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Tibetan exile urges islanders to turn out for Brodick vigil

An exiled Tibetan woman living on Arran this week urged islanders to help her highlight the 'brutal suppression' of her native country by China as unrest there continues.

Passla Gautier and her husband Philippe want people to join them in a peaceful candlelit vigil from 3pm on Sunday, March 30 at the Brodick slipway opposite Bilslands.

During the current unrest people have died and monks have taken to the streets to protest. Thousands have been rounded up by the Chinese authorities.

The couple live with their two children in Hillview Place, Brodick, and their home is bedecked with Tibetan wallhangings, a Tibetan flag and a large portrait of the Dalai Lama.

Passla escaped from Tibet 17 years ago, came to live in London and gained political asylum.

She told the Banner: 'Thousands of innocent people in Tibet have been rounded up and arrested by the Chinese authorities. All my people want is to be recognised as an autonomous region within China but they are being brutally suppressed.'

'It's time for the world to wake up and do something about it. We want the British government to sit up and take notice.'

The 2008 Olympic Games start on August 8 in Beijing and Passla said that there are already peace vigils by Tibetan students in the Chinese capital to draw attention to the oppression in their country. She said international journalists were being filmed by secret police and moved on and that China has already faced calls for a boycott of the Games. Olympic chief Jacques Rogge is said to be very concerned about the situation in Tibet.

The Gautiers came to Arran in 2004 and since



Passla and Philippe Gautier in their Brodick home with children Yeshe and Tenzin. b12tib02

then Philippe has been working as a chef in Brodick Bar. He previously owned his own restaurant in Brighton.

The couple met six years ago at an annual Tibetan cultural picnic in London and have been together since. They have two children, four-year-old Tenzin and Yeshe, aged two. Passla said: 'We may be in exile but we try to keep our culture alive while joining in with community life on Arran.'

Last November the family returned to Tibet for a holiday. Philippe said: 'We flew to Beijing and after getting travel permits took a 48-hour train journey to Passla's home town of Lhasa. Her father, two sisters and brother still live there.'

Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, has seen some of the worst violence.

Passla added: 'It was the first time I had seen my family in 17 years. The violence is now only

five minutes away from my parents' house. The Chinese authorities blame the unrest on Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, who heads the Tibetan government in exile from India. Tibet was invaded by the Chinese in 1959 and many of my countrymen fled to live in exile.'

'My mother and younger sister are stuck in Nepal after they went there on a pilgrimage in January. They can't get back to Lhasa. We try not to phone home because telephone calls are recorded by the Chinese security forces.'

Passla asked her family about repercussions to them if she held a vigil and they told her to go ahead. 'We feel that it is a golden opportunity to make people in Scotland aware of what is going on,' she said.

'I hope the Arran people will turn out next Sunday to support us in our struggle for freedom.'

Summer ferry timetable starts

The summer ferry timetable comes into effect this weekend.

From today (Friday March 21) the summer sailings from Lochranza to Claonaig will re-commence with nine return crossings per day starting at 8.15am from Lochranza.

Changes to the Ardrossan to Brodick run are less pronounced because the island enjoyed an enhanced service throughout the year for the first time this winter.

Most prominent is the re-introduction of the late sailings on Friday with departures from Ardrossan at 8.30pm arriving in Brodick at 9.25pm and a 9.40pm sailing from Brodick back to Ardrossan. There is no train connection from Ardrossan harbour for this last crossing.

For the summer sailings a five-day return passenger ticket increases in price from £7.25 to £8.95 and a return car ticket goes from £44.50 to £54. A return car ticket on the Lochranza to Claonaig run increases

Memorial day for HMS Dasher

This year's HMS Dasher memorial day will take place on Thursday March 27.

The day commemorates one of the British navy's biggest and most tragic incidents in home waters, when the Dasher sank between Arran and the mainland on March 27, 1943, with the loss of 450 lives.

The truth about her sinking has never been revealed but a campaign has grown in recent years to try to establish the truth. One conviction is that a plane crashed on to the ship causing a fireball in the hold.

The commemoration day starts with survivors, relatives of those who died and others embarking on the 9.45am ferry service from Ardrossan on *Caldenian Isles* which detours slightly from her route in order that wreaths may be cast at the spot where Dasher sank. A service is also held on the ferry.

This will be followed by a short service at the Dasher memorial in the entrance lobby of the CalMac pier office at Brodick.



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Police files

Car theft in Whiting Bay

An unlocked car was stolen from south Kiscadale in Whiting Bay between 9am and 3pm last Saturday March 15.

The vehicle was later found damaged and abandoned on the forestry road from Dyemill. Police are appealing for any information.

Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'With the extra numbers of people coming to the island this weekend we advise that residents should be extra vigilant about security and make sure their households and vehicles are safely locked. In the event of the theft of an unlocked vehicle it is quite likely that insurers would not pay out.'

Anti-violence campaign

Local police will be implementing a national anti-violence campaign for the next two weeks.

Sergeant MacKay said: 'The campaign is called Breaking the Circle of Violence. We will be paying particular attention to any group disorder, but this campaign also targets violence in the workplace and the home.'

Extra police on duty

Four extra police officers will be on duty on the Island over the Easter weekend. They be here from Friday to Tuesday when Arran will experience the first major influx of visitors of the 2008 season.

100 entries expected for music festival

The 79th Arran Music Festival takes place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week in Whiting Bay Village Hall.

The festival gives entrants a chance to showcase their talents before top adjudicators.

The festival is held each year to encourage performers young and old to continue to polish their talents in song, recital, solo singing, duet singing, choral pieces, readings and dancing.

At least 100 entries are expected each year for the festival from primary schools to Arran High School performers, adults and individuals of all ages.

Adjudication is constructive rather than hypercritical and is designed with the intention of hoping that entrants will carry on and improve their chosen field.

Mostly competitive, the festival presents cups and trophies but the general emphasis is on continued practice and training of individual skills.

Shiskine grand auction raises lots

A grand auction at Shiskine Village Hall last Friday raised lots of cash for hall funds and Sport Relief and lots of laughs as well.

The hall was packed with bidders looking for a bargain and there was plenty to choose from. In all there were 140 lots.

However, bidders had to be very careful as auctioneer for the evening Sheila Gilmore warned people not to scratch their noses or raise their hands unless they were bidding – she would have them!

The auction raised money for the hall, and

the door money went to Sport Relief.

There was plenty to choose from including a woman's bicycle which went for £2, a typewriter, pictures, children's toys and equipment, a knitting machine and wool, a fine pine bookshelf, Scottish Theatre Company mugs, televisions, one of which was sold to Julie Murchie for a fantastic £40, gardening equipment, a massive mirror which sold for £1, books, uplighters, kitchen equipment and an awful lot more.

Bidding was very brisk as Sheila rattled through the lots in fine style at a fast pace. A

lot of the bidding began at 50p but generous islanders were keen to raise cash for the two causes and dug deep into their pockets to sometimes overbid to add to the enjoyment of the evening.

Helping Sheila by raising the lots so bidders could see them were Gordon Kiniburgh and Elizabeth Bell. They also carried the bidden lots out to people's cars, so they were busy for the whole of the night.

Refreshments also helped towards an enjoyable evening and included wine and cheese.

End of an era as demolition work begins on old high school

Demolition work has finally begun this week on the old Arran High School.

On Wednesday workmen moved in to knock down the main building, but before they began local contractor Iain Thomson showed the *Banner* round.

Iain and his team had had two weeks' preparation work prior to demolition commencing.

'Within another four weeks the site should be clear,' he said. 'Specialist teams removed all asbestos first, then our men did a soft strip inside, removing ceilings, doors, and all timber.'

The destruction of the old school after 42 years ends an era of about three generations of Arran folk who have been taught there. It was built in the Second World War but was used to house troops and finally opened for pupils in 1946.

Iain himself is a former pupil, as was his brother Graham, and agreed it was a shame to see the school go. With it will go many memories. He said: 'I attended primary and secondary school here.'

He added: 'The building is solid but it is dated with high ceilings and would have cost too much to improve. Much of the



Contractor Iain Thomson on Wednesday, just before the start of the demolition of the old school main building. b12ian01

timber will be recycled; some of it is better than the timber used today. All metal is going for scrap.

'People think the sandstone is valuable but it can sit around the yard for years waiting for the right job. All the rest of the masonry is crushed on site and used for hardcore on other jobs. Scrap timber that

can't be re-used is being burnt at Derneneach Quarry.'

Iain said the roof slates would cost too much in terms of scaffolding and man hours to reclaim they, so they are being scrapped with the rest of the masonry. 'Everything that can be used from this old building will be used.'

Housing benefit change 'delivers better service'

A new partnership allowing the claiming of housing benefits to become easier is being hailed an important step forward.

It was announced on Wednesday that Isle of Arran Homes tenants can now choose where to seek help in claiming the benefits at the IoAH office in Brodick as well as North Ayrshire Council's offices in Lamlash.

The partnership is as a result between the housing association and NAC. A spokesman for IoAH said: 'This is a significant development which delivers a better service to tenants.'

'Those who have participated in this scheme elsewhere have found it easier to apply and the claims have been processed more quickly. This, in turn, reduces arrears on accounts and we also view it as enhancing the level of customer service from Isle of Arran homes.'

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A search and rescue helicopter from HMS Gannet which took team leader Jamie McKinnon and a paramedic to the summit of Goatfell to evacuate the woman. In the foreground are PC Michael Clinton and AMRT members Robert Waine and Neil Bulger. b12hel01

Pensioner rescued from Goatfell

A pensioner was rescued from Goatfell on Monday after breaking her leg.

Mountain rescue team members, police, a rescue helicopter and a paramedic were involved in the operation.

They were called out when the alarm was raised after the 71-year-old fell and broke her right leg 200 metres from the summit of Arran's highest mountain.

One of the party she was with raised the alarm at 1.10pm.

Arran Mountain Rescue Team attended, with team leader Jamie McKinnon being airlifted to the accident scene by a search and rescue helicopter from HMS Gannet at Prestwick.

The woman has not been named but was believed to be a holidaymaker from Prestwick.

An AMRT spokesman told the *Banner*: 'Seventeen members of Arran Mountain Rescue Team assembled at Glen Rosa for

the call-out. The woman was found on the eastern slope and 200 metres from the summit of Goatfell. A search and rescue helicopter from HMS Gannet, Prestwick, was called and landed in Glen Rosa.

