feet long, it is designed to be played held upright, so that the mouth of this instrument is 12 feet above the ground - and mouth is the right word. The bronze tube culminates in a splendid portrayal of a boar's head, complete with pink tongue which waved as the instrument 'spoke'.

As we have no way of knowing what was played on the Carnyx, John Kenny played modern pieces composed especially for it, including two of his own, the very moving *Cry of the Wolf* and an awe-inspiring extract from the warlike *Voice of the Carnyx*.

To put the instrument in context, John Kenny also demonstrated and explained the history of instruments played in a similar way, from the conch shell, via the didgeridoo and South American gourds, to the trombone.



The Carnyx, an instrument blown like a trumpet.

The music created by John Kenny transported the audience to the Isle of Inchcolm via plain-song played on the trombone, and to Polynesia, Australia and the kingdom of the Incas through the sounds of the conch, the didgeridoo and the gourds. All three, he explained, were 'found' instruments, and all as a by-product of the search for food.

The Polynesians ate the flesh of the conch, the Aborigines the termites which burrowed through the straight ironwood sticks, and the Incas the flesh of the gourds, and all cultures then experimented with the sounds produced through these naturally made am-

plifiers.

In demonstrating the sounds the native players made through their instruments, John Kenny showed that many of the more unusual sounds musicians are asked to make with their instruments by modern composers are not so new after all.

This concert closed the excellent and varied programme of the Arran Music Society for this season. Few city dwellers would have had the opportunity to hear such a varied series of concerts in just five months, and for a rural audience the range and quality of the performances is exceptional indeed. Sam Boorer

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Saturday 25 MAR, 2006

Separate from the fuss about identity cards, those of more advanced years have this week received their 'national entitlement cards'. Billed as the card which gives free bus travel throughout Scotland, it takes over from the North Ayrshire travel pass. Yet it will cover much more, and become almost equivalent to, an identity card.

But it's the free bus travel that matters. There was disquiet about its use on the ferry, all resolved now that returns can be requested and are even valid for a month. But in my experience not that many people use it for much more than the ferry and for the reduced rail ticket. Certainly the train is more convenient than the bus if coming off the ferry. But the bus is worth the effort.

There are good services and, generally, buses are much cleaner than the train. It is difficult to generalise, but one's fellow travellers are often more respectable than on the train where you can encounter some rather unsavoury types. Recently, on the train from Ardrossan, I sat down and the seat was wet. I hoped it was water, or Irn Bru, but the smell suggested something else.

Of course nothing beats the car, but when the alternative becomes free, you think twice. Then you find the advantages of public transport, like no parking problems, and its sociability. In the city you don't even have to know if the bus is going the right way because, being free, you can jump off when it turns off your route. A classic case of wastage when there is no cost at the point of purchase. But then that's what happens with subsidies. And bus travel is very pleasant.

Everybody claims to hate meetings but in fact most really like them. Once I called, unannounced, on a lady in the education offices. The phone rang and she said into the receiver, 'I'm sorry, I'm in a meeting' Gosh, I thought, I am that meeting. Perhaps it made her feel important. It has now been found out, however, that the only people who really do not like meetings are task-minded individuals who want to get the job done. On the other hand most people love them because they are a bit of a skive and allow them to play office politics, the only weapon an 'ambitious yet talentless worker has at his or her disposal'.

The CV, or curriculum vitae, is part of applying for most jobs. Young people may even get practice compiling these at school. It wasn't always so, although job applicants knew that they would have to give an account of their previous activities at any interview.

Now every young person uses the term. One common phrase is 'it'll look good on my CV'. To whom, one has to ask? How carefully are these actually read? Many are too long and, anyway, most employers will look only for key points. Like how long they were in the last job, or why there is a gap in the work pattern?

Something exciting might well provide a talking point at an interview if noticed on the CV. But if it's worth doing it is worth doing for its own sake, not how it will look on a CV.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Come to Me and listen to My words; hear me and you will have life.

Isaiah 55:3

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**Butterfly farm**

Sir,

I was intrigued by the story of the Edinburgh family who wish to start up a butterfly farm on Arran, edition 1532. I was even more surprised that they wish to site it on the former sand plant in Brodick.

I work for Scotland's only indoor and biggest rainforest, *Amazonia*, and I am one of the two animal curators there.

It is a unique place as it houses reptiles, rare birds, insects, monkeys, amphibians, spiders and fish, and fruit bats.

We are deeply involved in research and partaking in groundbreaking environmental work.

Far too many people who have a huge and deep passion for animals and the welfare of them have very little experience with such animals and lack an overall knowledge of the current laws to operate such establishments.

At present the Animal Welfare Bill is going through, and with the Zoo Licence Act being amended, this makes the keeping of animal based establishments much tougher. Many people forget that to operate a zoo, park or animal attraction, they must comply with the current animal legislation. Staff must be experienced and qualified and overall must comply with all parts of animal law.

It is good to see that people have enthusiasm for their environment and the living planet however, there are those who have good intentions and mean well but lack the overall skill base and knowledge. I do hope that this family from Edinburgh understand the hard work that is involved.

In 1989 I tried to start up my very own wildlife park in Brodick but I was knocked back on the funding. I left Arran 15 years ago to follow my dream to become one of the UK's best big cat and exotic animal keepers.

I am glad to say that I have surpassed that and I am now an animal curator and have published scientific papers and articles and books. The great thing about what I do and what other animal keepers do, is that we are always learning.

