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## Ferry back on duty

After a thorough disinfection and cleaning, the regular Arran ferry, *MV Caledonian Isles*, came back into service at 3.15pm last Friday.

Following an outbreak of winter vomiting virus among crew, the vessel was taken off the Ardrossan to Brodict run on Wednesday night 5 April.

*MV Caledonian Isles* docked in the Irish berth at Ardrossan and the ship was disinfected in a process known as fogging while the crew were sent home.

Relief ship *MV Isle of Arran* sailed down from Stornoway to provide cover and made the first sailing from Ardrossan at 7am on Thursday then subsequently went on to make six return crossings up to 3.10pm on Friday.

Following appropriate treatment the regular Arran ferry came back into service for the 3.15pm sailing from Ardrossan on Friday which actually left 35 minutes late but with a fresh crew.

Donald Gray of Lamlash was one of the first passengers to queue for a meal at the cafeteria. As he tucked into his plate of

macaroni and chips he joked: 'I'm not worried about bugs; I've got a strong constitution.' After clearing his plate he added: 'I've survived; it was lovely.'

A Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) spokesman said: 'We are pleased to confirm that the precautionary action of taking the *MV Caledonian Isles* off service has proved effective.

'We believe that the actions we took were appropriate and if there are any lessons to be learned then we will implement them.'

He added that ship disinfection was not unique in the CalMac fleet and that the *MV Clansman* had been fogged last summer after a similar outbreak of infection.

CalMac operations director Phil Preston said: 'We would like to thank our customers for their understanding this week.'

'Acting quickly to take the major step of replacing the ship with the *MV Isle of Arran* has kept disruption to a minimum and enabled us to resume the full service in time for busy weekend sailings.'



Vivienne Coulthard from Newcastle has taken over the long-established business of Island Porcelain. She now lives in Corrie and has opened for business at the former Second Chance shop in Lamlash. Vivienne intends to design her own new pottery but still keep making the popular small figures of birds and seals created originally by the late Alasdair Dunn and now spread worldwide. She is pictured here with one of the delightful little puffins which have become the trademark of the company. b15por02

In this week's  
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New Lochranza  
ferry skipper



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Arran Passport  
for Paul

## Kilmory another step closer to new bus

Kilmory is another step closer to buying a new community bus thanks to the efforts of backpackers and bagpackers from the southend village.

After two previous treks Sally Brookes and Viv Parks are get-

ting ready to tackle the Great Glen Way this month in order to raise funds for the new bus.

They hope to complete the trek in five days starting from Saturday 29 April. They will be paying to stay at pre-booked bed and

breakfasts along the way and carrying their own small rucksacks.

Anybody wanting to sponsor Sally and Viv can do so at the Kilmory shop while on Saturday 13 May they will be collecting outside Brodict Co-op, hopefully

minus blisters. In another fundraising effort for the Kilmory bus, a squad of backpackers headed by Phyllis Picken are doing their bit at the Marks and Spencer store at Braehead today (Saturday).

### Holy Isle open day

The Buddhist retreat centre on Holy Isle will be open to the public on Saturday 13 May.

Jorden, caretaker at Samye Dechin Shing, said that there will be continuous ferry crossings from Lamlash throughout the day.

Last year's open day was cancelled due to adverse weather and high tides.



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## New taxi ranks

Brodick is to have official taxi ranks, Arran Community Council has been told.

In her monthly report to the members, North Ayrshire councillor Margie Currie said four ranks in front of the ArCaS shop and Ferry Fry at the pier, with a further three or four behind the Co-op Welcome Convenience store at Invercloy have been agreed. Taxi driver Ian McCallum, Whiting Bay, said: 'The ranks will be welcome at the pier because of the chaotic state of parking. It's maybe not in the right place but at least it will be an improvement.'

## Brodick oil 'spillage' contained



As MV Caledonian Isles heads for Ardrossan the oil tanker Border Heather approaches Brodick pier on Saturday in preparation for an oil-spillage exercise. b15bor1

An oil-spillage training exercise was carried out in Brodick Bay last Saturday night.

It was jointly co-ordinated by Caledonian MacBrayne (Cal-Mac) and BP Oils. The regular

fuel tanker Border Heather was berthed at the pier and for the purposes of the exercise it was assumed that there had been a spillage of oil from the vessel into the water.

Brodick pier manager Jim Kelly said: 'Staff from BP Oils and CalMac worked together and the make-believe spillage was contained within the basin.'

'It was a worthwhile exercise and we hope to have another one later in the year involving all emergency agencies.'

# Missing man on Arran?

South Yorkshire police are trying to find a missing man who may be on Arran and are looking for Banner readers to help.

On Monday 3 April Ian Hobson, aged 50, of Upper Haugh in Rotherham was reported missing to South Yorkshire Police.

As The Arran Banner went to press there was still no indication of his whereabouts.

His car was found abandoned

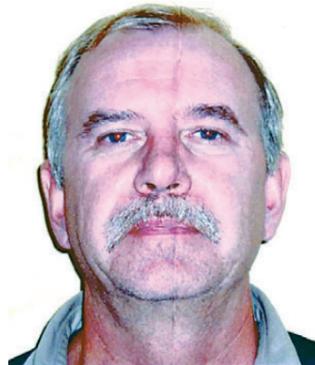
two days after he went missing and Mr Hobson is believed to have visited the Scarborough area after his disappearance.

Police enquiries have led them to believe there may be a possible link to the Isle of Arran.

A spokesman for South Yorkshire Police said: 'Mr Hobson visited Arran as a child and he will probably feel comfortable there. His auntie lives on the Island and his uncle's ashes are scattered there.' Mr Hobson is described as white, 5ft10ins - 6ft tall, with grey thinning hair and a moustache.

He speaks with a Yorkshire accent and he was wearing a black kagoule, black trousers and a black T shirt bearing a Half Price Ink motif. The police are urgently seeking to establish the whereabouts of Mr Hobson as his disappearance is out of character.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Rotherham Police Station on 01709 832147.



Missing man Ian Hobson who may be on Arran b15mis1

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## Controversial Kildonan house given go-ahead

North Ayrshire Council (NAC) planning committee has approved an application for a large detached house on the site of the old coastguard watchtower in Kildonan.

Objections were received from Arran Community Council and three local residents but approval was granted with four conditions. Also granted with seven condi-

tions was an application for six houses to the north of Heathfield, Blackwaterfoot. Approval was given to the application for construction of a new medical centre on the Rodden, to the north of the Steading, Shiskine.

Planning permission was granted for the siting of a mobile catering unit to the rear of the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick. Conditions were that further permission would be needed from NAC as to the level of sound from a generator and details given of measures for mitigating such sound. This planning permission will be discontinued on 30 September 2006 and the land restored to the satisfaction of NAC.

An application for a house for an agricultural worker on a site to the east of Creagraineach, Kildonan was granted subject to the applicant entering into a section 75 agreement to limit the occupation of the house to a person employed in agriculture.

The committee agreed to refuse the application for outline planning permission for a house to the south of Rockholm, Middle Road, Whiting Bay.

Arran Councillor Margie Currie moved that the committee grant the application but on an amendment from Councillor Barr it was refused by nine votes to six on the ground that it would be detrimental to traffic safety.

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# Brodick grass is greener

Around 20 local volunteers spent much of the weekend repairing the Ormidale Park sports pitch in Brodick.

Sections of the grass pitch had turned brown and muddy after the accidental application of concentrated weedkiller along the white lines last August. In November a representative of sports ground contractors Souters of Stirling took samples of soil for analysis from the affected areas.

At the time he told *The Banner* that it was probably a residual chemical that had been used and over time the effect appeared to

have spread sideways and killed more grass. Local contractors and tradesmen began voluntary remedial work on the playing field and on 3 December Murray Boal dug out the burnt areas to eight inches' depth with his JCB machine. Other assistance was given by Chris Marriott, Andy Ingham, John Robertson and John Thomson Construction.

Murray explained: 'The sports association was quoted £20,000 for doing the job so we all mucked in to do it ourselves.'

Last Saturday the volunteer workforce comprised representa-



Brian Smith waits for Derek Shand and Kenny Morrison to fill his barrow with sand as the volunteers re-lay turf on Ormidale Park last weekend. b15orm1

tives of all groups which use the field. The bare patches and trenches had already been filled with drainage gravel and fresh soil.