'It took team leader Jamie McKinnon to the accident scene near the summit. There was a paramedic on board as well.

'The woman was airlifted to Crosshouse Hospital in Kilmarnock and treated for a fractured leg.'

Brodick Castle opens again for Easter fun

Brodick Castle will be open for business today (Friday).

After the January storms, castle staff have been working flat out to clear fallen trees from the grounds and Castle office manager Chris Mills said: 'The gardens will be open and most of the country park walks are open to the public. We would ask people to stay out of areas marked with red tape until they have been safely cleared.'

Easter Sunday at Brodick

Castle is being sponsored this year by Cadbury chocolate company, so it will be Easter eggs all round on the day.

Chris said: 'Cadbury have donated 65,000 chocolate eggs to the trust and most NTS properties throughout Scotland will be having an Easter event. There should be plenty to go around.'

As usual, a whole host of events has been arranged with chocolate eggs compliments of

Cadbury for the winners of the many children's competitions.

The Easter egg hunt runs from 1.30pm to 3pm and egg decorating will take place in a marquee opposite the front door. National Trust for Scotland rangers will be on hand to help youngsters to paint the dozens of hard-boiled eggs on offer from 12.30pm.

The Easter bonnet parade should be around 3pm and entries are welcomed from all

age groups including adults. The seasonal fun is brought to a close with the duck egg derby in the mill burn at 3.15pm.

Moonwalk attracts 'quite a crowd'

A 'crowd' of Arran women are planning to take part in the 2008 Edinburgh Moonwalk.

The event will be held in the capital city on Saturday June 14 starting at midnight and aims to raise awareness of breast cancer and to raise funds for breast cancer charities.

The entrants will be walking a half marathon course of 13.1 miles and are looking for as much sponsorship from Arran residents as possible.

Rachel Armitage of Kings Cross took part in the 2007 event and said: 'Quite a crowd of Arran girls will be moonwalking. It should be a big fundraising occasion.'

Rachel and her fellow walker from last year, Hazel MacKenzie are holding a coffee morning in Lamlash Church Hall on Saturday 24 April.

Ninna Crisp of Lamlash is another of the moonwalkers. She said: 'We are planning a bingo night in Whiting Bay Golf Club on April 24.'

'I know the Abba-type concert is on the same night but it is a good alternative night out for people not going to the concert. We are also having a fund raising coffee morning in Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday May 24.'

Last year Rachel and Hazel raised more than £2,000 by doing the Edinburgh Moonwalk. Both women have known people affected by breast cancer and wanted to help raise money for this worthwhile cause. The outfits worn by fellow walkers were described by Rachel as amazing and she said there was a great variety including some bras decorated with flowers and sweeties.

Concert will start hospice campaign

Momentum is gaining for the project to provide hospice facilities at Lamlash in memory of Judy McFaull.

Judy's husband John said: 'The first fundraiser to kickstart the campaign is a concert in Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday April 5. The main band will be ODi who are described as an indie/folk rock/pop group with Claire Odium on vocals, guitar and keyboard and Dave Redfearn, who has Whiting Bay family connections, on vocals, harmonica, guitar and keyboard. They have just released a new single called *What you deserve*.'

ODi will be supported by local musicians the Brass Monkeys and the *Banner* is reliably informed that Samantha Boorer of Bannan will be performing with two lady friends as Three Little Maids.

John said: 'Tickets are on sale at the Book and Card Centre in Brodick and the Pier Tearoom, Lamlash.'

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Arran Index

The new 2008 Arran Index is now being compiled in the *Arran Banner* office.

All Arran businesses are reminded that they must contact the *Banner* with their details in order to be included in the commercial classified section.

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The Coyne brothers Lewis, aged eight, Duncan, six, and Grant, three on Sunday, at the birds of prey display, with handlers Iain Struther and Murray Boal. b12spo02



Children line up with piper Willy Robertson before going off on their walk. b12spo01

Youngsters lead the way for Sports Relief

A total of 89 entrants, from teeny tots upwards, took part in a special 'Balmichael Mile' on Sunday to raise money for Sport Relief.

The sun shone on all those who ran or walked the course of one, three or six miles.

Organiser Lucy Urquhart-Dixon, of Balmichael Visitor Centre, said entrants completed their chosen distance down the farm lane, past the duck pond and fields of newborn lambs, courtesy of the Hendersons and the Curries, for allowing folk to walk through their fields.

Entertainment at the centre included a display by Iain Struthers and Murray Boal of some

wonderful birds of prey — an eagle owl, a buzzard, a Saker falcon (a blond variation of a peregrine), found only in North Africa and Asia, and male and female Harris hawks.

Helping people to relax before or after the mile with her Indian head massages was Ann Curtis.

Piper Willy Robertson set everyone off on their walk with fine bagpipe playing.

Stewards along the route were

the McMaster boys and Ian, who also helped with setting up and clearing away. First-aider for the afternoon was Dr Faye Hamill.

A total of £360 was raised on the day, not taking into account the 40 people who pre-registered and paid, or their sponsorship.

• Seven-year-old Kirstie Kerr of Brodick gave £81 to Sport Relief. For her seventh birthday party last weekend she decided

to forgo presents and asked her family and friends for gifts of money towards Sport Relief instead. Kirstie also added the prize money that she won for getting first place in the painted decorated egg competition at the Spring Bulb and Flower Show in Brodick Hall on Saturday.

She told the *Banner*: 'I would like to thank everyone who gave money for Sport Relief at my birthday party.'

Praise for tearoom

A tearoom on Arran was the icing on the cake for a visitor who praised it for its hospitality and good food.

The Old Pier Tearoom at Lamlash was lauded on the website visitscotland.com/cafedays for: 'The friendly faces that welcomed us at the Old Pier Tearoom and the food that followed was superb.'

The tearoom is one of 11 cafes in Ayrshire and Arran mentioned on the website, part of a £40,000 campaign to encourage cafes and other tourism businesses to work closely to promote each other's services to visitors.

VisitScotland Ayrshire and Arran Area director Catriona Mackie said: 'Any good day out should include time for a cup of tea and our new website uses some of Ayrshire and Arran's best cafes as a hook to showcase nearby attractions and activities and help visitors to plan an unforgettable trip.'

Trains running for Valdete Appeal

An open garden event in aid of the Valdete Appeal takes place this weekend, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday, at the home of Reverend Alan Thompson at 47 Murray Crescent, Lamlash.

This is an open garden event and Alan will have his trains running from 11am to 5pm on Saturday and from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday.

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First World War dedication service

A special service of dedication to Arran people who served in the First World War will be held at Arran Heritage Museum on Saturday April 12.

The Reverend Angus Adamson will dedicate a framed roll of honour. The roll lists all those who were natives of the island and those whose home was on Arran when they enlisted in the armed forces. It carries the heading 'The British Empire Roll of Honour, God Bless our King George V'.

It was given to the museum in 1988 by Robert Morrison of Miramar, Lamlash, and bears the signature of WW Philip. The list was drawn up from a book by James C Inglis called *Arran and the Great War* which carries the names and details of all the Arran military personnel and their regiments.

One example from the book is the entry for Archibald McBride, coal agent, elder son of John McBride of High Glencloy, who enlisted in the Royal Highlanders, Black Watch and served with the Machine Gun Battalion on the Somme.

Harold (Spud) Taylor of Lamlash saw Second World War service in the Royal Navy and spent some time with the fleet at anchor in Lamlash Bay.

During that time he met his future wife Jessie at a dance in Lamlash Community Centre. He and Jessie saw the commemorative plaque gathering dust while on a recent visit to the museum and felt that it should be given due honour with a service of dedication.

He said: 'I hope that descendants of all those islanders who served in the Great War will come along and share in the ceremony. They should bring their medals and wear them with pride.'

The local branch of the Royal British Legion arranged to have the roll of honour framed by John Smith of Whiting Bay.

Tom MacLeod of the Heritage Museum said: 'We plan to give it a position of honour on the white wall in the stable block.'

Youth groups urged to cash in

Youth groups on the island are being invited to send applications for a share of £172,000 funding.

North Ayrshire Council's Safer Communities Group is offering the cash as part of the Community Planning Partnership. Awards will be given for projects or initiatives which deliver constructive and relevant activities for young people.

Further information is from Bernadette Anderson, performance grants information officer, on 01294 465401 (applications up to £2,000), or Alan Rintoul, antisocial behaviour co-ordinator, on 01294 314677 (applications up to £25,000).

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Sally Bambridge. b12sal02

Nurses hope to help set up hospital in Nepal

Two Arran nurses are hoping to go to Nepal later this year to help to set up a hospital.

Sally Bambridge and Pearl White hope to spend three weeks in Baruwa, in the Helambu region, north of Kathmandu.

They are both seeking sponsorship for their venture. A bag pack in the Co-op in Brodick on Saturday raised £412. More money is hoped to be raised with a car boot sale and cake stall at Balmichael Visitor Centre on Sunday March 22 between 10am and noon (cars to arrive at 9.30am, £5 per car).

Sally, who lives at Shiskine, said: 'Because of its remote situation the people in Baruwa and similar villages have little or no access to basic educational and health care needs.'

'To get to Kathmandu, where the nearest manned hospital is, takes four hours' walk to the nearest road, then, if you are lucky enough to have money, a five-hour bus journey in Kathmandu.'

'These people work hard in life, making a living from what the land has to offer; Often, this is only just enough to feed the family and nowhere near enough to buy warm clothing or luxuries such as education and healthcare which has to be paid for at the point of delivery.'

The two nursing colleagues are going to Baruwa via the Village Environment Community Gangkharka, a small charity.

Sally and Pearl are taking annual leave for their trip and have already paid £800 for their flights.

They plan other events such as quizzes at the Kinloch Hotel and other places.

Pearl is also running the Edinburgh Marathon in May.



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Love blossoms for Kildonan Hotel pair

Work turned to romance for a young couple who met at during their employment at an Arran hotel and they've now tied the knot.

Branislav Stefechik came to the Kildonan Hotel from Slovakia over two years ago. Bran started as a kitchen porter while he improved his English and has moved from sous chef to chef.

Owner Anne Acuna said Bran had proved to be a terrific addition to the kitchen brigade and now speaks very good English, albeit with a Scottish accent.

Olga Zubova arrived a year ago from Russia with excellent language skills as she had been an interpreter at home. She started as a waitress and quickly moved to bar work and front desk duties.