I hope that sometime in the future Arran will have an animal attraction it can be proud of. It may just be that the family from

Edinburgh will open such a place as a butterfly farm, and that they comply with all the laws and welfare issues.

It might even be that one of Arran's very own high school students might have such a vision of an animal attraction, just like I had.

Exotic animal husbandry and management may sound easy but ask any Arran farmer or any bird keeper or pet owner, and they will all say it is hard with little pay but highly rewarding.

For those who have an interest in animal care and husbandry, there are many places to obtain the correct and necessary training such as the Scottish Agricultural College, having certificates is a good thing but having the experience or both is better.

I am always available to help those who have a genuine interest or for those who just wish to chat about our fellow creatures, please feel free to contact me any time at *Amazonia*.

Yours,  
Paul Paterson,  
Animal Curator, *Amazonia*,  
Strathclyde Country Park,  
Motherwell

**Difference**

Sir,  
Doesn't one little comma make a difference? I'm sure most people realise that the amount of money donated from 'The Life of Jesus Christ' was £1,200 not £12,000!

May I take this opportunity to thank all the recipients who gave us such interesting information about their projects. Their input confirmed us in the rightness of our selection.

Hopefully the Torch Players will be able to help others in the future.

Thank-you also to *The Banner* for continued publicity. In the meantime, the Torch Players will be holding a play-reading on Wednesday 5 April at 7.30 p.m. in Lamlash Church hall (not a religious play this time). Everyone will be most welcome - no need to be a member. Come along and read or just listen.

Regular readings, workshops, etc. will be held in the future.

Yours,  
Mairi S Christie  
Glenoran,  
Lamlash

**Plant sale**

Sir,

On Tuesday 21 May we will be having our annual plant sale in Kilmory Hall. I am appealing to all plant enthusiasts for help.

We sell a large variety of plants including vegetables, fruits, herbs, flowers, shrubs and houseplants.

If you donate any of these (no matter how small) we would be grateful. If you would like any more details please give me a phone on 870318

Yours,  
Yvonne Phillips,  
Torlinn Terrace,  
Kilmory

**Musical memories**

Sir,

I read with interest Alastair Mutch's letter in *The Banner* edition 1533.

Slade made several appearances on Arran. BBC Scotland made a half-hour documentary in the late 60's/early 70's about all the young people who had gone to Arran in those days for the music. There was no commentary and early Slade music was played as the soundtrack with scenes of them performing in the halls.

One holiday weekend in Lamlash hall there was a triple bill with Slade, Thin Lizzy and Nazareth all performing. Other artists that I have seen throughout the years on Arran were, the Kinks, Troggs, Yardbirds (featuring Eric Clapton), Cliff Bennett and the Rebel Rousers (who had Chas n' Dave in the band), Tony Rivers and the Castaways, Crispian St Peters (one hit wonder), Rory Gallagher's band Taste, Unit 4 plus 2, Alex Harvey's original band before SAHB, Them (with Van Morrison), Marsha Hunt (of Hair and one Mick Jagger's many ex-girlfriends), the Swinging Blue Jeans and others I can't remember.

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their gear piled high in the middle of the boat with a tarpaulin over it.

There was no fancy accommodation for them in those days. A lady in Benlister Road, Lamlash used to give them bed and breakfast in there house. Is she still alive? She could tell us who she put up? Perhaps some of the locals can enlighten us?

I heard last year that the promoters of T in the Park had originally earmarked Arran to host the music festival. But due to logistical problems (and no doubt problems with the council) they opted to have the first one at Strathclyde Park. What a boost that would have given the island if that had happened.

Occasionally we still get the occasional good music gig on Arran. The highlight of last year for me was seeing up and coming Scottish band Spyre and veteran rockers Flanagan's Allstars performing September weekend in the PHT in Lamlash.

On a footnote I remember Alastair Bilsland and his brother used to run dances/concerts in the halls and brought many bands to the island. Perhaps he could contribute to the nostalgia?

Yours,  
John, 45 Mackinlay Place  
Kilmarnock

**Unsigned letters**

Sir,  
You published an anonymous letter, critical of the Arran Civic Trust, in *The Arran Banner* of last Saturday's date, 18 March.

This seems to mark a departure from *The Arran Banner*'s traditional policy of not publishing anonymous letters, a departure which we deplore.

Yours,  
Ann Banks, High Glencloy,  
Brodick.

*Editors note:* The letter 'Kit houses' in *The Arran Banner* of March 18 was not submitted 'anonimously'. However, the contributor requested that their identity be withheld and, in this instance, we acted in accordance with company policy.

**Correction**

A letter in last week's *Banner* titled 'Memories wanted' had the wrong contact details. It should have read: [contactus@corrie.nayrshire.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@corrie.nayrshire.sch.uk).

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# The Scottish Jazz All Stars in Concert

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Returning with their fresh green shoots of musicality will be trumpeter Lennie Herd, Ronnie Rae on bass, Dave Batchelor on trombone and John Rae on drums. Brian Kellock has been enticed back this year with the promise of a piano to play on, not the haun' knitted harpsichord inflicted on him last year - though remembering the melliflous tones he provided last easter just think what he'll be able to do with a real piano!

On vocals, with the tunes bursting forth through the timbre of her voice with the resilience of the crocus buried a long frosty winter under a ton of aggregate, the inimitable Fionna Duncan.