Derek Shand and Kenny Morrison were busy shovelling sand into wheelbarrows which was then spread evenly over the fresh soil to spirit-level precision.

Several pallet-loads of special sports pitch turf were on hand and unofficial clerk of works Andy Ingham supervised the turf laying to complete the job.

'The turf suppliers say it should be ready for use in a couple of weeks but we'll leave it to settle for quite a while longer,' said

Derek. 'At least it will be definitely back in use for Brodick Highland Games,' laughed Kenny.

Nevertheless, the popular annual Arran rugby sevens tournament scheduled for Easter weekend will still not take place.

It has been re-arranged for the final weekend in August by which time the Ormidale Park should be in fine fettle.

## Arran art on the worldwide web

Arran Art Gallery has a new internet website. Nick Giles, owner of the Whiting Bay gallery told *The Banner* that the site has been under construction since he opened last summer.

'It has taken time to get it right,' he said. 'And we had a lot of help from North Ayrshire Council.'

Nick explained that apart from direct sales, this website would increase business at the gallery itself. 'It's another window on our paintings.'

'People can browse the images at home and then call into the gallery when they get to the Island.'

Nick added that with 500 paintings in the Arran Art Gallery in Whiting Bay, his would soon be the second largest-stocked gallery in Scotland. The new website is [www.arranartgallery.com](http://www.arranartgallery.com)

### Police Files

#### Drink driving

A 49-year-old Stranraer man was stopped by police in Corrie on the evening of Monday 10 April and found to be driving whilst over the alcohol limit.

He was released on an undertaking to appear at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

#### Police warning

Local police sergeant Colin Young told *The Banner* that with the tourist season about to begin

he was concerned that holiday-makers should respect the laws of the land.

'Some people come over on the ferry and think they can let their hair down and that the same laws do not apply on Arran,' he said. 'I can assure them that the rules are the same here whether it be for drink-driving or unacceptable behaviour.'

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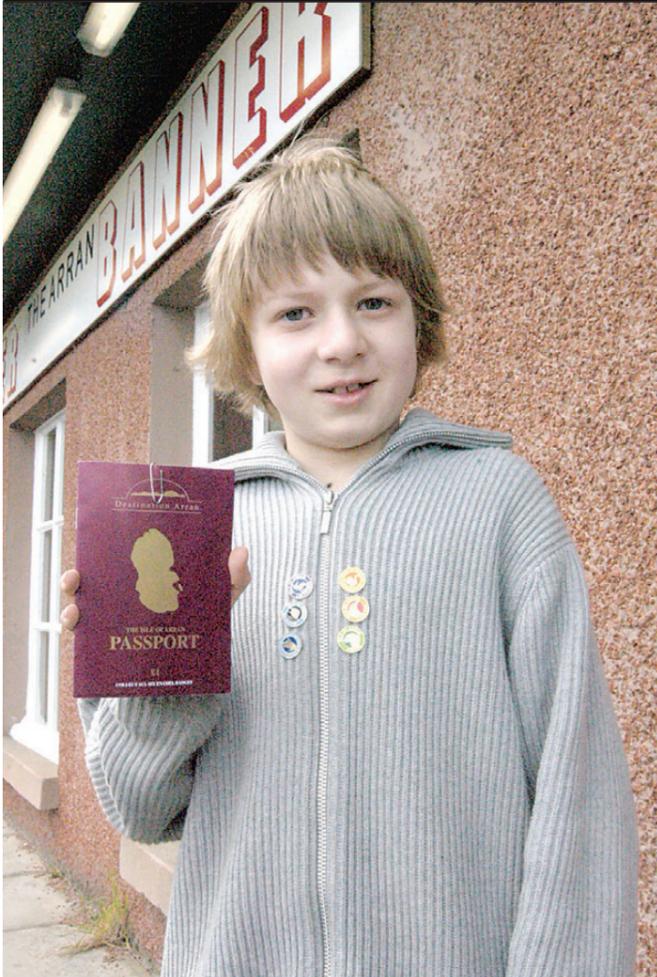


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Paul Atterbury proudly wears his badges and holds his fully stamped Island Passport. b15pas1

# Arran Passports get London youth's stamp of approval

A young lad called into *The Banner* offices on Friday to hand in a letter he had written about his experiences on Arran.

Nine-year-old Paul Atterbury from London felt he had such a great time with the Arran passport scheme he wanted to tell everyone about it.

The passports can be collected on the ferry or at the tourist information office and the scheme is run by Destination Arran.

If the owner of the passport visits six villages and answers questions they are rewarded with badges, ice cream and a stamp in their passport book. Along with his 13-year-old brother Laurie he has holidayed on Arran every year since he was born and stays with his granny Joyce Hilton in Whiting Bay.

The following is his letter that he wrote, without assistance, to *The Banner*: 'How good the pass-

ports are! I really like the Arran passports. I think whoever invented them has made the island appeal to me as island number one out of all the islands and countries I've been to. But it's not just about the free ice cream it's also about how nice the people are when you get your stamp and badge. In the Glenisle Hotel they didn't have any badges left and they searched through all the cupboards and drawers and they even

rang the tourist board! The new managers there were really nice and found two badges at the back of a drawer.

Now I am going back to London with all my badges to show off to my friends.

Thank you everyone, Paul Atterbury, age nine.'

Paul and his brother returned to London last weekend and are looking forward to returning to Arran.

## New skipper on Lochranza ferry

The regular Arran link with Argyll and Kintyre has been re-established with the resumption of the Lochranza to Claonaig ferry service.

Caledonian MacBrayne ferry *MV Loch Tarbert* has commenced her summer season of nine return crossings-per-day and eight on Sundays.

Galvin Crawford of Machrie, who has served on the vessel for a number of years, is now the

newly-qualified skipper of the Lochranza ferry. He is joined by new crew member Bryce Walker and John van Bogerijen who was a new face last summer. Another face familiar to regular travellers is long-serving ships engineer Dougie Munro of Pirmill.

Right: New Lochranza ferry crew members John van Bogerijen and Bryce Walker. b15cal2



Left: Skipper Galvin Crawford on the bridge of *MV Loch Tarbert*. b15cal1

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# Easter hunt for Arran blood donors

Arran residents are being urged to donate blood this Sunday. The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service will visit Lamlash Community Centre on Easter Sunday with hopes that everyone who is available to donate blood will make an extra special effort to do so this year.

A transfusion service spokesman told *The Banner* that Arran is the only island off the west coast that they visit.

He said: 'We need to get a certain amount to make it worthwhile. We are hoping to attract 100 donors on Arran.'

Local co-ordinator Alison Bilsland of Brodick said: 'Blood supplies are low throughout Scotland.'

'I would ask Islanders to please come along and donate on Sunday.'

Speaking on behalf of the transfusion service, Gordon Redpath, blood donor recruitment manager, said: 'This is our sole visit to Arran and therefore the only opportunity for local residents to support those in need of blood.'

'There has been a significant recent fall in blood stocks.'

'I would ask all our blood donors on the Island to make a special effort to donate on Sunday and please encourage family and friends to follow their excellent example.'

'We can dearly do with volunteers coming forward for the first time and playing their part in keeping Scotland's hospitals supplied.'

'Blood donations on Sunday will be processed and tested within 24 hours and made immediately available for patient care from Easter Monday onwards.'

'Please become part of the answer now and be there for someone in need of your kindness.'

Donors are asked to come along to Lamlash Community Centre this Sunday 16 April between noon and 5.30pm.

# Hotel's new owners want locals back



Gavin Lowe and Joan Preston are the new owners of the Glenisle Hotel. b15ht101

The Glenisle Hotel in Lamlash is now under new ownership.

Edinburgh couple Gavin Lowe and Joan Preston are 'delighted' to have taken over the 13-bedroom hotel, which was previously owned by David and Linda Hogg.

It has taken Gavin and Joan a year to find the right hotel having

scoured the west coast of Scotland. The couple now want to bring back local trade to the Glenisle.

Gavin said: 'We came over to look at the hotel after searching for a year and we fell in love with it.'

'We want it to be for locals and we are thinking about putting on

entertainment and themed nights in the future. We've been in just over a week so we've not made too many changes but we have strengthened the kitchen and made changes to the menu.'

Joan added: 'The Glenisle just ticked all the boxes for us.'