Anne said Olga and Bran soon became an item, fell in love and decided to marry on March 12, tying the knot at Lamlash Registry Office after wading through mountains of paperwork required in Russia.

'With great secrecy and planning, the Kildonan staff and regular customers put together some money and surprised them with a three-day honeymoon at a luxury lodge in Gleneagles from where they have now returned.'

Anne and her husband and Rod said the couple plan to stay at the Kildonan for the foreseeable future and everyone there wished them a happy life together.



Branislav Stefechik and Olga Zubova who were married at Lamlash last week

Bid to build nine two-bedroom flats

Planning applications lodged with North Ayrshire Council include one for nine two-bedroom apartments, associated parking and alteration to existing access at a site to the east of Craiglea Court, Shore Road, Brodick.

The three-storey building is planned to be attached to the Shorehouse, formerly known as Craiglea Court, and is in a crescent shape facing east towards Bilslands.

Other proposed developments are the building of two semi-detached chalets at Blairbeg House,

Whiting Bay, behind the building formerly known as The Pantry and the change of use of the main building from restaurant and flat to form three-bedroom house.

There is also an application for a 1.8 metre high sandstone wall to the sides and rear of Benvarren, Corrie, a first floor extension and dormer extensions to an end-terrace house in Alma Terrace, Brodick, and a two storey and single storey extension at Port Lealach, Kildonan.

Art exhibition at Kilmory

Arran Visual Arts' annual Easter Art Exhibition takes place from today (Saturday) to Thursday, March 27, in Kilmory Hall, running from 10.30am to 5pm each day except Thursday when it finishes at 4pm. On display are ceramics, painting or drawing, sculpture, textile, and woodwork. Once again there will be a 'people's

choice' vote with a small prize for the winner. Public entry is free although there will be a donation box. Opening the exhibition will be Crissie White, a lecturer and member of the Scottish Vernacular Buildings Working Group.

A private viewing for submitted artists and guests takes place this Friday at 7.30pm.



Cash boost for youth forum

Angus Robertson, 15, of Lamlash, with Sgt Bob MacKay and youth worker Gavin Bell, receives a £750 cheque for Arran Youth Forum from the

Community Wellbeing Fund of Strathclyde Police.

The fund is for youth diversion schemes to benefit the community. The money will help to pay for the rent of the sports hall and perhaps a trip away to the mainland. B12pol02

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Talk brings a ray of sunshine

St Brides Ladies Group met for the final meeting of the season on Monday March 10. This was also the annual business meeting for 2007-2008. The president, Mrs Ann Lauder, welcomed all present, the usual reports were given and endorsed and matters of relevant business were discussed, as were future events.

Committee members are as follows: president, Anne Lauder; vice-president, Maureen Cuthbert; secretaries, Myrna Boal, Margaret McKay; treasurer Liz, Lawrie, Morag Watson; press secretary, Morag Watson. Committee members: Fiona Brown, Dorothy Cross, Heather Donaldson, Lavinia Hendry, Jean Robertson, Val Sim.

Mrs Lauder introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mrs Jean Hunter, parish assistant at Brodick church. With the aid of powerpoint, she took her audience on a tour of Rome and its fascinating surroundings, its many beautiful buildings such as the Coliseum, Vatican City, St Peter's Basilica and so many, many more.

On a wet and windy evening, to view this lovely city in obvious sunshine was a real pleasure. Mrs Hunter spoke in the manner to which Brodick is so well accustomed, with humour and enthusiasm.

Mrs Liz Lawrie expressed the thanks of all ladies present and invited her to come back to speak about her forthcoming holiday.



Mrs Yvonne Hunter ready for a nice hot cup of tea at St Brides Annual Easter Fair in Brodick Church Hall, poured by Myrna Boal, while looking on are Reverend Angus Adamson, Alex Lawrie, Liz Lawrie in a fine Easter bonnet, and Ann Lauder. More than £800 was expected to be raised. b12fa103

Number worth remembering

A special European emergency services number is being highlighted and it is one that Arran's MEP Elspeth Attwooll is convinced few Scots know about. Yet it could save lives.

Now a campaign is on to raise awareness of the number - 112 - introduced 17 years ago. Last month, the EU celebrated '112 Day' in order to raise the profile of the emergency service.

Elspeth Attwooll said only 20 per cent of Britons knew of the number's existence, and only 40% of Europeans.

'Since the 112 service was set up the European Union has changed quite dramatically,' she said.

'There are more and more people travelling throughout an increasingly diverse number of member states — for work, study and holiday.

'The number provides a common route to emergency services in almost every EU member state.'

Ms Attwooll added that the number was particularly critical to Britons. She said: 'The number of outbound tourists from the UK reached 16.2 million in 2003.

'Of these, 13 million are facing serious danger when travelling abroad as they are not aware that the number 112 could save their lives in an emergency.'

Appeal to dream builders

ARE you contemplating renovating an old building such as a barn or something more unusual, to turn it into a dream country home and/or business on Arran?

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ARRAN'S WEEKLY PAPER Saturday 22nd March 2008

At the Co-op checkout a couple of weeks ago I was proffered the keyboard for chip and pin. Surprised, since I was paying cash, I looked at the screen. It contained a question about plastic bags. Did we want the Co-op to stop handing them out, or maybe it was did we want the Co-op to begin charging? Taken off guard I am not sure, but the gist was does one take the high moral ground and go against plastic bags or be selfish and vote in their favour?

Funny how all these thoughts rush through your head in the fraction of a second. But quite quickly, and a little furtively, I pressed 'no' meaning that I did not want our supply of these ubiquitous bags stopped. It is hardly sensible to do so furtively and then broadcast it from these pages, but perhaps that comes from further thought on the matter.

First I am a dog owner. Each time I leave the house I pat my pocket to ensure it is well supplied with plastic bags. That very morning I had just used two bags not five minutes before entering the Co-op. I suppose that my mind raced through the awfulness of being a pariah for not picking up the dreaded stuff or, worse, being without the equipment and still having to do the deed.

Later I thought about how others might answer the question and wondered if honest answers would be in short supply. A bit like when a political party had an election policy of raising income tax by one penny to improve education and surveys revealed that everybody was in favour. Yet, in the privacy of the ballot box they all voted against it. People will take the high moral ground when they have to make a public statement, yet choose the selfish alternative in private.

Then I wondered about guilt in Scottish society. This self-conscious nation is well known for instilling guilt into its sons and daughters but this is a new type of guilt. Now we are being made to feel guilty about driving cars, about what we eat, about how much we eat, about flying in aeroplanes, about how carefully we separate our rubbish, the list goes on and on. It might not be so bad if all these areas of guilt were accurate in assessing the potential damage they are supposed to cause, but we have all met people who bray loudly about how worthy they are in certain areas of the current fashions and yet, for example, spend half the year jetting around the world.

This little Co-op poll did create some conversation at the checkout. It was pointed out that everything I had purchased had one, if not two, plastic wrappers already. Then last week's budget made some feelgood, but meaningless, statements about abolishing plastic bags. In Curries this week, twice, there have been no plastic bags available. Instead a hessian bag was offered at 99p. It is not long ago that dog owners would stand idly by while their dog dirtied the pavement, and the new (relative) cleanliness has been hard won. Of course no shop has a duty to provide anything free but it might be that a tiny charge might be made for these multi-purpose items, rather than stopping them altogether.

Then last night I headed to the Co-op, Roy Cropper like with my own shopping bag, and practising my few Polish words, only to find a plentiful supply of plastic bags. Perhaps all is not lost, yet.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead' (1 Peter 1:3)

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Letters to the Editor



Vehicle bookings

Sir,
I note from last week's *Banner* that the previous Monday Calmac stated that in view of expected bad weather it would not be taking any vehicle bookings for Wednesday, March 12. We were already booked on the 3.15 that day and we also took notice of the weather warnings from the safety of North Yorkshire. Accordingly, I telephoned Calmac on Tuesday morning to bring our booking forward to 6pm that day. Feeling elated that we had outwitted the forthcoming maelstrom, imagine our disbelief when we arrived at Ardrossan at 5.30pm to find the marshalling kiosk closed and a notice stating that the sailing had been cancelled. Why? The staff in the terminal seemed slightly embarrassed given the sea conditions at the time and said the decision had been taken at 3.15 by the captain. Once again we had to find a B & B — pity we can't invoice Calmac for the cost! We finally got under way at 12.30 the next day in what seemed to us to be stormier conditions than the previous

evening. Granted, the ferry has had to contend with severe weather this winter but would we be being just a tiny bit cynical to suggest that now Calmac has secured its tender for five years it is not as committed to giving as good a service as it could, and what about the rumours that the spate of disruptions could be more linked to finances than inclement weather?

Yours
Kate and Mike Hesp
Sliderry

Valdete auction thanks

Sir,
Despite the awful weather and two events of similar ilk planned for the same morning, the auction for the Valdete Appeal went ahead on Saturday, March 8. The result was an impressive £728.30, boosting our total fund to more than £4,700.

We are so grateful to the good folk of Arran who trudged in with pots, pans, china, blankets, books and computer peripherals — the list is endless. Special thanks go to Jim Lees and his

wife Shauna. Jim's friendly and entertaining approach to auctioneering had us all in stitches. Lamlash church provided a warm and comfortable hall for our use. Our dedicated band of volunteers kept the lots flowing and provided us with refreshments throughout the sale and Brodick Co-op's donation of crisps, biscuits, soft drinks and raffle prizes were welcome. Everyone who braved the elements to come and buy deserves so much praise too.

The next event of the Valdete Appeal takes place this Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday at the home of Reverend Alan Thompson at 47 Murray Crescent, Lamlash. This is an open garden event and Alan will have his trains running from 11am to 5pm on Saturday and from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday. Refreshments will be provided.

The final stage of Valdete's visa applications went through last week. It may only be a matter of days before we wheel her off the ferry. We will keep you informed.

Yours,
Sue and Julian Davidson,
Valdete Appeal

Ferry good ideas?

Sir,
As a visitor to Arran man and boy since 1950 I have long wondered why the modern ferry does not provide an 'island friendly' service rather than a mainland one. In the days of the CSPC I used to catch the 'death boat' on a Monday morning to get me back to Glasgow in time for work. The little 'maids' used to do a grand job. I know that in the past the regular ferry laid over in Brodick at night but it never, as far as I am aware, reversed its timetable. How much would it affect the island economy if the papers didn't arrive until 9.15, but the islanders could leave at 7am, and would 7.20pm be too late for people to want to come over or come back after a real day out?