On clarinet, long time resident of Switzerland Forrie Cairns who has heard the air's getting fresher here in Scotland due to the imminent smoking ban. Either that or, Goatfell not being an alp, you dont have to climb so high to roll your easter egg. Whatever the reason, rumour has it, that he's decided now's the time to ditch the neutrality, skelp those pesky Von Trapp kids round the lugs with a big bar of Toblerone and move home to Scotland for good.

So, what a line up. To make sure you'll be joining them this easter weekend get your tickets now. Tickets priced £14 (£12 concession) are available from The Book and Card Centre, The Tourist Office and Whiting Bay Post Office. Or you can book in advance online at: [www.scottishjazzallstars.com](http://www.scottishjazzallstars.com) or e-mail [scottishjazz@aol.com](mailto:scottishjazz@aol.com). Be quick and dont miss out.

## Lifetime achievement award



Iain Johnston, owner of the Auchrannie Country House Hotel receives a painting from local artist Bob Lees for his lifetime achievement to the Arran community in providing

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# Scottish literature on Arran



Students from the department of Scottish Literature, University of Glasgow with Dr Ken Simpson on the right. b12uni

An international mix of Scottish Literature students from the University of Glasgow were on Arran earlier in the month for a packed weekend of reading and relaxing.

Thirty-four honours and post graduate students chose Arran to give readings and presentations, as they found it an informal setting for the weekend. Some of the students hail from as far a field as South Africa, Luxembourg, United States and Norway.

Dr Ken Simpson who accompanied the group and created their packed itinerary said: 'The weekend went tremendously well and many students have expressed interest in making this an annual event.'

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Over the years the group continued to grow in size.

Ken said: '20 volunteers from the group opted to give presentations to their fellow students which really is a good number.'

### Varied

The presentations were varied and included cultural commentary, a look at Scottish heritage and studies of various artists. All were presented in the students own inimitable way.

The group watched the Scottish film Gregory's Girl directed by Bill Forsyth.

Based at the Kinloch Hotel in Blackwaterfoot the students also found time for cycling, horse riding at the Cairnhouse Stables and visiting various standing stones sites around the island.

Many students were feeling the effects of their bike ride the next morning.

On Sunday the group had a bus

tour of the north side of the island. 'As always, bus driver Ian Hendry provided excellent commentary,' said Ken.

The idea of travelling across the water and getting on the ferry seems to have been another selling point in their wishing to return to Arran.

Ken continued: 'Getting across

the water gives a feeling of distance and to go round the west side of the island with views of Kintyre really makes it seem like another place entirely.'

### Lasting

The students were back in Glasgow by Saturday evening and all had taken away an enjoyable and lasting impression of Arran.



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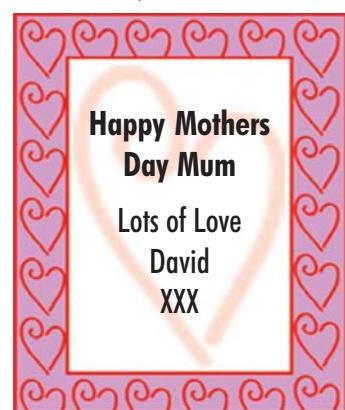
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## WHY DIFFERENT DAYS?

Mothers day is on different days each year, it's not a fixed day because it is always the middle Sunday in Lent (which lasts from Ash Wednesday to the day before Easter Sunday).

## THE HISTORY

Mothering Sunday was also known as 'Refreshment Sunday' or 'Mid-Lent Sunday'. It was often called Refreshment Sunday because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed, in honour of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, a story from Christian Bible.

No one is absolutely certain exactly how the idea of Mothering Sunday began, but we know that on this day, about four hundred years ago, people who lived in little villages made a point of going to their nearest big church rather than their local church. To what was called the 'Mother Church'. Some would go to the nearest city to worship in the cathedral. People who visited their mother church would say they had gone "a mothering."

For a long time, it has also been a day for giving thanks for all the things our mothers do for us. Years ago, it was common practice for servants and other people working away from home to visit their parents and give their mothers a present of money, a trinket or something

home baked. The most popular thing to bake was - as it still is in some families - the 'Simnel Cake'.

People began honouring both their mothers and the church.

*"I'll to thee a Simnel bring  
Against thou go'st a mothering,  
So that, when she blesseth thee,  
Half that blessing thou'l give to me."*

Robert Herrick 1648

The fourth Sunday in Lent is still known as Simnel Sunday in some areas of England, because of the tradition of baking Simnel cakes.

## SIMNEL CAKE

The Simnel cake is a fruit cake. A flat layer of marzipan (sugar almond paste) is placed on top of the cake and decorated with 11 marzipan balls representing the 12 apostles minus Judas, who betrayed Christ.

The word simnel probably derived from the latin word 'simila', meaning fine, wheaten flour from which the cakes were made.

A Simnel cake is still made in many parts of England today, although it is now more commonly made for and eaten on Easter Day.

## CELEBRATED

Mothering Sunday is a time when children pay respect to their Mothers. Children often give their Mothers a gift and a card.

If the children go to church on Mothers Day, the church give the children in the congregation a little bunch of spring flowers during the Mothering Sunday service, to give to their Mothers as a thank you for all their care and love throughout the year.

## CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

Many children used to help collect bunches of wild flowers

for the Mothering Sunday church service. During the service they would go up to the altar and collect a bunch of flowers for their mum.