'We want to get to know the locals and we've had good com-

ments so far.' Gavin told the *Arran Banner* that the couple had visited Arran more than 20 times on holidays but had never lived on the Island.

Joan has extensive experience in the hotel industry all over the UK and the couple have now launched a new food menu and brought in another chef.



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# Carving in stone - for beginners



Tim Pomeroy with a group of budding stone carvers in his Whiterock studio. b15pom01

Arran Visual Arts continued with the Arran artist-tutor theme last month when an enthusiastic group of budding stone carvers took part in a carving session.

Local artist and sculptor Tim Pomeroy guided 10 students through the whole process.

The day-long workshop, held at Tim's Whiterock studio kicked off in the morning with the students carving a single letter, of their choice, into a piece of concrete.

Tim worked the group through the rudiments of carving explaining such things as how to hold the chisel and which angle to enter the stone to achieve positive re-

sults. Arran Visual Arts workshop coordinator Marjorie McDougall was among the students at the session. She said: 'Tim couldn't have been a better tutor and working in the setting of his studio was great.'

In the afternoon the students worked on their main project - to carve a word of their choice into a piece of stone. Tim said: 'I had told them before hand to choose a word and I expected most to opt for the name of their home.'

'The youngest member of the group carved the word *Honda* into his stone which I thought was good.'

'I was very impressed with the

output of the group that ranged from novice to more experienced - everyone did really well.'

Marjorie laughed: 'I had never held a chisel before in my life and I just couldn't quite get the hang of it but everyone went away with something at the end and we all had a great day.'

Don't worry if you missed out this time as Tim intends to do it all again at the end of this month in the Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle.

Anyone interested in taking part should contact Steve Mason at the centre to find out about the event planned for Saturday 29 April.

## Ferry service is just the ticket for Lochranza's Sandwich Station

The Sandwich Station has reopened opposite the Lochranza ferry terminal.

This new food shop proved particularly popular with travellers when Min Finch opened for business last spring.

With the resumption of a regular summer ferry service to Claonaig and re-opening of the distillery visitor centre, the village of Lochranza is coming to life again.

The Sandwich Station is open every day except Wednesday and Min said that she hopes to once again offer more unusual snacks such as squat lobster.



Mike the Knife, regular knife-sharpener for the west coast of Scotland, offers Min Finch a sharper blade as she makes him a bacon roll at the Sandwich Station. b15mik1

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The fèis, to be held at Ormidale Pavilion, will last between 3-5 June and will be part of Arran Fèis Fest's 11-day event.

Classes are available at different levels in guitar, fiddle, clarsach, pipes, stepdancing and Gaelic singing.

Among the tutors are world champion piper Fred Morrison; Johnny Hardie of the Old Blind Dogs (fiddle); Deirdre Graham, stepdancing and clarsach; Jock Tyldsley (Cajun fiddle); and Steve Byrne of Malinky (guitar).

The fèis organisers have said they are delighted to offer lessons in Cajun-style fiddle and guitar.

Application forms are available from the Book and Card Centre (01770 302688) or see the website [www.arranfèisfest.org.uk](http://www.arranfèisfest.org.uk).

The deadline for applications is Monday 15 May.

# Navy vessel sails into Lochranza

Lochranza is a hive of activity what with the *MV Loch Tarbert* sailing for the summer again, the Scottish Heritage workers restoring the castle and Min Finch's sandwich shop open again.

On top of all that a Royal Navy training vessel visited and berthed alongside the ferry at the pier. *HMS Charger* of the Royal Navy Patrol Boat Squadron carries a permanent crew of four and 11 University Royal Navy Unit

students. She was under the command of Lieutenant Commander Andy Johns RN who was accompanied by training officer Sub Lieutenant Matthew Richards RNR.

The students from Liverpool and Lancaster universities are all considering a naval career.

While they are on *HMS Charger* they are expected to carry out all the duties required to run a ship at sea.



*HMS Charger* alongside *MV Loch Tarbert* at Lochranza. b14nav2



Navy vessel *HMS Charger* berthed at Lochranza pier. b15nav2

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Saturday 15 APRIL, 2006

This weekend the Scottish Jazz All Stars play in Whiting Bay and Brodick. My guess is they comprise survivors of the west of Scotland trad bands of late fifties and early sixties. Then, before the Beatles had exploded onto the world stage and Bill Haley and Elvis were the choice of most young people, it was the emulators of New Orleans bands which were favourite with a section of young people. This was particularly so among those who regularly visited Arran.

At Easter and September weekends the trad bands were a focus for festivities. But the law was not always on their side. No music or dancing on a Sunday, and any carousing had to close by 11.30pm on Saturday night with everybody tucked up in bed by midnight.

Young people did not always accept this. On one occasion, September weekend 1960 I think, the nation was outraged when the *News of the World* had a headline, 'Island of Love'. The story was of the trad band, perhaps even some survivors of that night will be here this weekend, being ejected from Brodick Hall at 11.30 on the Saturday night. But there was insurrection and band, instruments, revellers, perhaps even purveyors of alcohol although I doubt it or there would have been prosecutions, moved lock, stock and barrel, to Brodick beach. Soon the midnight hour struck and this shocking story was accompanied by pictures of cavorting teenagers jiving, embracing, and doing other lewd things incompatible with the Lord's day.

Last week the first Sunday ferry sailed to Harris. Years of protest to keep the Lord's day holy have meant that no ferry has been allowed to sail there until now. Still not everybody accepts it although the march of 'progress' does seem to overcome all opposition in the end.

But also how different from Arran, which, thanks in part to its long standing appeal to suburban Glasgow, has always been at the forefront of the modern ideas. It is my guess that, this weekend, there will not be one hint of protest at people doing the unmentionable, even listening to music, on a Sunday.

Every action has a reaction. Change offers opportunities for some and removes them from others. An advert in last week's *Banner* tells of a new bus service from the ferry. Of course it is a direct result of the new free bus travel for those over 60. And why not?

In fact it makes no difference because free travel was already available from Ardrossan to Glasgow. But suddenly free travel has a higher profile and Stagecoach is taking advantage of this. Although there is a widely held view that bus travel is inferior to train travel - I know at least two people who will pay twice as much to go by train - it is my view that the bus is every bit as good, often better.

There was such a service before although lack of use meant that it was later stopped. Let us hope that the new attraction of free travel door to door will mean greater use and that this service continues. They are even going to wait for the ferry if it is late - but will the ferry wait for the bus should it be late?

**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****Daffodil tea at Lamlash**

Sir,  
Planning a daffodil tea six months ahead can be chancey - as far as daffodils are concerned.

But be assured the tea and home baking will be available and perhaps some late daffodils as well in Lamlash Church Hall on Wednesday 19 April, 10.30am to noon.

Yours,  
Morag Campbell,  
Cordon, Lamlash

**Are you mystery couple?**

Sir,  
I would like to contact a young couple, living in Whiting Bay, are English and I think originally come from the Lake District, who on 25 February at 9am left the Travelodge on Runger Lane to go to Manchester Airport where they were going on a Scuba diving holiday to Sharm-el-sheik.

It is in connection with the taxi we shared.

I would be most obliged if they would contact me.

Yours,  
Mrs. J O'Brien,  
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**Memories of war**

Sir,  
I was sent your lovely newspaper last week.

It gave an account of Harry Smith who died in March.

It was a shock to me for I have been in touch with Mrs Smith over the last few months.

Like Harry, I valued the comradeship we had in the Second World War.

I joined in 1937 (I told them I was 18 - I was 17) and at 18 I was in Palestine.

I came back in 1939 and went to France and came out of Dunkirk.

I was in a six-tonne tank and we did rearguard action, then did perimeter defence at Dunkirk.

There were only a few left on the beaches when we were told to evacuate.

I came back on the Isle of Man ferry boat.

I joined the 6th Airborne Division in 1943 and trained in parachuting and gliding.

Our division did Normandy 'The Battle of the Bulge' then the invasion of Germany.

Yours,  
Dan Ward,  
61 Brampton Avenue,  
Thurcroft, Rotherham.

**Gardens trip**

Sir,  
The Arran Horticultural Society, Garden Club are making a trip to Threave National Trust Gardens in Dumfries and Galloway on Friday 12 May.

We will be leaving on the 8.20am boat and returning on the 8.30pm boat.