Perhaps I'm out of touch with island feeling but commuting from Arran would become a possibility. Maybe they don't think that's a good idea. Tradesmen coming on to

the island would be inconvenienced, but they would still be able to fit in an eight-hour day from 9.15am to 6pm. Perhaps they might have to stay in a B&B. Of course, this might put their prices up but then that would make life easier for any who are actually resident on the island. Okay, so the day-trippers would have to leave a bit earlier, but is 6pm really that early. And in the summer, operating this way around there would be a ferry from Ardrossan on a Friday evening at 7.20pm and 9.40pm. Maybe that service could be extended to Saturday evening, giving the day-tripping hillwalkers a 'getaway' at 8.30pm.

And, of course, the main benefit, as I see it, would be that the ferry should never be stormbound in Ardrossan, as it is today (March 12).

Yours,
Eric Gilmour

Summer Serenade

Sir,
It's not too soon to tell you that the Summer Serenaders will be with us this year again, on Tuesday July 15 and Wednesday July 16.

As their mystery guest last year, violinist Angus Anderson, (ex leader of Scottish Opera Orchestra and London Symphony) proved to be a very popular addition to the group.

We can tell you that he will be joining the faithful four 'Serenaders' again.

Everyone looks forward each year to this concert of popular classics, ballads and Scots and Irish tunes, seasoned with readings and lots of laughter

We are very fortunate indeed to have such distinguished musician friends as flautist and composer George Macilwham, ex BBC Symphony Orchestra, and David Inglis, principal bass player in the RSNO, who freely give their time and talents to entertain and fundraise for Corrie Parish Church. Add to this compere John Forgie, formerly of the NTS, who entertains with hilarious readings and perhaps a wee duet with evergreen soprano Jean Bowden. Look out for the posters!

Yours,
Elma Stevenson
Redford
Sannox



Julia Graham of Lochranza recently graduated from Thames Valley University with a BSc first class honours degree in professional practice with tissue viability nursing. She has been a community staff nurse on Arran for 17 years with a special interest in wounds. Her degree course took Julia four years and was done by distance learning. b11jul01

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Chamber puts focus on Arran economy

Arran's economic growth and the difficulties in sustaining it were discussed at a business lunch where the chief guest was Bank of England agent Tony Strachan.

Representatives from 15 Arran businesses attended the lunch at the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza. It was organised on behalf of the Bank of England by Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber's chief executive Bob Leitch said: 'We are delighted to have worked with the bank in organising this lunch, at which discussion took place on the current economic growth of Arran, which is bucking the trend of other parts of Scotland and the UK where currently there is an economic downturn.'

Nonetheless the chamber recognises the difficulties of an island economy and will continue to work with Arran businesses to ensure the future stability and wealth of the island.



Left to right from the bottom: Tony Strachan, Tim Mullin (Composite Legal), Penny Brass (Arran Hideaways), Elisabeth Roberts (Arran Brewery), Helen McBride (Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce), Andy Martin (Arran Homes), Kenny Bone (Glenkiln Farm), John Hill (Bilslands), Bob Leitch (Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce), Bob Haddow (Arran Transport), Alastair Dobson (Arran Dairies), Robin Bell (Isle of Arran Distillery), Alastair Rennick (Arran Aromatics). b11dis01

Temporary youth facility 'not enough'

A temporary solution to having a youth facility in Lamlash is 'inadequate', says Arran's youngest politician.

Scott McMurray, member of the Scottish Youth Parliament for Cunninghame North, says the drop-in youth facility for the island needs at least two units rather than the one portable cabin that is to be used until a permanent solution is found.

Last week North Ayrshire Council agreed to retain the larger of the two portable cabins which make up the youth centre and relocate it to a new site behind the new high school.

The facility was closed recently and it had been decided not to move it to the new location because the smaller of the cabins was to be demolished and the youth centre not replaced.

The new move will provide a dedicated drop-in facility for young people to use until there is a definite solution. Users will also have the use of

facilities in the school.

However, they say the remaining cabin has no windows and now Arran High School fifth-former Scott wants the council to provide two units. In a letter to Jan Ward, NAC head of education, he said: 'You cannot have young people doing quiet, reflective activities, such as reading, at the same time as a band is practising in the same unit. We will also lose the kitchen facilities, which are well used, especially during summer programmes. There will also be a lack of space for many activities such as the art group, film factory and band practice.'

'There would be little room for any new or improved equipment. We have just enough space for all the equipment in the centre, a lot of which has been bought with funding secured by the Arran Youth Forum. There is a lack of storage in the more modern unit which means everything will be left out at all times. This increases the risk of damage to the equipment.'

'The use of the school's facilities is welcomed but this cannot be used as an alternative. This must be used in addition to the youth centre. We were originally promised that our centre would be relocated to the rear of the new building and that if the units fell apart in transit they would be replaced.'

'This u-turn has come as a shock and a worry to many young people and adults within the community of Lamlash and Arran as a whole. To leave us with a drastically inadequate facility will not help Arran's growing social problems but may aggravate these difficulties.'

NHS 24 website call

NHS 24 in Ayrshire and Arran wants more people to use its website for advice as it prepares for a busy Easter holiday.

A significant increase in calls is expected between Good Friday, March 21, and Easter Monday, March 24, inclusive. To obtain advice people should log on to www.nhs24.com where information will reveal when GP practices and chemists will be closed over the period. For urgent care when surgeries are closed the out-of-hours service 08454 242424 should be used.

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Iceland gull is a rare winter visitor

At the start and at the end of the month, February was wet, although for nearly a fortnight in the middle it was dry and settled.

Winter visitors were to the fore with nine purple sandpipers in Kildonan on 10th, three whooper swans at Sandbraes throughout the month, six wigeon at Auchenhew on 27th, little grebe in Lamlash Bay on 10th and in Lochranza on 16th.



An Icelandic gull.

Bird notes by
JIM CASSELS

The wintering geese in Shiskine Valley on 27th numbered around 300 and 50 greylag with ten pink-footed geese and one barnacle goose.

Also on the 27th, a rare winter visitor was reported from Kilpatrick, a second winter Iceland gull.

This was feeding with herring gulls in the fields by the road and remained in the area into March.

Other sightings included: eight twite in South Feorline on 10th, great-spotted woodpecker in Brodick Country Park on 10th, Lamlash on 15th, and Sannox on 19th; regular sightings of kingfisher at Fisherman's Walk between 3rd and 15th; and a water rail calling at Corriecravie on 12th.

All three divers were seen around the coast this month,



A small yellowhammer.

including one black-throat at Kilpatrick on the 2nd, three red-throat at Cordon on 12th, and five great northern at Auchenhew on the 17th.

Groups of yellowhammers were reported from various gardens round the island, including Whiting Bay on 7th, dippen on 14th, Corrie on 20th, and the largest group of 15 from Kilmory on 24th. With no

breeding records for this species in 2007, let us hope some of these charming birds linger with us for the summer.

Returning gannets were noticeable on 24th with sightings from Kildonan, Lamlash, Corrie, Catacol, and Blackwaterfoot on that day.

Finally, some birds that used to be considered as only summer visitors now over winter. For example, there was a male blackcap in a Sannox garden on February 5, and two lesser black-backed gulls at Cordon on 27th.

March could see the start of the arrival of summer visitors like wheatear, chiffchaff, willow warbler, sand martin, swallow, and house martin. Look out for them.

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net. I look forward to hearing from you.



Purple sandpiper.



Forrie Cairns and Lennie Hard, who are performing this weekend.

Jazz sensations return to Arran

Since their successful first public performance in Whiting Bay in September last year things have moved apace for Quattro MacJazz, Scotland's latest jazz sensation.

The band features Clyde Valley Stomper Forrie Cairns on clarinet, Alastair MacDonald on banjo and vocals, Lennie Herd on trumpet and Roy Percy on bass.

Their recent appearance at Scotland's ShowBiz Ball in Glasgow, playing to top Scottish show business stars, brought fresh plaudits.

Two show-biz luminaries from Arran were at the event. Brodick's own Peter Morrison, Scotland's renowned baritone star, said: 'This band was stupendous and the energy they brought to our Mardi Gras themed evening was greatly appreciated.'

Whiting Bay's Robbie Glen, the world's favourite after-dinner speaker, who attended the ball with his family, said: 'This new group are not to be missed. I'll be first in the queue at their next appearance on Arran.'

Quattro MacJazz play Whiting Bay Hall on Easter Saturday (March 22) and Brodick Hall the following day. Tickets are available from the Book & Card Centre in Brodick and The Pillar Box in Whiting Bay. The band's first CD, *Live at Whitecraigs*, price £10, is available from the same ticket outlets. Excerpts from the CD can be heard at: www.quattromacjazz.com

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Looking forward this year to appearing on a top television programme is Arran company Creelers, which also has an Edinburgh eating place known the world over.

Channel 4 Taste Festivals series includes Taste of Edinburgh from May 29 to June 1.

The programme highlights 20 of the capital's top restaurants, including Creelers, showing that Tim and Fran James's enterprise is up with there with the best.

Other restaurants on a par with Creelers in Edinburgh are Malmaison, Restaurant Martin Wishart and Forth Floor at Harvey Nichols. They will all be serving up signature dishes for the festival, at the Meadows. There will be tips from top chefs and food writers as well as demonstrations and food and drink tastings.

A total of 140 exhibitors will be offering samples of wine, cheeses, whisky, puddings and many other scrumptious items.

Creelers owners Tim and Fran get a chance to show their passion for good food and their deep love of the Scottish west coast which is reflected in their sourcing of the finest seafood and game.

They began their venture on a small scale with the Seafood Cabin at Skipness in Kintyre, where Tim was brought up, and opened their first seafood restaurant in 1990 on Arran. Doors open at Easter this year until October. The adjacent smokehouse is where Tim comes into his own, personally supervising the curing and smoking for all Creelers' smoked products.

Tim and Fran source as much food from Arran as they can, in-



Creelers restaurant and smokehouse at Cladach, Brodick.

cluding vegetables and herbs in spring and summer from a small organic farmer. Their fish and seafood philosophy is to source locally and as naturally as possible. Their seafood and fish comes from fishermen and boats personally known to Tim.