## MOTHER'S DAY

In recent times Mothering Sunday, in Britain has taken on the name and character of the American Mother's Day. The original meaning of Mothering Sunday in England has been largely lost. Mother's Day in America is a fixed date and does not change from year to year like Mothering Sunday does in England.



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## CARDS

Add a beautiful rose, or her favourite flower to your card for the mother who likes flowers and their fragrance.

## FLOWERS

A beautiful bouquet, or basket of flowers will brighten up your Mum's day and make an ideal gift.

## PLANTS

If your Mum likes gardening then buy her a pot plant or plants or a shrub for the garden, which will make another great gift idea.

## RECIPE BOOK

A recipe book is a good gift for Mothers Day, especially if you cook her something from it on Mothering Sunday.

## PERFUMES & TOILETRIES

Perfumes and toiletries are an ideal pressie for Mums of all ages. Why not give her her favourite bath oil to soak and relax in.

## SWEETS AND CAKE

All Mums love chocolate, so why not spoil her with some nice chocolates, sweeties or cake to eat while she sits with her feet up watching her favourite video.

## ACCESSORIES

A wide range of things come under accessories, for example, a scarf, a brooch, a pair of gloves or nice warm hat. May be even a nice new pair of slippers to keep her feet warm on those cold Arran evenings.

## GIFT VOUCHERS

Gift vouchers and coupons are a good gift idea. You could pamper her with some movie tickets or tickets to see a show, or some beautician therapies, which of course all Mums love.

## THE PERSONAL TOUCH

For the younger ones who want to do something special for their Mums, why not get her a bunch of daffodils and arrange them in a vase with some pebbles or shells from the beach scattered around the base and leave them on the dining table for her to get up to with a little hand made card left by the side of her bed.



## RECIPE FOR SIMNEL CAKE

This cake has now become an Easter Cake but originally it was given by servant girls to their Mothers when they went home on Mothering Sunday

## INGREDIENTS

- Cake  
225 grams of softened butter (8oz)  
225 grams light muscovado sugar (8oz)  
4 eggs  
225 grams self raising flour (8oz)  
225 grams sultanas (8oz)  
110 grams currants  
110 grams glace quatered (4oz)  
50 grams chopped candied peel (2oz)

Zest of 2 lemons  
2 teaspoons mixed spice

- Filling & Topping  
450 grams almond paste (1lb)  
2 teaspoons apricot jam  
1 egg beaten to glaze

## • Method

Pre-heat oven to 150 degrees C, 300 degrees F Gas No. 2 Butter & line the base and sides of a 20cm (8inch deep) round cake tin with buttered greaseproof paper.

Place all the cake ingredients in a large bowl and beat well until completely blended. Place half the mixture in the prepared tin and level the surface. Take one third of the almond paste and roll it out into a circle the size of the tin. Place it on top of the cake mixture. Spoon the remaining cake mixture over and smooth the surface.

Bake for about 2 1/2 hours until well risen and firm to the touch. Cover with foil after 1 hour if the top is browning too quickly. Allow the cake to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool completely.

When the cake has cooled, brush the top with a little warmed apricot jam and roll out half the remaining almond paste to fit the top. Press firmly on the top and crimp the edges to decorate. Mark a criss cross pattern on the almond paste with a sharp knife. Form the remaining almond paste into

balls to represent the 11 apostles. Brush the almond paste with beaten egg and arrange the balls around the outside. Brush the top of the balls with egg as well. Place the cake under a hot grill to turn the almond paste golden. You can decorate with crystallised flowers such as violets or primroses.



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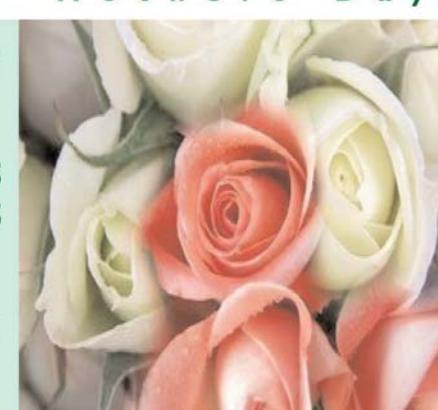
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# What's On . . . What's On . . . What's On . . .

### SATURDAY 25th March

Gymnastics, Auchrannie Games Hall 5yrs plus, 10am  
Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am-noon  
Football coaching, Ormidale park, boys & girls 5-15, 10-11.30am  
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  
Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-6pm  
Over 21's Disco, Ormidale 9pm  
Corrie Auction, Corrie Hall, Viewing 11am, auction starts noon  
Disco Dave, Camerona Hotel, 9.30pm

### SUNDAY 26th March

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

### MONDAY 27th 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  
St Brides Ladies meeting, Brodick Church Hall 7.30pm  
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm  
Quiz, Camerona 9.30pm  
Weightwise, Hospital bungalow 6.30-7pm  
Indoor Cricket Auchrannie Games Hall 7-9pm  
Yoga, Kildonan Hotel, 10.30am

### TUESDAY 28th 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  
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  
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 - noon  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous 'drop-in' Hospital Bungalow 6.30pm - 8pm  
Destination Arran AGM, Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 11am  
Poultry & Pigeon Club, AGM, Ormidale 7.30pm

### WEDNESDAY 29th 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 & Genealogy, 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  
Jnr Rugby Training, S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm  
Lochranza & Pirmill Toddlers. Lochranza Hall, 10am - 11.30am

### THURSDAY 30th 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  
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  
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  
Bowling & Tennis Club, AGM Tennis pavilion, Lamlash 7.30pm  
Arran Garden Club, ranger centre, 7.30pm

### FRIDAY 31st March

Shiskine Toddlers, Shiskine Hall, 10am-noon  
Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.00pm  
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  
ARC Mixed Doubles Darts, Drift Inn, 7.30pm

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## Arran Words and Music workshop

The workshop tomorrow morning at Kilmory Hall (Saturday, 25 March), will be looking at three poems written by Arran authors and developing these into performance pieces.