The coach will stop at Dobies Garden Centre in Ayr for one hour on the way out.

We have some places left on the coach so if anybody would like to come along please telephone me on 600552. The cost of the coach is £10.

The ferry and Gardens entrance is separate.

Yours,  
Carol Vella-Boyle, Claveron,  
Lamlash

**Celebrating Easter in Brodick**

Sir,  
I'd like, through your columns, to invite everyone who is free to join us at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick, on Easter Sunday at 11am.

Arran Baptist Church is holding a 'Celebration of Easter' from 11am until noon.

This will be followed by light refreshments. Join us if you can and celebrate.

Yours,  
Tom Hutchison, North  
Narachan, Lochranza

**Spin Off**

Sir,  
In a new venture, Spin Off (Arran Spinners, Weavers and Dyers) will be demonstrating at the Heritage Museum on Thursdays this summer.

Our first day will be on Thursday 20 April between 11am and 4pm, so do come along to see what we do, have a chat, watch and have a go. We have something for all ages.

The friendly and relaxed atmosphere of the museum is most welcoming to everyone and we look forward to being there on a regular basis during July and August as well as the special events days.

Gill Butcher, Spin Off secretary,  
Tigh na Ranza, Lamlash.

**Arran Business Forum**

The following is the first part of a letter from Arran's Chamber of Commerce representative:

Sir,  
The Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce has had a responsibility for Arran for many years with a number of the larger businesses becoming members during this time.

As part of our ongoing strategy for more representation, particularly in rural areas, the Chamber's Arran Business Forum has been created to encompass the interests of all Arran businesses and provide a service that will engender closer working relationships between companies and reduce duplication in many areas.

The Forum already has over 20 members and the ambition is to triple this number, building an organization that will benefit the whole community.

Apart from all the great benefits to your own business, membership of the Chamber Forum gives you the chance to get together with your colleagues from around Arran, usually every two months, to access specialist and interesting information, helping you and all Arran's businesses stay ahead of the game.

There are other social gatherings to take advantage of, such as the Annual Race Day at Ayr Racecourse on 25 May or the Chamber Golf Challenge at Westin Turnberry on 28 June, these events are ideal for entertaining clients and networking with other businesses from

across Ayrshire.

The next evening meeting on Arran is Monday 24 April at the Auchrannie Spa, where one of the guest speakers will be from Pride and Passion for Scotland, so if you're still not sure what this is all about come along and find out more, non members are very welcome to attend.

Gerard Tattersfield, Chamber of Commerce Local Development Officer, Lamlash

**Horses are frightened**

Sir,  
We frequently ride our horses through Lamlash and would like to say thank-you to all the HGV and bus drivers who are so careful and considerate when passing us.

Thanks also to the car drivers who pass wide and slow.

There are some drivers who, I assume, know nothing about horses, who pass us too close and too fast.

Although our horses may not be frightened of the traffic itself it only takes a bag to blow in front of us, a strimmer to start, someone to appear unexpectedly or any one of many reasons for our horses to startle and jump into the path of traffic.

Road accidents involving horses are horrific for all concerned and largely avoidable with care and consideration from both the riders and other road users.

Please pass wide and slow. Sally Hunter, Hunters Tryst, Lamlash and Eleanor Bone, Glenkiln, Lamlash

**Arran High School Community heritage group**

Sir,  
Preparation for the new Arran High School Heritage Project 2006 is now under way.

Members of the Arran Community Heritage Project committee are reminded that the next meeting will be at 1.45pm in room 6 of Arran High School on Thursday 20 April.

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Ian McLaren, Arran Community Heritage Group.

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# Lochgilphead six return

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The squad travel from Lochgilphead and take the *MV Loch Tarbert* ferry from Claonaig every day to work at the castle.

The workers told the *Banner* that their blue portable toilets

were expected to arrive the day after they started work. They are hoping the loos enjoy a more low key stay on Arran than last year's toilets.

After a high wind blew them into the sea the loos were featured in *The Banner* being rescued by the Lochranza ferry and went on to make a full page in the national tabloid press.



The Historic Scotland workers line up outside Lochranza Castle before the start of this year's restoration work. b15cas1

## Arran Antiquarians to meet

The next meeting of the Arran Antiquarians society will be on Monday 24 April at 2pm in Brodick Hall.

Mr Donald L Reid of Beith will talk about Dr Henry Faulds, the pioneer of fingerprints.

New members and visitors welcome.

The field trip to Whiting Bay, led by Grace Small, which was abandoned on February, has been rescheduled. It will now be on 6 May.

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Arran Words and Music project members at a workshop in Kilmory last weekend. b15mus2

## Arran Ferry Tales musical to set sail

A further weekend of workshops musical play based on that most universal Arran experience - travelling on the ferry. Hence the title of *Arran Ferry Tales*. Local writers have contributed and music is arriving thick and fast. All this will make up a script and a score. The content is secret except to anyone who joins in, but the team promise some surprises.

On Saturday 13 May Virginia Rushton will be running a voice workshop at Kilmory Hall, from 10 am to 4 pm. Anyone with an interest in singing is warmly invited to attend. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

Virginia runs a very successful performance group in London called the *I Can't Sing* choir, composed of people who have been told at school to shut up while the rest of the class is belting out *The Ash Grove*. So whether you are a confident singer or a silent refusenik, this is your chance to

unlock the full potential of your voice.

The next *Arran Ferry Tales* workshop is on the weekend of June 10 and 11. At that session a cast of actors and singers will be assembled. It doesn't matter if you have missed previous workshops, but commitment to turn up to the June workshop and to the July week will be essential. The two final performances will be in Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday 15 July, matinee and evening, and there will be rehearsal sessions throughout the run-up week. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Lucy Cartledge on 600416 or Alison Prince on 700574 or just be at Kilmory Hall for the workshops on the 10/11 June. After that you'll have missed the boat.

# Jazz on a plate from Joni and friends

Local singer Joni Keen is dishing up jazz on a plate at Brambles Bistro, Auchrannie Hotel, on Sunday afternoon.

She is being supported by top artistes Brian Kellock on piano and Ronnie Rae on double bass.

Brian and Ronnie are also performing in Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday and Brodick Hall on Sunday night as part of the regular Scottish Jazz All-Stars Easter Weekend.

Joni said: 'It means a lot to me to perform in front of family and friends at the Auchrannie.'

'Arran was my adopted home for the past 26 years until my husband and I moved to Glasgow last year, but we still keep a house on the Island.'

Unfortunately, two members of the Joni Keen Quartet have just retired and she was scouting around for new musicians for the Arran gig.

'I knew the Scottish Jazz All-Stars were on the Island over Easter weekend so I plucked up the courage to get in touch,' said Joni.

'When Brian and Ronnie said, yes, I was delighted.'

'To have these two playing for me on my home patch is great. I've got the best jazz musicians in Scotland backing me.'

Joni Keen's concert is called 'Jazz on a Plate' and is from noon to 4pm this Sunday at Brambles Bistro.



Brian Kellock, on piano, and Joni Keen will be joined by Ronnie Rae for Jazz on a plate. b15jon1

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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# Arran comes together in *Sound of Music*

Rehearsals are well under way for Arran Music and Drama Club's production of *The Sound of Music*.

ITV news this week showed 3,000 children queuing at the London Palladium theatre to audition for the new Andrew Lloyd Webber production of this famous musical.

Arran youngsters were also keen to audition for the parts of the von Trapp children in the forthcoming Brodick production.

Our picture shows two of the successful candidates, eight-year-old Ailsa McMillan of Brodick

who plays Captain Von Trapp's youngest child, Gretl, and 10 year-old Christopher Jenks of Kilmory who plays Kurt.

Ailsa is keen on dancing, acting and singing but also loves horses. Christopher wants to be a footballer when he grows up and enjoys drawing among his more leisurely pursuits.

Former professional dancer Fiona Rodriguez is playing the part of Maria which was made famous by Julie Andrews in the 1965 film version of *The Sound of Music*.

Fiona actually danced and sang

in her teens with the Salzburg Operetta Company in 1981. She is wearing an authentic Austrian dress from St Wolfgang, Salzburg which has been loaned to the club for the show by an Arran-lover from Eaglesham.

The dress was bought for the lady, now in her '80s, by her late husband while on holiday in Austria.

