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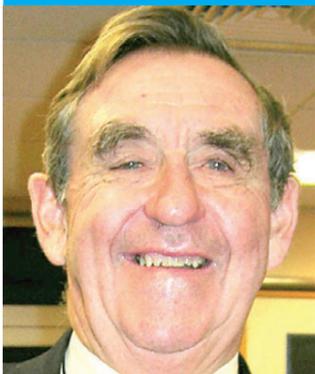
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**Arran's 'Pride
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**AVA has a new
man in charge**



Reverend Angus Adamson BD and his wife Susan with sons Robbie and Gregor outside Brodict Church. b17ang3

Challenge ahead

An island minister has become the first local ordained into an Arran charge since 1822.

Enthusiastic minister Angus Adamson, BD, was ordained in a packed Brodict Church last Saturday afternoon.

He takes over from Rev Dr Ian McLeod who retired in January after 32 years ministering to the people of Brodict and Corrie.

Angus said on becoming minister for the north Arran parish: 'It just feels right and meant to be.'

He comes into the job at a time of great change and will be in charge of five congregations - Brodict, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine. This comes after the Presbytery created North and South parishes on the Island.

The emphasis is very much on the five churches remaining independent while working together.

Angus, however, is taking all of this responsibility in his stride and looks forward to serving the communities.

He said: 'It is a big challenge but I am looking forward to it.'

'All of the five parishes have an important role to play within their own communities.'

'It has taken me 12 years to get

here and I am very happy to start at last.'

Angus worked as a mechanic at his father's garage in Corriecravie and first began training as a minister in 1994 through distance learning.

In 2000 he began studying at Glasgow University and while there worked as a student minister at Toryglen, Langside, Parkhead and Dalmarnock churches in Glasgow. In the summer months he worked as a student minister on Arran at Brodict and Corrie churches under the wing of Rev Dr Ian McLeod.

His 15-month probationary period that he served with Rev McLeod ended on Hogmanay and Rev McLeod retired in January. Within the Church of Scotland the congregation elect their minister and Angus was voted in unanimously.

Angus and his wife, Susan, along with sons, Robbie and Gregor, will be moving into Brodict Manse. On Saturday there will be an open day between 1pm and 4pm for parishioners to see round.

Angus has a very positive outlook for the future. He said: 'I am not at all pessimistic about the future of the church on Arran.'

Arran man gets four years after £24 million drugs bust

An Arran man has been sentenced to four years in a Spanish jail after pleading guilty to various drug offences.

Fifty-year-old Douglas Alan Price was convicted in a Madrid court on Wednesday 26 April after the *MV Squilla*, of which he was skipper, was seized last June and found to be carrying around

eight tonnes of cannabis with an estimated street value of £24 million.

As skipper of the *MV Squilla* his sentence was longer than that of his three crewmen who were all sentenced to three years in prison. Price may apply to transfer to Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow

The trawler *Squilla* was inter-

cepted in the early hours of Sunday morning 5 June 2005 when Spanish authorities stopped the British registered vessel off the coast of western Spain.

The Scottish Drug Enforcement Agency's (SDEA) operation *Folklore* helped to catch Price.

Price spent time in Lamlash living in The Bunkhouse behind the

Aldersyde Hotel that was previously owned by his sister June Shankland.

A spokesperson for SDEA, confirmed that Price had direct links with 49-year-old John Gorman of Irvine, who was owner of the *MV Squilla* and sentenced this week in Glasgow to 12 years for money laundering and drug dealing.



Skipper Douglas Price.

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Icky Sticky recipes get a reprint



The children of Whiting Bay nursery with their newly reprinted *Icky Sticky Cook Book*. b17whi01

Whiting Bay playgroup has just produced a reprint of its highly successful *Icky Sticky Cook Book*.

Following a complete sell out of the first run of 100 a new batch has just been produced - this time with an extra four pages.

First launched last November

the A5 book contains a compilation of the children's favourite recipes including 'William's Easy Paella' and 'Angela's Cranberry Puffs.'

Play leader Maggie Dawson said: 'We do receive partial funding from North Ayrshire Council but as we are a voluntary group

we are always on the look out for fundraising ideas and owing to the success of our first run we are doing another.'

Funds raised from the sale of the book will be put back into the playgroup. The book is crammed full of recipes for soup, cakes, chocolate desserts and all manner of icky sticky stuff as well as a montage of photographs of the children themselves.

The person behind the cook book was Angela Robinson, a former play leader with the nursery.

It is available from shops in the Whiting Bay area and several local businesses have sponsored it.

Susie Sneddon, mother of two children at the nursery said: 'We would like to thank Zena and Susanne Alberti for printing our book.'

If this latest run proves as popular it is likely another printing could be in the offing.

Frustrations show at coup closure meeting

Frustration, anger and disbelief were evident among Arran's community councillors at their monthly meeting on Tuesday as waste disposal plans and the confirmed closure of the Brodick coup at the end of August headed the agenda.

The bombardment of complaints and questions were directed at Trevor Jones, North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) Operations and Waste Strategy manager, who was his department's only representative at the meeting.

At an earlier meeting that day of NAC'S Property Services Committee it was decided Arran residents would be getting another bin to put dry recyclate (milk cartons and margarine tubs etc). Other waste will be binned as normal. However, the bins will be collected alternately meaning each bin will sit for two weeks before being collected. It will then be taken to a £675,000 Waste Trans-

fer Station where it will be sealed in a large container and taken to the mainland by ferry before being dumped in a mainland landfill site.