Writers and musicians are both vitally needed, as the day will produce the first actual chunks of the complete work to be staged in July. Both newcomers and old

hands are extremely welcome - there's no charge, and all you need is a pen or pencil, plus whatever you play if you are a musician.

The session starts at 9.30, with a coffee-break at about 11.00, and we finish at 1.30 after a performance of the three pieces that will have been made.

For any further information, please call 700 574.

### Dance exercise

Please note classes held in Whiting Bay hall have now finished for the season.

### Writers group

The Arran Writers Group will not be meeting until after Easter. Watch for an announcement of the date.

### Brodick poultry and pigeon club

AGM will be held in the Ormidale Hotel, Wednesday 29 March at 7.30pm

## Corrie & Sannox Harbour Trust

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### Festival singers blown out

High winds prevented pupils from Brodick, Lamlash and Shiskine primary schools taking part in the music festival.

The bus journey to Whiting Bay Hall was considered too dangerous so adjudicator and stewards decided that Kilmory and Whiting Bay children who were present should perform their pieces anyway.

Lamlash children were ferried to Whiting Bay later in the afternoon by parents' cars.

Telephone permission had to be obtained from each parent for their offspring to travel in a private car.

### Chimney sweep fire

Brodick firefighters were called to a chimney fire at the house of a local chimney sweep last week.

### Playful dolphin

Local fish farmer Howard Walker had a pleasant surprise last Sunday.

While doing his regular rounds of Lamlash Bay he was accompanied by three divers who were hitching a lift.

They were joined by a playful bottle-nosed dolphin, approximately eight feet long and a rare sight in these waters. The dolphin swam alongside the boat, dived under it, and leapt out of the water. Howard said he last saw one two years ago but has never before had such close contact.

### Storm damage

Gale force winds on Wednesday and Thursday left a trail of damage across the Island.

Greenhouses were flattened, roof tiles ripped off, a bread van blown over and numerous trees uprooted. Several schools lost roof tiles and the Ross Road was blocked at Glenree by a fallen tree.

### Jazz band ball

The popular George Penman Jazzmen return to the Ferry Boat Lounge at the Douglas Hotel for a one-off concert and jazz band ball this weekend.

### Lamlash Laughabout

There will be a meeting in The Moorings, Lamlash, on Monday 24 March to discuss the resurrection of Lamlash Laughabout Week. This event ran successfully for a couple of years then fell by the wayside.

The Laughabout Week needs the support of all Lamlash residents, not just the same old few.

### Cladach Coach House opens

The Coach House and Arran Craft Centre re-opens at Cladach this Sunday with a full range of ladies and gents clothing, pictures, sculptures, pottery and porcelain.



David Hedley and Mhairi MacLeod proudly display the trophy for best Acted Nursery Poem won by Whiting Bay Primary at the music festival. b12twe1

## Whiting Bay Thursday Club

A group of 36 people were present at the Eden Lodge Hotel on Thursday 16 March for the AGM of the Whiting Bay Thursday Club.

As usual the proceedings started with a leisurely three-course lunch, which was enjoyed by all. The club wishes to thank the staff of the Eden Lodge for the excellent meal and for their warm welcome.

The meeting confirmed Sheila Goldsborough as president, and welcomed Sheila Nicol as vice-president - a post that had been vacant for a year; Jean Johnson, having served her three year term as treasurer and not wishing to be re-elected, was happy to propose

that Hugh Thomson should fill that role; Jim Arnold was confirmed as secretary, and a new position of assistant secretary was filled by Isobel Thomson; Janet Hammersley (hospitality), Den Goldsborough and Heather White (to be co-opted on as when necessary) completed the committee list.

The president thanked her committee for their help over the last year. She gave special mention of Jean Johnson, the out-going treasurer, who has worked so hard for the club over the last years and been associated with it for the last forty years.

Flowers were presented to Jean and to Alice Railley, who has rep-

resented the club on the Whiting Bay hall Committee. Thanks were also given to all who had attended.

The next event is the off-island trip, which this year is scheduled to go to Glasgow Cathedral, the People's Palace and Cardwell Bay Garden Centre, Gourock, on Thursday 18 May. The list of names has been started, and any one else wishing to join should contact Isobel Thomson on 700346 or add their name to the list in the Bay News, Whiting Bay. A warm welcome to join is extended to friends of the club, to any keen gardeners, and to those who might just like a day out to visit these lovely venues.