The salmon is from Loch Duart on the extreme north west of mainland Scotland from a firm operating a sustainable antibiotic-free policy.

The foodstuff for the salmon also comes from sustainable non-GM sources and is as close to the salmon's natural diet as possible. Such measures serve not only to create a top quality

produce but also protect the natural environment, allowing for the regeneration of wild fish stocks.

Wet fish caught locally comes mostly direct from the market at Campbeltown.

The Edinburgh Creelers, opened in 1995, is in the heart of the historic Old Town. It's a byword for quality and a favoured destination for seafood aficionados from all over the world. Tim is a former fishermen, so knows what to look for when sourcing the best seafood and fish.

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Arran pair's epic charity cycle across India



An energetic Janice on her epic trip.

Totally exhausted but ecstatic at the end of an amazing journey

'We did it! What a sense of achievement and exhilaration! Ten almost complete strangers met one Sunday morning in February in west Bengal and accepted the challenge of cycling 412 miles in seven days from Kolkata, in the south, to Kampilong, in the north.

We were following the symbolic journey of destitute Anglo-Indian children taken from the Kolkata slums to the sanctuary of Dr Graham's Homes in the foothills of the Himalayas. We had one common purpose - to raise funds for the Homes and to enjoy the experience of a lifetime.

All bikes, except mine, survived the air journey from the UK. The back wheel was found to be badly buckled. India is a make-and-mend society, so, miraculously, within half an hour my wheel was removed and returned as good as new. All ready, we were given a rousing send-off by well-wishers and the chairman of the board of Dr Graham's Homes and cycled into the chaos of the Kolkata traffic. We travelled with a jeep in front and a jeep behind to protect us from other vehicular traffic. That was the theory, at least, as Indian drivers obey no road regulations. Many times we were cut up and separated from our escorts. Once I became accustomed to this confusion I relished the challenge of winding and weaving through the appalling roads, incessant noise and mad traffic.

Janice Small recently retired after running Brodick post office for 24 years, and then decided to go on a bike ride. But not any old bike ride. Janice decided to cycle 412 miles in a week in India, with others, to raise funds for Dr Graham's Homes. Here she describes the sights and the sounds that make up that incredible teeming sub-continent as well as her experiences and feelings of her unforgettable journey. Accompanying her was the Reverend John Webster of Kings Cross. A total of £30,000 is expected to be raised from the venture.

On the first day, having just arrived from the UK after a 36-hour journey, I heard the good news that instead of starting with 46 miles we were now cycling 67. I coped well until the last 10 miles when I felt absolutely exhausted. After a sleepless first night in my tent I awoke wondering how I would manage with the second day. To my surprise I felt fit, my energy had returned and I easily completed another 55 miles and so it continued for the rest of the week.

There were eight men and two women and I have to say the men fared worse than the women. Vanda Fraser had no aches and pains, I sometimes had sore shoulders but the men really suffered. Alex and Jim lost power in their hands and feeling in their fingers. Reverend John Webster, our inspirational leader, quietly tholed his aching back, receiving effective massage from our resident physiotherapist.

Out on the plains, we passed through bustling bazaars and towns, meeting intensely curious, kind but always the friendliest of people. Often we were surrounded by at least fifty men and boys who were fascinated by us and our 'hi-tec' bikes. One man was so taken with Vanda and myself that he fell

off his bike, spilling precious milk that he was taking to market all over road! The women and girls were at home getting on with the work and I am sure he would be in trouble when he arrived home. Many had never seen a white face before apart from on television.

The most beautiful time for me was late afternoon when the sun was setting behind the paddy fields. This is the most back-breaking of work - hand-planting rice which is the staple diet of this intriguing sub-continent where 75% of the country's economy centres on agriculture. Lentils, mustard, wheat, potatoes and cauliflower were plentiful. We camped for five nights and the sight of our tents and a hot meal, prepared by our excellent advance party, was always most welcome. At dawn we were awoken with tea in our tents, followed by a cooked breakfast and a hot meal at lunchtime. Our every need was catered for. We all coped well but each person was different, having a part of the day that they found more arduous. Some travelled in the jeep because of punctures and faulty pedals but John Webster and I cycled full days, our bikes remaining true. After the first day I settled into a steady pace and found I liked to be near



Some of Dr Graham's Homes nursery children and staff.

79TH ARRAN MUSIC FESTIVAL WHITING BAY HALL WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY MARCH 26 - 28TH SUMMARY OF CLASSES

Wednesday	Time	Activity
	1.30pm	Scottish Country Dancing
	3.15pm	Verse
	7.30pm	Open Verse and Reading
Thursday	Time	Activity
	9.30am	Verse
	2.00pm	Choric Speaking Action Songs Camp Fire Piano
Friday	Time	Activity
	9.45am	Playgroups
	10.10am	Vocals solos Group Music Primary Choirs Woodwind
	2.00pm	Vocal Solos and Duets Strings Vocal solos and duet Choirs Brass
	6.45pm	

Full details of classes and times are shown in the Festival Programme (50p) available from several island shops and at the door.

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Arran pair's epic charity cycle across India



Janice negotiating the traffic in India, with Rev John Webster.

the front of the pack. If I found myself at the back I became disheartened and was in danger of slipping back. The weather was perfect – like a hot spring day – with a light wind from the west.

John Webster inspired us all with his leadership, his humour, his compassion and his sheer guts and determination. He never missed a day, the longest being 91 miles. Often he was bent double but he would not give in. His incentive was considerable for the greater the amount of money raised the greater the number of destitute children admitted to the comfort of Dr Graham's Homes.

We finished the sixth day having travelled 370 miles. After a night in a comfortable hotel we were ready for the final day's assault on the mountain, a climb from 500ft to 4,500ft. Bets (in aid of the Homes) were placed on who would cycle the whole way to the top and Andrew was hot favourite. The first 15 miles were flat, then we had about 20 miles of up and down, like cycling to Lamlash. When we reached the mountain, it was all uphill. We went at our own pace but eventually I had to admit defeat and walk, pushing my bike. I have never driven myself to such limits before, it was gruelling, but determination not to give in on

the last day saw me through. I thought it was impossible for any of our team to cycle the whole way, but, amazingly, Andrew and Vanda had managed it. Unbelievable, but what a remarkable achievement. They said it had really hurt, they were in one and one gears and Andrew had nearly been put off the road by a bus, but they had won through. Although the rest of us had walked we were all winners and felt elated. John and I had cycled 404 miles, far more than I had anticipated, and walked for eight miles.

We all assembled outside Kalimpong and received a rapturous welcome. The police closed the road and a pipe band marched us through the town to the cheering of the townsfolk. The television and press were in attendance. We began the final climb to Dr Graham's Homes, where we were welcomed by workers, staff and children, who presented us with gifts and khudas, the traditional scarf of welcome. Speeches and tea followed but eventually we were free to leave for our hotel where dinner and bed have never been more attractive.

Over the next two days our welcome to the Homes continued and during Sunday church service Reverend John Webster addressed the children. Also Vanda Fraser and Kenneth Hammond (two cyclists), ex

pupils of the Homes, spoke movingly about their school years and their subsequent lives. I consider it a privilege to have met these two very remarkable people.

Celebrations over, we returned by jeep to the plains, marvelling at the hill we had just climbed, and caught the Darjehing mail train back to Kolkata. A few days in Kolkata sightseeing, then back home.

I would not have missed this experience for the world. The sights, sounds that I witnessed will live with me for ever and are too numerous to put in print, but overall the abiding memory is of the people: the ordinary peasant is poor, intensely curious, courteous, kind but the most friendly of people, welcoming Vanda and myself into their homes.

It was not easy but we completed our journey with credit and I salute my fellow cyclists. We paid for all personal costs and were content in the knowledge that through our endeavours we had raised nearly £30,000 from generous supporters to help children impoverished through no fault of their own to a fuller life of love, security and education.

• Donations and cheques can still be sent in to Dr Graham's Homes by being handed in at Brodick post office.



Janice with Vanda, whom she befriended during her week in west Bengal.



A school bus in west Bengal packed with pupils.



Janice and John Webster, centre, in a cyclists' photoshoot.



Cadbury Easter Trails at Brodick Castle

Sunday 23 March, 12 – 3.30pm

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Beryl White, Donna Fleming, Janice Mellor, Sarah Wilson, Annie Gillies and Jackie Cain. b12eme02



Lynn Raeburn and Jenny Ferguson. b12eme05



Martin Ross, Mark West, Jenny Ferguson and Adam Kelso. b12eme07



Jackie Miller. b12eme08

Emergency services have a great night fundraising

A giant fundraising night was held last weekend in Lamlash for Arran's emergency services.

The annual bash saw lifeboat crew, ambulance and other NHS personnel, fire fighters, coastguard and Arran Mountain Rescue Team pitting their wits against each other in various activities including a treasure hunt around the village in the dark, quizzes, pool and darts.

Lifeboatman Calum McNicol told the *Banner* the teams were always extremely competitive against each other and that was what made for a good night.

Each service takes turns to arrange the

event, held at the Pierhead Tavern on Saturday.

Although the activities test each team mentally and physically, the idea is really to have a good time.

This year it was the turn of the lifeboat crew to organise the fundraiser and helmsman Mark Nelson said it had been a really good night

'It went very well, everyone had a really good time,' said Mark.

About £200 was raised which this year will go to Arran Mountain Rescue Team towards finding for its new HQ at Cladach.



Calum McNicol, Kirstie Smith, Henry Murdo and Margo McLellan. b12eme03



Lynn Boal, Calum McNicol and Eileen Griffin. b12eme06

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The Arran Banner 20 years ago

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Island clean up

A committee consisting of Kerr Robertson, Jim Haluch, Charles Hendry and Brian Boal began touring the island identifying areas to be improved after the Tourist Board said it needed cleaning up.

Their findings included a dilapidated shack in the centre of Lochranza. They also found common faults such as toilets being below standard with broken windows and doors, damaged lights, no wash-hand basins and lack of toilet rolls.

Radioactivity

Some Arran farmers have received letters this week from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in relation to radioactivity on farms following the Chernobyl disaster nearly two years ago.

The letters indicated that the predicted decline in radio cesium levels was unlikely to be uniform and further experiments were needed in restricted areas. Two Arran farms had restrictions put on sheep movement last year and the letter says with an expression of disappointment that these restrictions are likely to continue in force.