She is a friend of rehearsal pianist Sandy McDougall and his wife Marjorie and will be coming to see the show which runs from Monday 29 May to Saturday 3 June.



Fiona Rodriguez as Maria with Ailsa McMillan and Christopher Jenks who play Gretl and Kurt von Trapp in the Brodick production of 'The Sound of Music.' b15mus1

# Easter feast for blues and folk fans

Common Ground Scotland is coming back to Arran for an Easter feast of blues and folk.

Following on from the charity's success last year, the venue this time is Brodick Hall for both Friday 14 and Saturday 15 April.

Friday night is blues night featuring legendary bluesmen Tam White and Fraser Speirs with guests.

The concert will be followed by a ceilidh.

Saturday's concert features highly acclaimed folk band Lyra Celtica with guests.

This concert is followed with a session open to all either to play or just listen to some of

Scotland's top musicians. Included in the guests are Coolas, winners of the 2006 Ayr Festival group award and Common Ground's own group Legacy.

Both events are licensed and tickets are available at Arran Adventure, Book and Card Shop, Brodick or by phoning 07816758860.

All proceeds will go to charity.

Common Ground Scotland is a traditional arts organisation that uses the arts as a vehicle for breaking down barriers of race, religion, social status or anything that causes conflict.

The common ground found in traditional cultures heightens the

realisation that what people have in common outweighs their differences.

As well as a year-long programme of events bringing people together, they have a summer school at the Paisley University campus at Ayr during the first week in August where along with workshops in instruments, art and dance, they have classes in peace education and non-violence.

# Easter jazz treat for the weekend

Easter is almost here and all Island music lovers are in for a real treat.

Once again, the Scottish Jazz All-Stars will be performing on Arran so all stompers can get set to shake off the winter blues.

If the April showers are giving you the blues and you don't get around much any more, it's just a short walk on the sunnyside of the street up the lazy River Clyde to the tourist information office where sweet Georgia Brown, or

at least sweet Angie, will swap your pennies from heaven for the high society event of the year; the jazz concerts in Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday 15 April and Brodick Hall on Sunday. The *Banner* of 1 April may have given the mistaken impression that trumpeter Duke Heitger was coming

to Arran. Whilst he is not coming, organisers are delighted to welcome the legendary Lennie Herd on trumpet. Also appearing are Forrie Cairns, clarinet; Fionna Duncan, vocals; Brian Kellock, piano; Ronnie Rae, bass; Alan Cosker, drums; and Dave Batchelor trombone.

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

## EVERYDAY

Arran Art Gallery 11am-5pm  
Brodict Castle Gardens & Country Park  
11am - 4pm  
Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am-4.30pm

## SATURDAY 15th April

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm  
Gymnastics, Auchrannie Games Hall 5yrs plus, 10am  
Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am-noon  
Football coaching, Ormidale park, boys & girls 5-15, 10-11.30am  
Arran Dancers Brodict Primary School 11am-4.15pm.  
Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club, Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm  
Karate Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am  
Over 21's Disco, Ormidale 9pm  
A Little Disco/Karaoke. Drift Inn 9.30pm  
Disco Dave, Cameronia Hotel 9.30pm  
Disco, Aldersyde with Mark & Vez, 9.30pm

## SUNDAY 16th April

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm  
Lochranza Choir, village hall 2.30pm  
Open Folk session night, Ormidale, 9pm  
Asthma Breathing Workshop, Ormidale, 3pm Alcoholics Anonymous, St Margaret's Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm  
Easter at the Castle, 1pm - 4pm  
Arran Baptist Church, Easter celebration, Sports Pavilion, 11am-noon  
Duck Egg Derby in aid of Kilmory Hall Fund, Lagg Burn, 3pm

## MONDAY 17th April

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm  
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am to 12.05pm  
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie, 9.30-10.30am  
Over 50s Badminton, Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Football coaching, Ormidale Park, 6 7.30pm (8-15yrs)  
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Spa, Brodict, 6-7.15pm  
Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Dancercise, Auchrannie, 6.30-7.30pm  
Scottish Country Dancing, W. Bay School, 7.30pm  
Pilates, Auchrannie 7.30 - 8.15pm  
St Brides Ladies meeting, Brodict Church Hall 7.30pm  
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm  
Quiz, Cameronia 9.30pm  
Weightwise, Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm  
Open folk session, Kildonan Hotel, 9p  
Coffee Morning & Sandwich Lunch in aid of Whiting Bay Hall, 11am

## TUESDAY 18th April

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm  
Shiskine Brownies, Shiskine primary 6.45-8.15pm

Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm  
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30-10.30am & 10.45-11.45am  
Brodict Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am-noon  
Lochranza Swimming Club, Kinloch, 11am-noon  
Pirmill Guild meeting - village hall 2pm  
Legs, Bums & Tums, Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm  
Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm  
Open Darts night, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 8pm  
Scottish Country Dancing, Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm 4 - 6pm by appointment only  
Carpet Bowls, Kilmory Hall 2.30pm and 7pm  
Art Group, Kilmory hall 2 - 4pm  
Pop quiz, Ormidale Hotel 10pm  
Quiz, Drift Inn, Lamlash 8.30pm  
Loch & Cat Coffee morning, hall 10am - 12pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodict Church Hall, 2pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous 'drop-in' Hospital Bungalow 6.30pm - 8pm  
Rotary Club 7.15pm Auchrannie Spa

## WEDNESDAY 19th April

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm  
Advocacy service, drop in session, ACVS office, Lamlash 11am-1pm  
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm  
W Bay Parents & Toddlers, Church Hall, 10.30am-noon  
Coffee morning, Lamlash Church Hall, 10.30am-noon. All welcome.  
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Spa, Brodict, 6-7.15pm  
Mixed Indoor Hockey, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-8pm  
Arran Runners, meet NTS Castle Car Park, 7.15pm  
Life drawing workshop, Ranger Centre, Brodict Castle, 7-9pm  
Gymnastics Auchrannie 6pm and 7.30pm 5yrs plus  
Youth Club, youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm  
Aerobics class, High School 8pm-9pm  
Sound of Music rehearsal, Brodict Hall 7.30pm  
Jnr Rugby Training, S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm  
Shiskine Beavers, Shiskine Hall 6pm-7.15pm  
Daffodil Tea. Lamlash Church Hall 10.30am-noon  
Coastal Way Support Group, AGM Brodict Library 2.30pm

## THURSDAY 20th April

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm  
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm  
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30-10.30am & 10.45-11.45am  
Brodict Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am  
Spinning and Weaving, Brodict Museum 11am-4pm  
Pilates, Auchrannie, 5.45pm & 6.30pm 6.45-7.30pm  
General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale, Brodict, 10pm  
Pub Quiz, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 9pm  
Spinning Demonstration Whiting Bay Hall 11am-2pm  
Gymnastics Auchrannie 1pm pre-school  
Rock School, youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm

Brodict Embroidery Group. Brodict library, 7.30-9.30pm  
Lamlash Beavers 6-7pm Cubs 6.15 -8pm, Scouts 7.30-9pm  
Brodict Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm  
Coffee Morning St Molios church, Shiskine 10.30-noon  
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm  
Badminton, Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm  
Arran Junior Singers choir practice, W/Bay school 6.45pm  
Sound of Music rehearsal Brodict Hall 7.30pm  
Lochranza Craft Club, hall 2pm  
Arran Natural History Society talk, ranger centre, 8pm  
Bar Eden Open Folk Session 9pm  
Machrie Golf Club, AGM, Machrie Hall, 7.30pm

## FRIDAY 21st April

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm  
Shiskine Toddlers, Shiskine Hall, 10am-noon  
Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodict Hall, 7.30pm  
Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.00pm  
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm  
Loch & Cat Coffee morning 10am-noon  
Asthma breathing workshop. Ormidale Hotel. Kids 4pm, Adults 7pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club quiz night, 9pm  
Over 21's Disco, Ormidale 9pm  
Coffee Morning, Sheltered Housing, McKelvie Road, Lamlash 10.30am  
Molaise of Arran, illustrated talk, Sports Pavilion, Brodict, 7.30pm

## SATURDAY 22nd April (non regulars)

Family Ceilidh, Corrie Hall in aid of AIDS in Swaziland 8pm

## Kilmory WRI final meeting

At the committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 March, the following office-bearers for 2006-2007 were elected: president Phyllis Picken, vice-president Gill Edmonds, secretary Sarah Thomas, treasurer Sarah Pierce, press secretary Margaret Tait.