Corrie Primary pupils with the Arran Music Festival Association Shield for junior choric speaking. b12twe2

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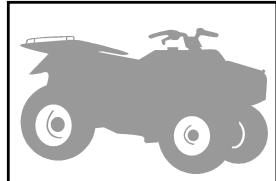
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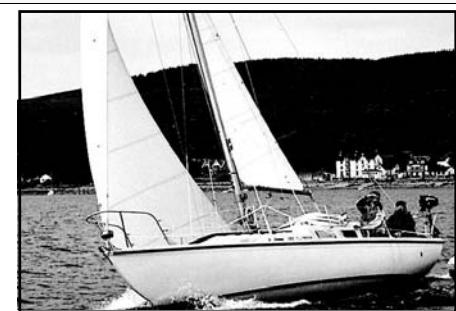
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## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 1992

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

Application No: N/06/00153/PP Address: Arran War Memorial Hospital, Hospital Road Lamlash Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8LF Proposed Development: Erection of modular building to provide office and clinic accommodation

Application No: N/06/00125/PP Address: Site To West And North Of Fasgadh Lamlash Brodick Isle Of Arran Proposed Development: Erection of 3 no detached dwelling houses, formation of associated roadways and car parking

## NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 LICENSING OF SKIN PIERCING AND TATTOOING

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Nathaniel Alexander Chief Legal Officer (Licensing & District Court)

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Chief Executive  
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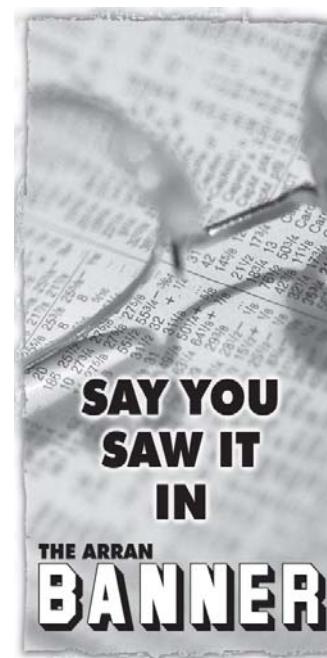
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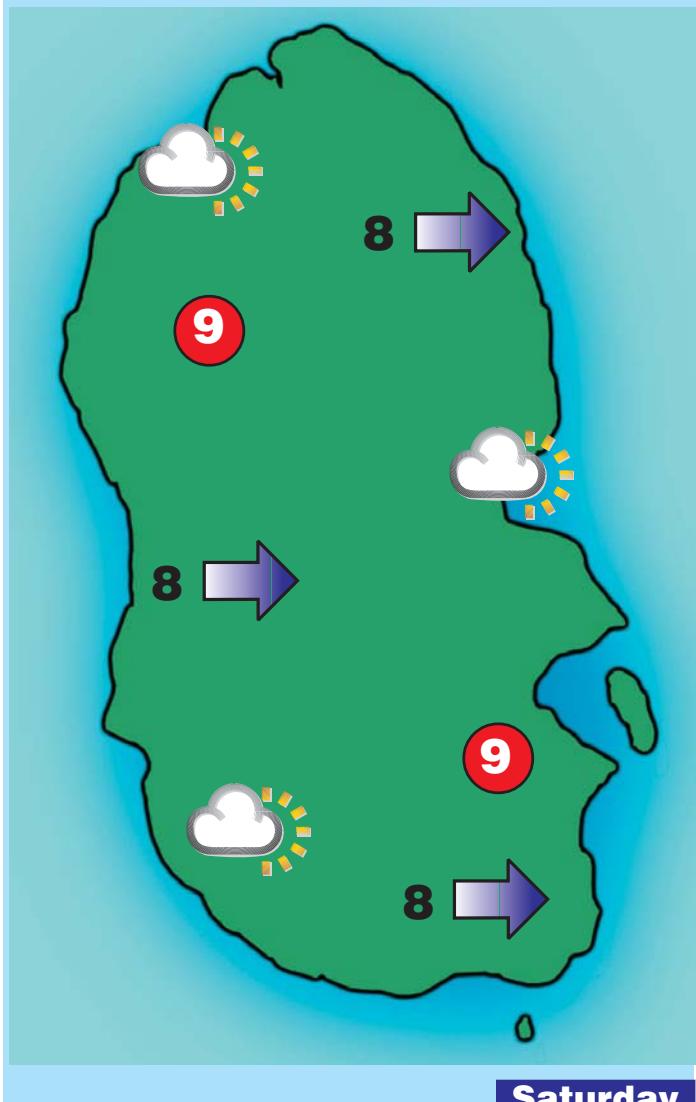
## Tides

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

Date	am	pm
Sat	01.07	1.0 08.10 2.3 14.22 0.6 20.59 2.4
Sun	02.40	0.9 09.38 2.6 15.29 0.3 22.16 2.6
Mon	03.45	0.6 10.35 2.9 16.19 0.0 23.11 2.8
Tues	04.36	0.3 11.25 3.1 17.05 -0.2 23.58 2.9
Wed	05.19	0.2 12.11 3.3 17.48 -0.3 **.** *.*
Thur	00.39	3.0 06.02 0.0 12.52 3.4 18.27 -0.3
Fri	01.15	3.1 06.41 0.0 13.31 3.5 19.06 -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, March 25

Dry with some sunny spells. Light nw winds. 9°C.

### Sunday, March 26

Cloudy with rain at times.

Temperatures around 9°C.

### Monday and Tuesday

Cloudy with outbreaks of rain, heavy at times.

Temperatures near normal at around 10°C

### Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate

Tarbert/ Lochranza - Moderate

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHURCH NEWS

### Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 26 March

Shiskine 11am.