Musical festival with us again

Weeks of practising poems and songs have culminated in the 'big day' for entrants and families who have had to listen to renderings can now breathe more easily.

This year there were some outsiders at the festival — the 59th. Rothesay Primary joined the festival and won the action songs in which they entered. They will be encouraged to return and more entrants can only help the festival and keep standards up.

High school opening day

There was still no announcement about the official opening day for Arran High School, though it is expected to take place early next term and consist of some speeches and some musical items in the school gym followed by a tour round the school for the visiting high heid yins.

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Equal opportunities

Cunninghame District Council this week advertised for a general labourer for the season on Arran, at a rate of £94.20 per week plus incentive bonus (39 hours). It was also seeking a seasonal assistant groundsman for its department of leisure and tourism, offering the same rate of pay.

Church news

A sponsored 'knit-in' was held on Monday March 14 by Lam-lash and Kilmory churches in aid of Lamlash Church Audio Fund, raising £155. As a result 71 blanket squares were donated to Save the Children.

Brodick Friday Club

Members attended a spring fashion show in the Clubhouse on March 11. Models Judith, Barbara, Tanya, Ann, Tracy, Sheila and Sybil showed 50 outfits suitable for all occasions, ably assisted by dressers Farquhar and Sandra. Afterwards members enjoyed their usual afternoon tea.

Sorry, wrong number

Brodick folk were receiving telephone calls intended for Southend-on-Sea, with one householder getting as many as 20 wrong calls a day.

The problem appears to be modern press button telephones. The STD code for Southend on Sea is 0702 and sometimes the press button phones repeat certain numbers, so this code can go into the system as 07702. Since all Brodick numbers begin with 2 the next three digits determine which Brodick subscriber will get the call.



Arran High School hockey team played its last match of the season against the Irvine/Girvan side, winning 1-0 at home. Pictured are the team: Gillian Watt, Janice Miller, Rachel Jones, Carol Tod, Faye Wiseman, Chloe Gill, Roisin Ash, Amanda Stewart, Lesley Kelso, Julie Duncan, Alison Tod, Alison Murchie, Kirstie Henderson (captain).

British Telecom announced just today that subscribers who had persistent faults could be paid up to £5 a day for the inconvenience.

Daffodil tea

Lochranza Village Hall was holding a Daffodil Tea on Saturday April 2 with a show and sale of paintings by Lochranza Painting Group for hall funds. On offer were home-baking, flowers, sweets, serendipity, books and bottle stalls, etc. Admission was 70p.

Rugby

GHK XV 17 Arran 8. Arran were very unfortunate to lose this match with two refereeing blunders being their eventual downfall. GHK went into the lead early in the second half with a controversial score when first their stand-off was knocked on and then the scoring pass to the winger was yards ahead. But the ref allowed both offences to go and the score stood.

Kiscadale Hotel

The Kiscadale Hotel was under new ownership, it was announced. Tony and Alison Eames have taken over and welcomed guests to the warm atmosphere. They were offering bar lunches, snacks and suppers.

Spring bulb show

H Macleod won The Royal Bank of Scotland for Best in Show. Although primary schools had been participating, this year there were none because of timing, with some bulbs now past their flowering and others not yet out, so the cup donated by Neil McLean was not presented. Next year schools will have their bulbs judged on their care of them no matter what stage they are at.

Farewell Glen Sannox

Robert Cleary of Glasgow wrote to the Banner about the veteran car ferry *Glen*

Sannox which was due to stop serving on the Arran route. He thought a fitting tribute would be to hold an evening cruise to mark the end of her long association with the island and a nice gesture after the loss of service during the recent strike.

Treacle scone ban for 'rugby ball' antics

Arran WRI remained tight-lipped about an incident said to have occurred during a visit to the 'Gold of the Pharaohs' exhibition in Edinburgh.

It is alleged that two members were seen passing a priceless Egyptian artefact back and forth across Rose Street in the manner of a rugby ball. An inside source told the *Banner* the miscreants can expect nothing less than a six-month ban from treacle scone competitions and total exclusion from this year's Arran Show.



Circus comes to town from Pirnmill Primary in Group Music Making at the Musical Festival.



Children from Rothesay Primary made the long journey to join in this year's Musical Festival and won the Bess McMullan Cup for Group Music Making.

WHAT'S ON...

BANNER

EVERYDAY

Brodick Castle Gardens & Country Park 11am - 4pm
Trout fishing, Loch Garbad. Bank

Hawk Walks, Lamlash

Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, 2pm - 4pm

SATURDAY 22nd March

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football
coaching, 10.30am - noon

Arran Dancers
Arran High School 11am - 4.15pm

Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club,
Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm

Disco, Ormidale Hotel 10pm

Karate
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm

Quiz Night
Catacol Bay Hotel, 7.30pm

Youth Connect Cafe
Brodick Church Hall (All High School students)

Learn to Salsa
KA Campus, Lamlash 9.30am - 10.30am

Open Garden
47 Murray Crescent, Lamlash 11pm - 5pm

Bingo Night
Kildonan Hall, 7.30pm

Earthworks Live
Lamlash Golf Club, 8.30pm

Quattro MacJazz
Whiting Bay Hall 8pm

Daffodil Tea
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 2pm

Easter Fayre
Brodick Hall, 11am

SUNDAY 23rd March

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

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

Open Folk Session
Ormidale Hotel. 9pm

Dominoes
Kilmory Hall, Rural Room, 3.30pm

Quattro MacJazz
Whiting Bay Hall 8pm

Open Garden
47 Murray Crescent, Lamlash 1pm-5pm

MONDAY 24th March

Senior Fitness,
Auchrannie, 9.30am & 10.45am

Over 50s Badminton,
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm

Quiz,
Cameronia 9.30pm

Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm

Football coaching,
Ormidale Park, 6 -7.30pm Boys & Girls (8-16yrs)

Badminton,
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm

Cardiac Rehab,
Auchrannie Gym, 12.30pm - 2pm

Circuit Training,
Auchrannie Gym 6pm - 7.15pm

Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm

Lamlash Bridge
Golf Clubhouse, Lamlash, 7.15pm

Badminton
Auchrannie 7pm - 9pm

Weight Wise
Hospital Bungalow, 6.30pm - 7pm

Indoor Cricket
Auchrannie Spa, 7pm

Yoga
Brodick Hall, 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Total Body Work Out
Kildonan Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm

TUESDAY 25th March

Senior Fitness,
Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
Lochranza Swimming Club,
Kinloch, 11am-noon

Legs, Bums & Tums,
Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm

Army Cadets,
Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm

Pop quiz,
Ormidale Hotel 10pm

Lochranza & Catacol Coffee morning,
Hall 10am - 12pm

Alcoholics Anonymous,
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm

Arran Rotary,
Auchrannie, 7.15pm

Citizens Advice
Open 10am -2pm 4 - 6pm by appointment only

Pulmonary Rehab
Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm

Table Tennis
Kildonan Hall, 6pm-8pm

Indoor Bowling
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2pm

Indoor Bowling
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

Scottish County Dancing
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm

Open Music Session
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm

WEDNESDAY 26th March

Mixed Hockey,
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

Aerobics class,
High School 8pm - 9pm

Jnr Rugby Training,
S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm

Aquafizz,
Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am

Circuit Training,
Auchrannie 6pm

Open Folk Session
Aldersyde Hotel. 9pm

Table Tennis
Kildonan Hall, 3pm-5pm

Shiskine Beavers
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm

Yogalates
Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am

Arran Heritage Museum,
archives and genealogy 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Folk Meeting
Lochranza Church, 2pm

Arran Music Festival
Whiting Bay Hall, Various Times

THURSDAY 27th March

Senior Fitness,
Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am

Brodick Bridge Club
McLaren Hotel 7.15pm

Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm

Badminton,
Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm

Lochranza Craft Club,
Hall 2pm

Outdoor run,
Auchrannie, 6pm

Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm

Belly Dancing,
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm

Aerobics,
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm

St Molios Church Coffee Morning 10.30 - noon

Youth Club
Youth Centre, Lamlash 7pm - 10pm

Cardiac Rehab,
Auchrannie Gym, 12.30pm - 2pm

Keep Fit
Kildonan Hall, 7pm - 9pm

Indoor Bowling
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

"Annie Get Your Gun" - Rehearsal
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm

Arran Junior Singers Practise
Whiting Bay School 6.45pm

Lamlash Beavers
High School, 6.15pm - 7.15pm

Lamlash Cubs
High School 6.15pm - 8pm

Arran Music Festival
Whiting Bay Hall, Various Time

Arran Garden Club
Ranger Centre, 7.30pm

FRIDAY 28th March

Arran Pipe Band practice,
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm

Lochranza & Catacol Coffee morning
10am - 12pm

Aquafizz,
Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am

Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm

Whiting Bay Golf Club
Quiz night 9pm

Circuit Training
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7.15pm

Arran Music Festival
Whiting Bay Hall, Various Time

SATURDAY 29th March

RNLI Lifeboat shop open
Lamlash Pier 2pm - 4pm

HMS Dasher Memorial Service
Brodick Pier, 10.40am

Quiz
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm

Newsband Live
Kilmory Hall, 9pm

Grand Jumble Sale
Whiting Bay Village Hall, 2pm

Shiskine Junior Drama Performance
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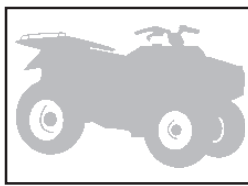
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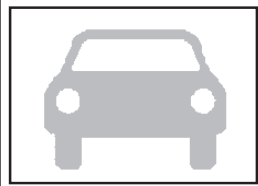


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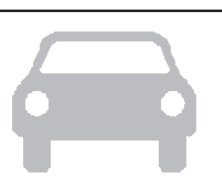
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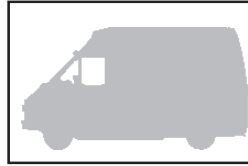
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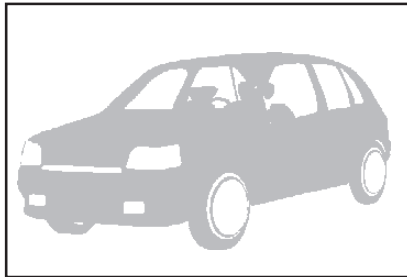
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Application No: N/08/00002/PP **Address:** Site To West Of Lakin Farm, Shiskine, Brodick, Isle Of Arran **Proposed Development:** Erection of 6 chalets, formation of access road and installation of treatment plant and reed bed

Ayrshire Structure Plan Policy(s) :-
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Applications for development within a Conservation Area. Written comments to be made within 21 days.