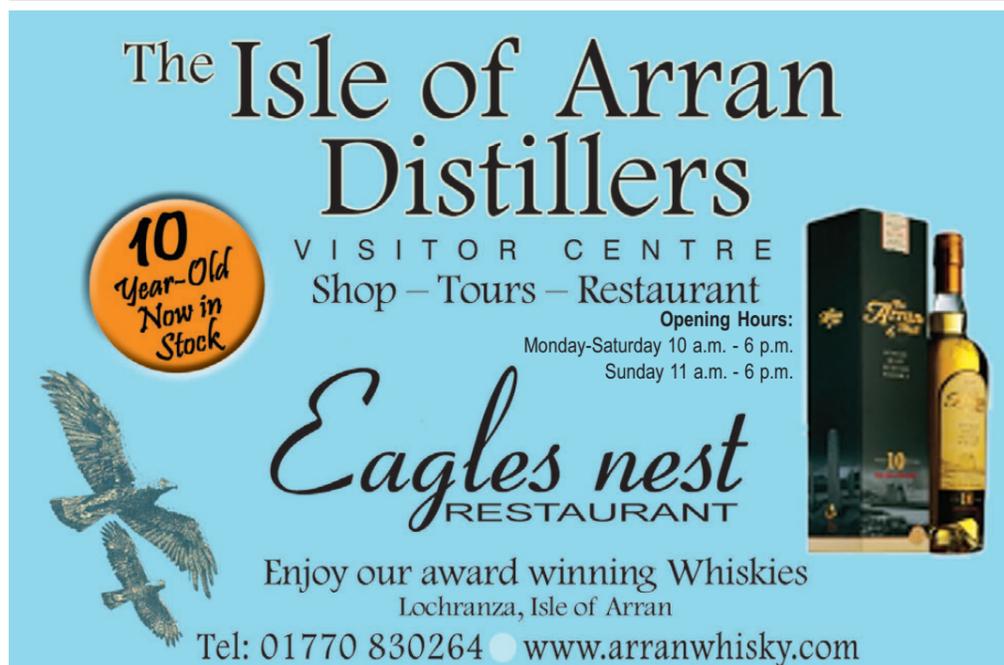
At the final meeting of the season held in Kilmory Hall on Monday 10 April the speaker was Margie Currie. She gave a most enlightening and entertaining account of her role as councillor for Arran with much lively discussion and reminiscences on topics dear to Islanders and particularly southenders hearts. A vote of thanks was given by Johann McHarg. An end-of-season supper will be held on Monday 8 May, venue to be confirmed. Contact Phyllis Picken on 870263 or Sarah Thomas on 870285.

## RNLI shop open

Easter has arrived and the lifeboat shop at Lamlash will be open this weekend, Saturday and Sunday from 2-4pm.  
Our new stock is here, so please come along to buy or just to browse - you will be very welcome.

## Kilmory 250 Club winners announced

Congratulations to the winners of the Kilmory 250 Club April 1 draw:  
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2 Howard Driver 161  
3 Janette Head 230



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Sun 16th April Brodict Hall

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Brian Kellock (Piano)  
Ronnie Rae (Bass)  
Alan Cosker (Drums)  
Lennie Herd (Trumpet)  
Dave Batchelor (Trombone)

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# Golden couple's Arran roots

A former Arran couple have been 'overwhelmed' at the number of cards and flowers sent to them from the island on their golden wedding anniversary.

Ian and Janet Reid, who now live in Crosslee, married on Arran on March 9, 1956 at the Church of Scotland Brodick.

The couple maintain strong links with the island where friends and family still live. Janet said: 'Some people from Arran who were at our wedding remem-

bered our anniversary and sent us flowers and cards.

'We were overwhelmed with that so a big thank-you to all of them. We still have friends and family on Arran and we get *The Arran Banner* every week.'

The wedding was conducted by Rev Tom Aikman in the absence of the couple's usual minister Rev Mitchell Kerr who had taken ill.

After the ceremony the couple held a reception in the Douglas Hotel and stayed there overnight.

Janet said: 'The next morning we were piped to the ferry by the late Robbie Stewart and went on to Callander for our honeymoon. It was a great send off.'

Janet was born and raised on the Island and Ian's family moved to Arran when he was two-years-old. The couple moved to Renfrewshire 42 years ago and

have three children; Isobel, John and Moira, and four grandchildren.

'Fifty years have really flown by,' said Janet. 'To celebrate the anniversary we had a night out with the family. Ian will celebrate his 80th birthday on 15 April so we are combining the two with a trip to the Canary Islands.'



Ian and Janet Reid on their wedding day. b15gld1p



The golden couple Ian and Janet. b14gld2p

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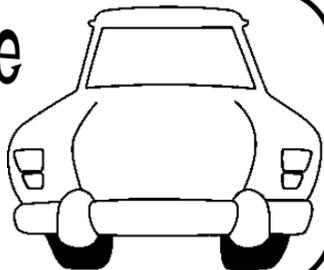
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### WHAT'S ON AT THE ORMIDALE

- Fri 14th April Over 21's 60's & 70's Disco 10pm
- Sat 15th April Over 21's 60's & 70's Disco 10pm
- Sun 16th April Folk Session 9.30pm
- Tues 18th April Pop Quiz 10pm
- Thur 20th April General Knowledge Quiz 10pm
- Fri 21st April 21's 60's & 70's Disco 10pm
- Sat 22nd April Over 21's 60's & 70's Disco 10pm

## Car Boot Sale

Brodick Primary School  
Saturday 22nd April  
11am - 3pm  
£5.00 per car  
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**DANCING - ENTERTAINMENT - PRIZES - RAFFLES**  
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**An illustrated talk by**  
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**Friday 21st April**  
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**Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick**  
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## Jesus is Alive!

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*with*

*Arran Baptist*

*Church*

**Easter Sunday**  
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**PILATES - 7.30 to 8.30pm (STUDIO)**

**Tues SENIOR FITNESS - 9.30 to 10.30am & 10.45 to 11.45am(GYM)**  
**LEGS, BUMS & TUMS - 6 to 6.45pm (STUDIO)**

**Wed AQUAFIZZ - 9.45 to 10.30am (HOTEL)**  
**CIRCUIT TRAINING - 6 to 7.15pm (GYM)**  
**GYMNASTICS - 6 to 7.30pm & 7.30 to 9pm (HALL)**  
**HOCKEY - 7 to 8pm (HALL)**

**Thurs SENIOR FITNESS - 9.30 to 10.30am & 10.45 to 11.45am (GYM)**  
**GYMNASTICS - 1 to 2pm (HALL)**  
**ONLY ABS - 5.30 to 6pm (STUDIO)**  
**OUTDOOR RUN - 6 to 6.30pm (OUTSIDE)**  
**PILATES - 6 to 7pm (STUDIO)**

**Fri AQUAFIZZ - 9.45 to 10.30am (HOTEL POOL)**  
**WATER POLO - 7.30 to 9pm (HOTEL POOL)**

**Sat GYMNASTICS - 10 to 11.30pm (HALL)**  
**KARATE - 11.30 to 12.30pm & 12.30 to 1.30pm (HALL)**

**Sun FAMILY GAMES - 2 to 3pm (kids & adults) (HALL)**

**Mon - THURS SWIMMING LESSONS - 4 to 5.30pm (HOTEL MON & SPA)**

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Viewing 5 - 6 p.m.

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**MONDAY 17 APRIL**

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# RECRUITMENT

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Lochranza Golf Business Opportunity The Pavilion, Lochranza

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

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

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

\*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

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

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

Application No N/06/00268/PP Address Site To North Of Ballymichael Bridge, Shiskine, Brodick, Isle Of Arran Proposed Development Installation of a monosodium phosphate (MSP) dosing kiosk and all ancillary works

Application No N/06/00302/PP Address Margnaheglish Area, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran Proposed Development Provision of roads and plots

Application No N/06/00278/PP Address Site To North East Of Woodside Farm, Kildonan, Brodick, Isle Of Arran Proposed Development Erection of dwelling house for agricultural worker

Application No N/06/00266/PP Address Site To The North Of Isle Oransay, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran Proposed Development Conversion of double garage to form living accommodation including formation of balcony to front and rear (retrospective)

### PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications for development within a Conservation Area. Written comments to be made within 21 days.