Brodick 7pm.

Reverend David Karoon.

All welcome.

### Lamlash, Shiskine, Lochranza and Pirnmill

Sunday 26 March

Lamlash Church 11.45am, St Molio's,

Shiskine 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 26

March at 10.45am and in Corrie Church at noon.

All welcome. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall at Brodick after the service. The Sacrament of Baptism will be held in Brodick Church during morning service.

### Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 26 March

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson and the Rev Ian Hook, at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service.

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### Holy Cross Catholic Church

Sunday morning mass 11am.

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

Sunday 26 March  
(Mothering Sunday): 11.00 am, Holy Communion.  
Mr J Roberts. Coffee after service. Wednesday 29 March:

Noon Holy Communion.

### Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 26 March

at 11 a.m.

in the Free Church building,  
Brodick  
(beside the Post Office)

Tom Hutchison  
'Suffering as a Christian'  
1 Peter ch 3: 13-22 & ch 4:  
12-19. Everyone welcome

### Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 26 March

Trust housing lounge,  
Brodick, 11am.

Evening service, 5 Glen Road,  
Brodick 7pm.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 29 March, 7pm. Rev D MacLeod.  
All welcome.



Above: Nicol 'Skelf' Hume arrives at Brodick Golf Club with best man Len Hartley. Nicol is a member of Arran Mountain Rescue Team and arrived in style in the MRT vehicle. The team organised this as a wee surprise as Nicol is one of the longest serving team members. b12skf1

Right: Married on the first tee at Brodick Golf Club last Saturday were Nicol 'Skelf' Hume of Brodick to Fiona Morris of Glasgow. The couple are on honeymoon in Ireland Photo courtesy of Arran Photoco



# PERSONALS

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### FLEMING AND KNIGHT

Donna, Davy and family would like to thank the medical staff at Lamlash and Irvine Central hospital, ambulance and Sea King crew for their prompt and caring attention on the delivery of our son, Stuart Derek Edward Knight, on March 8, 2006, who sadly didn't make it. We would like to thank Co-operative Funeral Directors, Irvine, relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, floral tributes and outstanding help and support during our sad time.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### HELEN SMITH, LAMLASH

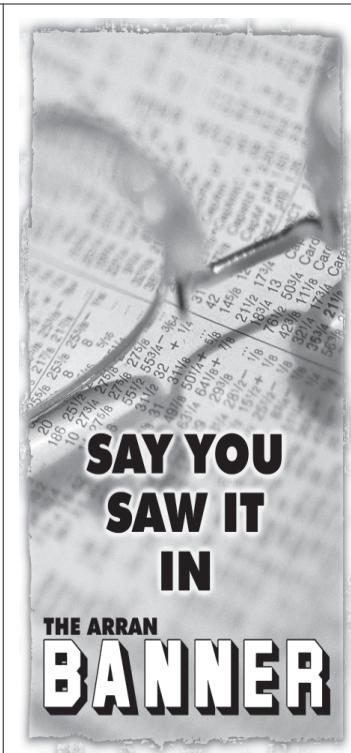
My grateful thanks to all the wonderful care given to Harry by the medical and nursing staff in Lamlash over many years; to Mrs Hunter for her comforting service; to Peter McArthur for the funeral arrangements; to the British Legion for their support; to my neighbours and family, who have helped so much, and to all those friends who attended the service, sent cards and donated to ARCAS.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### DONALDSON

Heather would like to thank Dr Victor; all staff at the War Memorial Hospital, Lamlash; and Crosshouse Hospital for care and attention. Also friends for cards and flowers, much appreciated.

**BANNER**  
PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

## Brodick Golf Club

Sunday 19 March saw the final round of this years Clochendichter, well done to Greg and his Knowe Team winning for second year in a row.

Street were a close second, with Village third and Alma fourth.

## Lamlash Golf Club - Ladies Section

March Medal played Wednesday 8 March.

1. E. Sinclair 77 - 13 = 64, 2.

K. McAdam 90 - 23 = 67.

## Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 19 March. The final friendly of the season against Lamlash was played in the usual good natured manner, with Lamlash winning by three games to two on the day, and lifting the overall trophy.

Thanks to all who took part over the winter and congratulations to the Lamlash players for their victory. Next Sunday sees the Hunter

Buidael when the Young Guns defend the trophy they snatched from their seniors, (and some would say betters) last time out.

The grand divide for teams will be made at 11.00.

## Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 14 March

First, Drew Crawford 64, second David Price 66, third Brian Sherwood 68. Scratch Hamish Bannatyne 71, twos Hamish Bannatyne and David Price

### Fixtures

Saturday 25 March, 10am start. Tuesday 28 March, final winter cup, noon start

Tuesday 4 April, Arran foursomes 12.30pm and 5.30pm start

## Shiskine Golf Club

### Ladies results

12 hole medal, Thursday 16 March: 1 E Ross 56-9=47, 2 L Kerr 58-8=50, 3 P Adamson 59-8=51, scratch E Ross 56

### Fixtures

**Ladies:** Saturday 25 March, Drumadoon tray at Shiskine.

Thursday 6 April, 18 hole medal

Thursday 13 April 12 hole medal

**Gents:** Sunday 26 March 18



For the second year running Brodick Golf Club Knowe Team, has won the Clochendichter trophy held here by Greg McCrae. b12g1f1

hole medal.

Sunday 2 April 12 hole medal.