Application No: N/07/01196/PP **Address:** Benvarren, Corrie, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8JB **Proposed Development:** Erection of 1.8m high sandstone wall to rear and sides and erection of timber fencing to sides of detached dwelling house

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LAST WEEK

Last week Murphy was sitting on a picnic bench at Sandbraes playpark in Whiting Bay.

There were lots of correct answers with Iain Hendry of Brodick once again being quick off the mark on Friday morning.

Other submissions came from Eric Gilmour who said: 'It looks as though they've upgraded the swings and roundabout recently, wonder if they've done the toilets!'

Young Eilidh Black said: 'Murphy is sitting on the picnic bench near the slide and the new fast roundabout which I really like to play on.'

Four-year-old Angus Strachan also got the right location and added: 'ps I love this park.'

Angel 2k10 came online to jokingly accuse Murphy of using the same location twice when he appeared on Lamlash pier two weeks ago. She said: 'Used the pier again! Running out of ideas Murph?'

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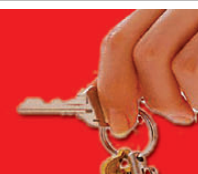
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DEATHS

HAWKINS - JANET

On the 12th March 2008, peacefully at the Alexandra Unit, Dumfries Infirmary, Janet Hawkins of Milner Place, Thornhill, formerly of Larachbeg, Sannox, Isle of Arran, much loved wife of the late Brian and a loving step-mum of Jackie and Steve.

Service at Roucan Loch Crematorium, Dumfries on Thursday 27th March 2008 at 12 noon. All friends respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to the Alexandra Unit, Dumfries Infirmary can be given at the service in memory of Janet. For more

details regarding transport please feel free to contact Mrs Kinnon on 01770 810222

Browell Richard (Dick)

Maureen, Susan and Brian wish to express their sincere thanks shown to them by everyone during their recent sad bereavement. Thanks also for the cards, letters and flowers. Special thanks to the Paramedics, Dr Nicole Shaer and to Rev Elizabeth Watson for a very moving service, and for her love and support and to David Hendry for funeral arrangements and Eden Lodge for catering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NEWS

Church of Scotland

North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.

Independent but working together.

Minister Rev Angus Adamson. Parish Asst Mrs Jean Hunter. Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times.

Sunday 23 March

Brodick Church 10.30am.

Family Service

Corrie Church 12pm. Family Service

Lochranza 9.30am

Pirmill 10.45am.

Shiskine 12pm All Age Service.

A service of Worship eill also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 23 March

Shiskine 11am,

Brodick 7pm,

Rev Dr Bob Achroyd

Greyfriars Church, Edinburgh
All welcome.

Arran Open Gate Ministries

We are a small group of like minded Christians meeting together to minister to each other and the wider community in spiritual and practical ways.

Visitor or local your are welcome to join us.

Telephone: 700424 or 600663.

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Holy Thursday, Mass 7pm

Good Friday - Arran Churches

Together Witness walk, 2pm

Evening Liturgy, 7pm

Saturday. Polish Blessing of

Easter Food, 4.30pm

Easter Vigil, 9pm

Easter Morning Mass 11am

Easter Mass in Polish 4.30pm

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 23 March

There will be a sunrise service to welcome Easter Day at the Viking Fort, Kingscross at 6am for a sunrise at apporox. 6.10am, then breakfast in the Church Hall immediately afterwards. All most welcome.

Family Worship for Easter Sunday will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served after the service in the Transept. There will be a service at AWMH at 1.30pm, Cooriedoon at 2.30pm and in Craigielea at 3.15pm.
All welcome

Kilmory Parish Church

Sunday 23 March

Public worship 10am

All are invited.

Kilmory Church dates back to the mid 16th century. It is situated at the Southend of the island in a charming rural setting and is well worth finding.

Look for the road side signs in Kilmory near the creamery.

Holiday visitors of all faiths or none will be especially welcome.

Rev John Webster, locum.

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

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Sunday 23 March

Easter Communion, 11am.

Revd Paul Fletcher. Coffee after service.

Wednesday, 26 March: Holy

Communion, 12.15 pm.

All Welcome.

Lamlash Church

Sunday 23 March

You are invited to worship in

Lamlash Church at 11 am

Family Service led by Tony

Butcher & Ian Watt

All welcome

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 23 March

11am Trust Housing Lounge

Glen Estate

Brodick

Evening Service, 7pm

5 Glen Road

Prayer Meeting

Mr G Furzer

All welcome

Arran Baptist Church

Good Friday at 7pm.

Easter Meditation

Sunday 23 March

Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick

10.45 Communion

Tea and coffee from 11.10

11.30 Celebration of Easter

Speaker: Rev Dr George

Mitchell

Ormidale Pavilion

Everyone very welcome.

Arran Churches Together

Good Friday 21 March Walk of Witness in Brodick. Service at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 2 pm, then proceeding through village for Service at Brodick Church of Scotland, finishing at 3 pm. All welcome to join in the whole event, or any part of it



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Brodiek Golf Club

March 12, eight played in windy conditions: 1 Joe Rae 83+17+66, 2 Eric Thompson 85+16+69. Magic 2s Terry Raeside 1 Chas O' Neill 1, Kerr Robertson 1.

Wednesday Sweep Dinner March 26, meet clubhouse 7pm for 7.15pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday Sweep March 15: 1 D Price 71-12=59, 2 E McKinnon 62-2=60 bih, 3 S Beardsley 67-7=60. Monday Cup March 17: 1 B Sherwood 68-7=61, 2 A Smith 70-7=63, 3 K Barclay 80-16=64.

Fixtures: Saturday March 22 Winter Cup tee-off noon. Monday March 24, Monday Cup tee-off noon.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday March 11 Winter Cup 1 David Price 66bih, 2 Marc Blair 66, 3 Elizabeth Ross 68. Scratch: Hamish Bannatyne 69.

Shiskine Golf Club

18 Hole Medal March 16 CSS 65: 1 D Markham 70-9=61, 2 B Sherwood 73-8=65, 3 J Stewart 70-4=66. Jamie Stewart won the best scratch 70 bih.

Ladies 12 Hole Medal March 13: 1 V Parks 63-16=47, 2 J Turnbull 59-11=48, J Turnbull best scratch with 59.

Fixtures: Tuesday March 25: final day of the Winter Cup, tee-off noon at Shiskine.

Brodiek Ladies Golf

Twelve Hole Tri-am Tuesday March 11: 1 Fiona Crawford, Trisha Martin, Carole Arthur 28 (bih), 2 Celia Butler, Marjorie Brown, Liz Lawrie 28.

Coronation Fours Tuesday March 25.

April Medal Tuesday April 1st.

Sunday March 9 winter Stableford final round: 1 Graeme Andrew 38 points, 2 David Ross 37 pts bih, 3 Alan Winship 37 pts.

Overall winner John O'Sullivan 144 pts, runner-up Alan Smith 144pts.

Fixtures: Sunday March 23 Glenburn Cup final day starts 9.30am and 11am.

Lamlash Golf Club

Congratulations to the Lamlash team of Bob Hasting, Lee Gibson, Ian Bremner and Alan Smith for winning the delayed Corrie Hotel Cup at Shiskine at the third attempt on March 15.

Also to John O'Sullivan in winning the Winter Stableford, nett 144, better fifth score, runner-up Alan Smith 144.

Sunday March 16 Lamlash v Whiting Bay on the best day of the winter, 17 turned up to play.

Lamlash two and a half, Whiting Bay one and a half. Winners of Shield for Winter, Lamlash ten and a half and nine and a half.

Winner of Old Cronies Trophy, Bob Hastings 62+66=128, runner-up Ian Bremner 63+66=129. Congratulations to Bob Hastings.

Fixtures: Saturday March 22: Glen Isle Mixed Fours, make up own pairings, see Starter for times.

Sunday March 23 Mixed Texas Scramble 11.30am for noon start.

Sunday March 30, final day of Glenburn Cup, 9.30am and 11am.

Arran Golfers Association Hotel Cup

Saturday March 15 at Shiskine: six teams competed for this re-arranged trophy, Machrie unable to field a team.

In cloudy but breezy conditions Lamlash triumphed by one point under the new Stableford format.

The association would like to thank Shiskine for the excellent condition of the course and to Colin and Sheila for the soup and rolls.

Results: 1 Lamlash 124 pts (D Bremner, B Hastings, L Girbow, A Smith), 2 Brodiek 123 pts (J Armit, D Robertson, L Hartley, D McKinnie), 3 Shiskine 118 pts, 4 Whiting Bay 117, 5 Corrie 100, 6 Lochranza Castle 90. Sweep 1 D Robertson 35pts bih, 2 B Hastings 35pts, 3 G Stewart 34pts.

Twos L Girbow, J Armit.

Winter points - final results

Cairnhouse Riding Centre held its Winter Points Final on Sunday in lovely weather.

Twenty eight riders took part and as it was double points on offer they had everything to ride for.

Sixteen entered the Wobblers and first to go Lauren MacAlister rode a really good fast clear on Peanuts in 37.56secs. The following nine also rode a double clear to earn themselves six points on the leader board; Sherlea Lyle, Lauren (Fudge), Emma Hill, Abbie MacAlister, Hannah Bone, Megan MacAlister (Promise), Ella Maun. Last to go, Nicola Currie, riding Lilly, picked up 10 points for riding the fastest double clear in 32.25 secs. Nicola has now won this class three times with Lilly, so can't enter it next season.

Twenty went forward for the Novice class and 14 went through to the jump-off against the clock. Amy Downard was drawn first, riding Molly, and they returned a clear in 23.84 secs and held the lead until Hollie Adamson and the experienced Merlin came in and knocked them off the top spot. Turning on a sixpence from the double to the fourth and galloping to the final combination, they came home clear in 21.34secs to win the class. The only other to give Hollie a good run for the money was Nicola Currie, who came home just outside the time in 22.97secs.