Application No N/06/00266/PP Address Site To The North Of Isle Oransay, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran Proposed Development Conversion of double garage to form living accommodation including formation of balcony to front and rear (retrospective)

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS IN CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1987

Applications for Listed Building Consent. Written comments to be made within 21 days.

Application No N/06/00305/LBC Address 19 Douglas Place, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8DB Proposed Development Erection of extension to rear of mid terraced dwelling house including internal alterations

Ian Snodgrass  
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### LAMLASH MOORINGS ASSOCIATION

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**Lamlash Golf Club**

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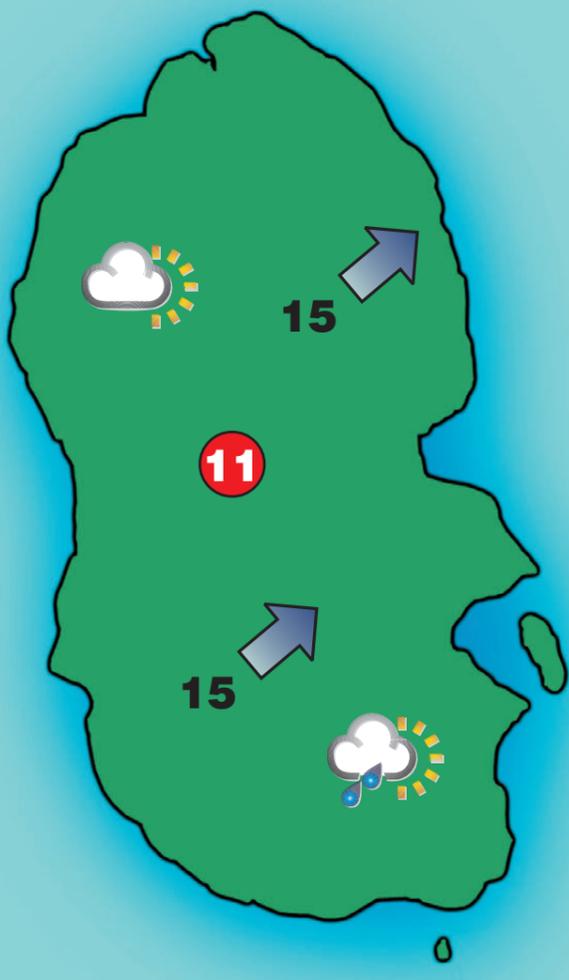
# Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, April 15 2006** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

| Date | am    |     |       | pm  |       |     |       |     |
|------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| Sat  | 01.11 | 2.8 | 06.33 | 0.3 | 13.08 | 3.0 | 18.42 | 0.3 |
| Sun  | 01.34 | 2.9 | 07.04 | 0.3 | 13.42 | 3.0 | 19.15 | 0.3 |
| Mon  | 02.02 | 3.0 | 07.39 | 0.3 | 14.16 | 3.0 | 19.53 | 0.3 |
| Tues | 02.31 | 3.0 | 08.18 | 0.3 | 14.52 | 2.9 | 20.36 | 0.5 |
| Wed  | 03.02 | 2.9 | 09.04 | 0.5 | 15.31 | 2.8 | 21.24 | 0.7 |
| Thur | 03.37 | 2.8 | 10.01 | 0.6 | 16.17 | 2.6 | 22.20 | 0.9 |
| Fri  | 04.22 | 2.6 | 11.07 | 0.7 | 17.21 | 2.4 | 23.26 | 1.0 |

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

|                |              |             |              |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Blackwaterfoot | <b>+0.25</b> | Machrie     | <b>+0.25</b> |
| Corrie         | <b>+0.20</b> | Lochranza   | <b>+0.15</b> |
| Whiting Bay    | <b>-0.02</b> | Brodick Bay | <b>+0.25</b> |
| Kildonan       | <b>-0.05</b> |             |              |



**Saturday**

**Saturday, April 15**

Light showers during the day. Moderate breeze. 11°C.

**Sunday, April 16**

Some good sunny spells with only a few showers likely

Temperatures around 11°C.

**Monday and Tuesday**

Showery. Feeling cold in the fesh westerly wind

Temperatures near normal at around 10°C

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

**Ardrossan/ Brodick** - Moderate

**Tarbert/ Lochranza** - Moderate

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHURCH NEWS

### Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 16 April  
Shiskine 11am. Guest Service  
Reverend David Karoon.  
All welcome.

### Lamlash, Shiskine, Lochranza and Pirnmill

Worship on Easter Sunday 16 April. Lamlash Church 11.45am (Family Service of Readings and Praise); St Molio's, Shiskine; 10.00am (Family Service of Readings and Praise) Both services by Mrs Jean Hunter. St Bride's, Lochranza 10.30am; Pirnmill Church 12 noon. Both services by Rev Kenneth Fisher.  
Worship on Good Friday 14

April. St Molios', Shikine; 7.00pm a sevice of Praise and readings by Mrs Jean Hunter.

### Brodick and Corrie Churches

Worship will be conducted in Brodick Church on Easter Sunday 16 April 10.45am and in Corrie Church at noon. All welcome. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall at Brodick after the service.

### Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

There will be a sunrise service at the Viking Fort, Kingscross on Sunday 16 April at 6.00am for an expected sunrise at 6.09am, then breakfast in the Church Hall immediately afterwards. All most welcome to this short service to celebrate

the resurrection of Jesus Christ early on that first Easter morning.

Family Worship for Easter Sunday will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. All welcome.

Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and various cards. All most welcome to celebrate this most wonderful of days.

There will be a service in the Arran War Memorial Hospital at 1.30pm, a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm and a service in Craigielea at 3.15pm. All welcome.

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

We are a small group of people meeting in a warm, friendly environment, enjoying lively and meaningful worship in God's presence. New to Arran, or just curious you are most welcome. Telephone: 700424

### Kilmory Church

'A faith to proclaim, a fellowship to share'.  
Easter Day. Public worship, Holy Communion and Sunday school at 10am. Rev John Webster, locum.

### Holy Cross Catholic Church

Good Friday Witness Walk 2pm. Good Friday Liturgy 7.30pm. Easter Vigil Service 9pm.

Easter morning mass 11am.

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

Saturday 15 April: Easter Vigil 6pm, Canon Keith Pagan, Kintyre. Easter Sunday, 16 April: Holy Communion. 11am. Canon Pagan. Wednesday 19 April: noon. Holy Communion. All Welcome.

### Arran Baptist Church

Friday 14 April at 7.30pm in the Free Church building, Brodick. Easter Meditation and Praise, Sunday 16 April 11am-noon in the Ormidale Sports Pavillion, Rev. Andrew Rollinson. Easter Celebration. Everyone very welcome

### Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 16 April, Trust housing lounge, Brodick, 11am. Evening service, 5 Glen Rd, Brodick 7pm. Prayer meeting Wed 19 April 7pm. Rev D McLeod. All welcome.



## McNeill - McGinty

Married by registrar Loretta Adamson at Auchrannie Country House Hotel on Tuesday 11 April were Louise McNeill and Steven McGinty of Paisley. Louise is a care centre manager and Steven works in local government. They are long-term Arran holidaymakers and Louise said that they could have been playing together here as children without knowing each other. They wanted a quiet wedding, and none of their family or friends knew of their intentions. In fact Steven said that the first their folks will know will be when they see the photograph in

*The Banner.* b15wed1

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### JAMES BROWN of Corriecravie House

I would like to thank the nurses and medical staff most sincerely for the first class attention I received at both Crosshouse Hospital and the War Memorial Hospital Lamlash during my recent illness.

Thanks to the helicopter crew and paramedics for their exciting transport to and from the mainland, and my friends and neighbours for their kind wishes and cards.

*'After all, we are only remembered for what we have done'*

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## Livestock sales

United Auctions had forward 1706 store cattle and 492 store hogs and ewes with lambs at foot at their sale on Wednesday 12 April at Stirling Auction Mart, Kildean.

**Store Cattle:** Bulls per head - Braehead (Charolais cross) £630, Kilpatrick (Limousin cross) £620, Craigraineach (Belgian Blue cross) £555, Craigraineach (Limousin cross) £510, Hawthorn (Charolais cross) £505.