Sunday 9 April 18 hole medal

Wednesday 12 April Daniel Ferguson trophy.

## Lamlash Golf Club

Lamlash v Whiting Bay game, 20 played, css 65

1 Sweep, 1 I Bremner 68-8=62, 2 W Kroner 79-15=64, 3 J McGovern 72-7=65

Best scratch, I Bremner 68.

Magic twos: Neil Young (2) -

13th and 15th, A Pattison (1) - 16th, A Smith (1) - 14th, D Robertson (1) - 14th

Overall most twos trophy - shared - Keith Kelsall (2), Euan Ingram (2), Neil Young (2). Result of match Lamlash 3, Whiting Bay 2. Overall result Lamlash 12 1/2, Whiting Bay 8 1/2

Winner of old croner trophy, Wolfi Kroner (57+64) = 121, runner up Ian Bremner (64+62) = 126

Sunday 26 March, winter cup, final game. 9.30am and noon

starts.

## Corrie Golf Club

Final round, winter cup played Saturday 18 March

1 John McConnachie 76-14=62bih, 2 Ewan McKinnon 66-4=62bih, 3 C Pattenden 74-12=62

Winner winter cup (best 5 rounds) S Beardsley. Runner up A MacDonald. **Fixtures:** Saturday 25 March, Stableford at noon. Monday 27 March, Monday cup, noon, tee off.



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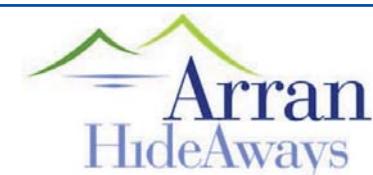
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## Ingram's singles success

Following the end of the Arran Pool League it was the turn of the singles players to challenge for individual honours.

Euan Ingram of the Bar Eden lifted the Arran Singles pool trophy at the PHT, Lamlash last Saturday 19 March.

The pool singles and doubles competition has run throughout the winter on Sunday evenings.

The large entry has been gradually whittled down to the last four.

Uniquely, the four singles semi-finalists were also involved in the semi-finals of the doubles.

Long time pool partners Eddie

Picken and Denis Smith once again won the doubles trophy.

### Results

#### Singles

John Ferguson 3, Eddie Picken 1;  
 Alan Picken 1, Euan Ingram 3;  
 Final: Euan Ingram 4, John Ferguson 1.

#### Doubles

Jamie McPherson & Euan Ingram 2, John Ferguson & Craig Galloway 3.

Eddie Picken & Denis Smith 3, Murray & Alan Picken 1;

Final: John Ferguson & Craig Galloway 2, Eddie Picken & Denis Smith 4.



The winning PHT pool team at the Cameronia Hotel in Whiting Bay Ian Connery holds the Whit-lash annual challenge Cup. b12pol1



Denis Smith, Euan Ingram and Eddie Picken, winners in this years Arran pool tournament. b12pol2

## Lamlash Bridge Club

Scores for Monday 13 March  
 N/S: 1 J & J Murchie +1090, 2 E Sillars & L Primrose -100, 3 M Cumming & J McArthur -190  
 E/W: 1 J MacLure & A McKelvie +1210, 2 P Adamson & P Sloan +40, 3 E McKellar & I McArthur -310.

## Shiskine Bridge Club

Results for Friday 10 March  
 N/S: Iutz & Elsie +440, H Boyd & C McAlister +270, C & M Bannatyne -1200  
 E/W: E Sillars & M McGill +1980, F Crawford & D Henderson + 1000, E Alexander & S McIntyre +770.

## Brodick Bridge Club

Scores for Sunday 16 March  
 NS: 1 D Scobie, D Bruce+890, 2 A Bilsland, E Duncan+630, 3 I MacArthur, E McKeller-560  
 EW:1 H Boyd, L Paul +690, 2 M Cummings, J McGill+200, 3 M. Alexander, M McGill-630.

## Arran bowls sessions coming to an end

The winter sessions of indoor bowling at the Auchrannie are almost at a close after a very successful six month run.

Taking place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons, upwards of 16 bowlers from across the island have taken part regularly. However the Saturday sessions have not been so well attended and those in-

volved have expressed the feeling that it would have been nice to have seen more players taking part in that slot. The Auchrannie Spa Resort kindly donated a trophy for the competition for most points gained during the winter.

The bowler who fits this bill will receive this trophy at the usual game on Tuesday 28 March. Thursday 30 March will be the

last game of the season. Bowlers are advised that they will have to make their own arrangements after this.

When the outdoor greens close at the end of the summer season those involved hope, with the Auchrannie Spa resort's approval, to continue the winter session with support from island bowlers.

## School football team on form

Arran High school's S1/S2 football team won their third consecutive game with a 4-1 victory over St Andrews at Fortress Lamlash last week.

Cheered on by an unexpectedly large crowd, Arran got off to the perfect start when Gary Clugston put them ahead after only 5 minutes. Archie McNicol made it 2-0 when a speculative cross deceived the opposition's keeper and drifted into the back of the net. McNicol then made it 3-0

shortly after the start of the second half but St Andrews pulled one goal back almost immediately.

For the next 20 minutes Arran were under intense pressure but solid defending by the back four and one top class save by Sam Tattersfield in goal kept St Andrews at bay.

The game was finally settled

when Grant Adamson slid in Arran's fourth goal. The team record for the season stands at played four, won three, drawn one.