Class 3: 1 Merlin, Hollie Adamson, 2 Lilly, Nicola Currie, 3 Malakye, Amy Downard, 4 equal, Stormville City Arizona, Lynn Ramage; Summerville City Arizona Hazel Ramage; 6 Bingham Pageboy, Nicola MacAlister. The Mini Chal-



Champions Lynn Ramage, Nicola Currie, Megan McAlister and Nicola McAlister after an excellent winter points final. b12win02

lenge had 16 entered and at least 10 of the riders successfully jumped the 100 fence. Lauren was in first this time with her own pony, Fudge, and they set a good score of 270 for the remaining riders to chase. Hazel bettered that score with Summer, returning clear on 305. Amie Latona had Anna jumping out her skin and came home with a creditable 290 to put her fifth. Hollie and Merlin jumped an amazing 13 fences to win the class on a top score of 425. Nicola M, riding Taylor Smith's pony, Bing, gave it her best shot and cleared with a top score of 410 to earn herself ten valuable points.

Class 4: 1 Merlin, Hollie, 2 Bingham Pageboy, Nicola M, 3 Malakye, Amy D, 4 Sum-

merville City Arizona, Hazel, 5 Anna, Amie L, 6 Fudge, Lauren.

Out of the 12 starters in the Clear Round class only the following four made it round unscathed to pick up six points: Merlin, Hollie; Stormville, CA Lynn; Malakye, Amy D; Mowgli, Eilidh Kerr.

The final class of the season, as always, is the Cairnhouse Challenge and with the 100 fence looking every inch up to height the only rider to successfully jump it was our worthy winner. Amy and Molly rode a fabulous round and came home victorious on a top score of 240. Nicola M went into second place on a score of 150. The yellow ribbon went to Megan and her own Ally who returned

on 125. Eilidh finished on 95 for fourth place, while Amie and Hazel ended equal fifth with 70.

Senior Champion: Nicola Currie, Lilly, 119; Senior Reserve: Nicola MacAlister, Bingham Pageboy 70; Junior Champion: Lynn Ramage Stormville City Arizona 50; Junior Reserve: Megan MacAlister Ally 26. Special Awards: Most Improved Wobbly, Abbie MacAlister; Highest Top Score in the Cairnhouse Challenge Hollie Adamson (345 February); Best Turned Out during the season Kirsty McBain.

Special thanks to Marilyn for helping to keep everything running as smoothly as possible.

Teen training weekend spaces available.

ACROSS	
6.	1988 film which won Best Picture Oscar (4,3)
7.	See 16 Down.
9.	Walter, daydreaming creation of James Thurber (5)
10.	See 1 Down.
12.	Actor whose screen roles include Verbal in <i>The Usual Suspects</i> (5,6)
14.	Film musical based on <i>The Philadelphia Story</i> (4,7)
18.	1759 novel by Voltaire (7)
19.	Ellen, actress who died in 1928 after dominating the stage in partnership with Henry Irving (5)
21.	Percy, director of the film <i>Bagdad Cafe</i> (5)
22.	Town in the Ukraine, chief industrial centre of the Donbass region (7)

DOWN	
1, and 10 Across.	Council established in Paris in the spring of 1871 in opposition to the National Assembly (5,7)
2.	See 16.
3.	Arnold, composer of the ballet <i>Between Dusk and Dawn</i> (3)
4.	Peninsula in the Ukraine which juts into the Black Sea (6)
5.	Mythical lover of Hero who drowned in the Hellespont (7)
8.	Primrose also called the paigle (7)
11.	Estuary of S.W. France formed by the junction of the Rivers Garonne and Dordogne (7)
13.	Daughter of Prospero in Shakespeare's <i>The Tempest</i> (7)
15.	River which flows from the Adirondacks to New York harbour (6)
16, 2, and 7 Across.	1965 Iris Murdoch novel set in Ireland (3,3,3,5)
17.	Cruciferous plant whose pungent-tasting leaves are used as a garnish (5)
20.	A kind of smoked salmon (3)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- Merit (7)
- Sham (5)
- Luke-warm (5)
- Child's room (7)
- Slow down (6,5)
- Paper pulp (6-5)
- Stupid (7)
- Stern (5)
- Sky-blue (5)
- Upside-down (7)

QUICK CLUES DOWN

- Even (5)
- Edit (6)
- Day before (3)
- Idle talk (6)
- Dispute (7)
- Burial (7)
- Stream (7)
- To upset (7)
- Disregard (6)
- Enmity (6)
- Near (5)
- Tavern (3)

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE - Across: 7 Callas; 8 Beirut; 10 Le Carré; 11 Nolan; 12 Okra; 13 Innes; 17 Pecan; 18 Toto; 22 Halle; 23 Setubal; 24 Arthur; 25 Belsen.

Down: 1 Scallop; 2 Electra; 3 Cairo; 4 Tenniel; 5 Gryll; 6 Stone; 9 Jean Marsh; 14 Benelux; 15 Soubise; 16 Copland; 19 Wheat; 20 Flute; 21 Itten.

QUICK - Across: 7 Window; 8 Decant; 10 Laicise; 11 Angle; 12 Ogle; 13 Tench; 17 Stile; 18 Calf; 22 Taunt; 23 Options; 24 Upshot; 25 Blight.

Down: 1 Swallow; 2 Entitle; 3 Robin; 4 Penance; 5 Barge; 6 Steer; 9 Rebellion; 14 Station; 15 Sarongs; 16 Offsets; 19 Strut; 20 Purse; 21 Atoll.

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Case for the defence

Scottish Hydro Electric West League Division Three
Lanark 13
Arran 24

Arran rugby team's defence helped them to a relatively comfortable but crucial victory last Saturday against Lanark, the team one place above them in the league.

Sixth-placed Arran are now only two points behind their league rivals with two games-in-hand.

Arran coach Bert Ramage said: 'It was one of our best away performances of the season. We had the wind at our backs in the first half and built up a good lead of 19-3.'

Murray Picken went over the Lanark line in just the first minute and Lachlan Jones converted the try.

Ian Keen scored another try on 11 minutes which was unconverted. Jamie Murchie scored in the 30th minute and Lachlan stepped up to slot the ball between the posts. Lanark replied with a solitary penalty.

In the second half Arran were playing into the wind but managed another unconverted try from George Mendoza.

Lanark replied with a converted try and a penalty but the clock and a stubborn Arran defence were against them to bring the final score to 24 - 13.

Delighted

Bert Ramage was particularly delighted with his team's defensive display in the second half.

'Our defence was second to none, particularly in the second half when Lanark put the pressure on. This was the third game on the trot where our defence has been superb,' he said.

Arran are away from home for their match against league leaders Cowal today (Saturday), which is bound to be a tough challenge.

Bert said: 'Cowal beat us easily on Arran but we will hopefully be at full strength for this return fixture. I feel positive and if everyone plays to their potential I think a win would be possible.'

The annual Arran rugby sevens tournament will be held in Brodick on Saturday April 12.



Thornhill and Northend fight it out after a corner during the second half. b12f0003

Northend victory in sight?

Northend 5
Thornhill 8

One of the best games Northend has ever played took place on the synthetic pitch at Ormidale on Saturday, and although they lost they certainly redeemed themselves, said spokesman Matt Milne.

The home team came back from being 7-2 down to a respectable score of 8-5, which delighted the Northend players. Joining Northend for the day was ace scorer Archie McNicol of

Brodick who put four goals past the Thornhill goalkeeper. Matt said: 'Thornhill played better than us in the first half but we were a lot better in the second. It was a pretty close match, really and we were delighted with the result.'

'It was certainly the best match we played for well over a year - a good performance.'

'It shows that the players can do it when they need to do it. We just need to keep the level of consistency.' Northend's next match is away to Thornhill on April 19.

Tournament closes darts season

Arran Ladies Darts season came to a close on Wednesday March 12 with the Ladies Doubles tournament and annual prizegiving, this year held at the Kildonan Hotel.

Winners on the night were Paula Rouine and Jacqui Lennox, with Susan Logan and Jane McAllister runners-up.

Winner of the Ladies Singles competition the previous week and nbsp was Susan Logan, with Lecky McDonald runner-up. Overall league winners this year were the Drift Inn, with Catacol taking the league runner-up and gallon of beer trophies. League Secretary Susan Logan said: 'It's been another

really good season and we hope to be able to keep it going again next year. The final date in the darts calendar is the ARC Charity Mixed Doubles competition at the Drift Inn on Friday March 28. Anyone wishing to take part should submit names to me by Wednesday March 26 on 830231 or 850213.'



Doubles runners-up, l-r, Susan Logan & Jane McAllister and winners Jacqui Lennox & Paula Rouine.

Football coaching

There will be no Monday night games/coaching session in Brodick on Monday March 24 due to the Easter holiday.

Arran Junior Football Club will be running another primary school 7-a-side competition on Sunday March 30 in Brodick (noon to 3pm). Information has been sent to primary schools.

Pool League

Drift Inn continue to lead the Arran Pool League, sponsored by Copperwheat's Coffee Shops and Stevie Décor.

Ten points behind are Bar Eden, followed by Cameronia.

Catacol remain rooted to the bottom of the table, nine points adrift of sixth-placed Kildonan. Fixtures for March 27: Cameronia v Drift Inn; Catacol v Kildonan; Corrie v PT 1934; Bar Eden bye.

The finals day will be played on March 30 at the Drift Inn at 3pm. Would all semi-finalists please be there.

Doubles: M Goodchild/L McBain, E Ingram/J MacPherson, L Girbow/J Copperwheat, D Smith/E Picken. Singles: M Picken, E Ingram, M Worthington or G Willis, J or E Picken.

Bridge results

Brodick Bridge Club

Scores for Thursday March 13: N/S 1 T Martin and D Hamilton +1780. 2 A Bilsland and E Duncan +1450, 3 M McGill and E McConnell +1010. E/W 1 J Murchie and M Alexander +450 2 C Bone and H Boyd +320, 3 J Beattie and F Crawford -470.

Lamlash Bridge Club

Scores for Monday March 10: N/S 1 A Bilsland & T Martin -1120, 2 J McClure and A Kelvie -2630. 3 D & M Bruce -3480. E/W 1 J & J Beattie +4190, 2 H Boyd & J Murchie +3300, 3 R & J McBride +3210.

March 17: N/S 1 J Barclay and J McArthur +2610, 2 J and J Beattie +1520, 3 Pat Adamson and E McConnell +960. E/W 1 A Bilsland and T Martin +610, 3 J McClure and A. McKelvie +180, 2 E McNiven and L Trickett -960.

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