Heifers per head - Craigraineach (Belgian Blue cross) £565, Kilpatrick (Limousin cross) £445, Hawthorn (Charolais cross) £425.

**Sheep:** Hoggets per head - Hillside (Texel cross) £64.50, Clachaig (Suffolk cross) £61.20, Braehead (Texel cross) £55.80, Braehead (cross) £45, Hillside (Blackface) £45.

Cast Ewes per head - Clachaig (Suffolk cross) £61, Hillside (Blackface) £46. Ewes with lambs at foot - Balegra (Texel cross) £105 and £71.

## Ticket competition winners

Two Rangers fans from Arran had a trip to Ibrox at the weekend courtesy of *The Arran Banner*.

In our recent competition Ryan Armstrong from Whiting Bay and Robyn Keen from Brodick both correctly answered that Rangers' Greek defender Sotirios Kyrgiakos was the goalscorer in the game against Dunfermline.

They were in the crowd as Rangers beat Motherwell 1-0 although Ryan and his dad unfortunately found themselves in the away stand.



Ryan Armstrong was hoping to catch his favourite player Nacho Novo in action. b15rfe2



Robyn Keen is all smiles before heading to Ibrox. b15rfe1

# Arran pool presentation marks season finale

The 2005/2006 Arran pool season came to a close last Saturday with a buffet dance and prize-giving in the Aldersyde Hotel, Lamlash.

League chairman Ross MacKay presented an array of trophies to the assembled prizewinners.

Eddie Picken, hard-working pool league secretary and winner of the Arran doubles with playing partner Denis Smith, picked up trophies for himself and Denis, who was not there in person.

Winners were: League champions, Aldersyde; runners-up, Cameronia.

Knock-out shield winners, Aldersyde; runners-up, Cameronia.

Plate winners, Bar Eden; runners-up, PHT.

Singles champion, Euan Ingram; runner-up, John

Ferguson. Doubles champions, Eddie Picken and Denis Smith; runners-up, Craig Galloway and John Ferguson. Arran Open

winner, Murray Picken; runner-up, Glen Willis.

In the Ladies Open the winner was Julie Miller. Champion of

champions and winner of the Gary MacLean quich was Euan Ingram; the runner-up is Murray Picken.



Arran pool trophy winners at the presentation dinner in the Aldersyde Hotel, Lamlash last Saturday. They are, from left, Max Worthington, John Ferguson, Ross MacKay, Craig Galloway, Allan Picken, Davie Kemp, Vicky Dillon, Euan Ingram, Julie Miller, Eddie Picken and Mark McGee. b15poo1

## Ormidale Park astroturf hosts Easter football camp

Arran's young football stars attended an Easter football camp this week to help them on their way to becoming the next big thing.

The camp, which was organised

at this time of year to coincide with the school Easter holidays, was held at the Ormidale Park astroturf pitch.

It lasted four days from Monday, 10 April to Thursday, 13

April and was well attended.

Training was provided by Barry Scott, SFA Football Development Officer for North Ayrshire, and SFA coaches Robert Young and Craig Hamilton.



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



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# Brodick's golden girl

Brodick runner Nicole Bunyan had double success at a mainland running competition last week.

Held at the Dam Park in Ayr last Wednesday night Nicole took a gold and a silver in two of her events in the Ayrshire Harriers Club Association open graded meeting.

She was placed first in the 100 metre and third in the 800 metre in the under 17 category running for the Irvine Athletic Club - the first time she has competed in this age group.

She is no stranger to winning in her events and features regularly in the *Banner's* sports section.

Nicole's first club is Arran Runners but to be able to compete in mainland competitions she has to be in a team based there.

Nicole's mum, Jill said: 'It was absolutely freezing but there were still a lot of entrants.'

Runners from across Ayrshire had gone along to the event all keen to be placed in the medals.

Jill continued: 'In spite of the weather there was a good turnout

of runners and the place was packed.'

'Nicole did really well in her 100 metre race - she was head and shoulders ahead of the other runners.'

Her 800 metre race came directly after this one and she turned in a quality performance. However, Nicole favours shorter distance races to compete in.

She is now looking forward to a busy summer schedule of training and events, and is looking forward to further success.

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

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Fixtures: Sunday 16 April, Cooper Angus Trophy (Stableford), one draw only at 11am.

Wednesday 19 April - first round of Sunner Trophy. Sunday 23 April - Hunter Buidael, one draw at 11am.

### Brodick Golf Club

Summer Cup, Wednesday 5 April, CSS 65, 33played.

1 Charles O'Neill (20) 56, 2 Iain Macmillan (10) 63, 3 David Hendry (10) 64. Scratch - Steven Bunyan 71. There were 10 2s, John Beattie had two.

Brandon, Sunday 9 April CSS

64, 28 played.

1 Jimmy Armit (7) 63 (bih), 2 Terry Raeside (9) 63, 3 Joe Rae, (13) 65 (bih).

Scratch - Jimmy Armit. There were four 2s.

First Class Brandon winner - Jimmy Armit. Second Class Brandon winner - Joe Rae.

Fixtures: Sunday 16 - Belhaven Medal - draw Saturday at noon.

### Brodick Golf Club ladies

April 4, April Medal, 25 entries, SSS 67 CSS 69

Silver: 1 C Arthur (16) 67; 2 E Sinclair (13) 69 BIH

Bronze: 1 K Robertson (25) 79; 2 M Cuthbert (25) 81

Scratch - E Sinclair 82

### Lamlash Golf Club

Summer Cup, Thursday 6 April, 20 played.

Sweep: 1 Euan Evans 67(bih), 2 Robbie McGunnigle 67, 3 Andy Barclay 68(bih) over Ian Frew.

Best scratch - Andy Barclay 70. Magic 2s: A. Barclay at 16th, A. Smith at 14th, J. McGovern at 13th, D. McFarlane at 2nd and 14th. Hugh Hutchison Trophy (Greensome Pairs) Sunday 9 April.

Sweep: 1 Jamie Murchie and Maurice Appleby 59.6, 2 Robbie McGunnigle and Gary Adams 63.

Magic 2s: J. Henderson and R. Adams at 9th and 13th. J. McKenzie and M. Mitchell at 14th.

Fixtures: Saturday 15 April, Glen Isle mixed foursome (arrange with starters regarding times).

Sunday 11 April, Texas Scramble mixed. 12.30pm for 1pm start.

### Shiskine Golf

Gents 18-hole medal, 9 April. 1st Class: 1 G Stewart (9) 61, 2 D Markham (10) 62, H Bannatyne (5) 63. Scratch - J Stewart 68.

2nd Class: 1 M Sherwood (24) 59, 2 K McAleney (13) 65, 3 C Bannatyne (21) 71.

Fixtures: Sunday 16 April, Arran Grouse Foursomes Qualifier; Friday 21 April, Shiskine v Brodick annual match at Brodick; Sunday 23 April, Shiskine Grand Shootout; Sunday 30 April, Rock Plate.



Nicole Bunyan proudly displays her gold and silver medals. She is wearing her Irvine Athletic Club kit. b15nie1

### Shiskine Golf ladies

Ladies 18-hole medal, 6 April, four played.

1 J Turnbull (23) 81; 2 P Adamson (15) 82(bih). Scratch - P Adamson

Fixtures: Sunday 30 April, Rock Plate; Thursday 4 May, 12-hole medal.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club ladies

Mixed Four Poole Trophy played on Saturday 8 April.

1 Margaret and Rob Stewart 92 - 26.5 = 65.5

2 Susan Kidston and Ross Butchard 89 - 21 = 68.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Arran foursomes, Tuesday 4 April. 1 Hamish Bannatyne and Alan Jeffrey 66-5; 2 Drew Crawford and Mike Hesp 70.

Eddie Rankin Trophy, Machrie Bay v Corrie, Saturday 8 April. Sweep: 1 Alistair MacDonald 35pts, 2 Ian Jeffrey 34pts, 3 Ian Buchanan 32pts.

Twos - David Wilkinson; Nearest the pin - Hamish Bannatyne.

Winners of the Eddie Rankin Trophy were achrise with 180 points to Corrie's 174.

Fixtures: Summer Medal, every Tuesday 12.30pm/5.30pm.

The club's AGM will be held on 20 April at 7.30pm.

### Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Millennium Cup, Saturday 16 April, open to ladies and gents. Tee-off draws at 9.30am and 1pm.



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