However, the community council meeting flagged a number of concerns about the future of Arran's waste disposal.

Community councillor Neil Arthur told Mr Jones: 'Your communication on this has been as bad as it can be. The needs of small islands are being ignored and NAC should be fighting our case.'

Mr Jones stressed the council had done everything in its power to avoid closing the coup but would lose an appeal against the EU directive stating it should close.

The Brodick coup has been closed as it does not meet the requirements of a European Landfill Directive and the council has found no alternative landfill site after looking at 11 sites. Mr Jones

told the meeting: 'We have made efforts with the Scottish Executive, SEPA and COSLA but don't think you have been let down because we can't stop the European Union steamroller.'

He added the extra bins would mean four new refuse collectors jobs on the island.

After the meeting, community council chairman Campbell Laing told *The Arran Banner* despite a lengthy debate of their concerns, the community council had achieved nothing.

He said: 'Many islanders are frustrated because they still don't know how they are going to dispose of waste such as building material and garden rubbish now the coup has closed.'

'NAC has not informed anyone of what will happen after the coup closes on 31 August.'

'This is what is causing the frustration and I think the two-week bin pick up will annoy people.'

Police Files

Three figure sum taken

Millers' Butchers in Lamplash was broken into overnight between Friday 21 and Saturday 22 April.

A three-figure cash sum was taken. A police forensic team from Irvine have examined the shop for evidence. Police are appealing for witnesses.

Car stolen

A silver Peugeot was stolen from outside the Good Food Shop in Auchrannie Road between Friday 21 and Saturday 22 April.

The car has subsequently been recovered and will be examined.

Theft from cars

Two cars were broken into in Cordon between Friday night and Saturday morning 22 April.

One vehicle was broken into at 2.30 am. Two men in their early twenties and wearing dark clothing were witnessed running from the scene.

Police are appealing for any witnesses in the area who may have seen anything.

Breach of peace

A 35-year-old Paisley man was arrested on Friday 21 April in relation to an alleged domestic breach of the peace and resisting

arrest. He was kept in custody overnight and transferred to the mainland on Saturday.

He appeared in Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on Monday.

RIB vandalised

Between Saturday 22 April and Sunday 23 April a RIB belonging to the Arran Adventure Company (AAC) was vandalised.

The boat was then cut from its mooring and drifted into the busy Clyde shipping lane. It was later recovered by Arran Coastguard.

Police are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen a boat at or near the AAC RIB, or anyone acting suspiciously.

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First turf cut on new school site

The rain stayed off long enough on Tuesday to let teachers and pupils of Arran schools, volunteers, councillors and representatives of PPP Services (North Ayrshire) Ltd watch the first sod being cut on the site of Arran's new high school.

The new school will be built behind the existing high school and is being billed as a 'community school' as part of the project will include a synthetic sports pitch and a community theatre.

As well as pupils from the high school, pupils representing the island's primary schools were in attendance as they will benefit from a brand new school in the years to come.

Arran High School headteacher Douglas Auld said: 'I was really excited by the turf cutting because we have been talking about

a new school since I was appointed as headteacher in March 2003.'

The building work will be undertaken by Barr Construction's Schools Unit on behalf of Hochtief PPP Solutions.

Barr aims to complete the first phase of building work, the finished school building, by the end of August 2007. After the pupils move in, the existing school will be demolished and a car park and bus turning circle will be laid out.

According to Barr Construction's Schools Unit, the overall construction phase will be finished in January 2008. A spokesperson for Barr said: 'Barr has already had tremendous support from local contractors and suppliers and will be maintaining these links throughout the project.'



Teachers, pupils, councillors, construction workers and private sector representatives meet to cut the first turf. t17trf02

Vandals target Lamlash

Lamlash residents are up in arms after a number of business properties in the village were spray-painted with obscene slogans.

The vandalism occurred between 9pm on Wednesday and 7am on Thursday when The Post Office, hairdressers, Jimmy's Shop, Aldersyde Hotel, John Thomson Construction buildings, plus three vans were all attacked.

Carol Mitchell on behalf of Lamlash Improvements Association said: 'I am appalled and disappointed that these people just think so little of their village that they would do something like this. This is a setback. You feel you are working together with the community to make improvements in the village and this rogue element doesn't seem to care. 'It's sad - and everyone is very angry.'

Police enquires are continuing and they are appealing for any witnesses to come forward.

Arran hotels are commended

Two Arran hotels have been highly commended at the 2006 Scottish Hotels of the Year Awards.

Kilmichael Country House won two awards. The hotel was very highly commended in both The Scottish Country House Hotel of the Year and The Scottish Island Hotel of the Year.

Auchrannie Spa Resort was highly commended in the Scottish Family Hotel of the Year category.

Neither hotels had representatives at the awards ceremony held in Glasgow last Sunday but were pleased to find out on Monday they had been selected for commendations. The event attracted around 400 guests with the awards being presented by the Scottish Parliament's presiding officer George Reid.

Geoffrey Botterill of the Kilmichael said: 'We are delighted about winning the two awards and are also very grateful for them. We were aware we had been nominated but we couldn't go to the ceremony.'

Auchrannie Spa Resort's depute general manager Richard Small said he was unaware the hotel had even been nominated and said he was pleased to have been recognised with a highly recommended award.

He added: 'The spa was very much geared towards the family market so to be given that commendation is great because it's what we've been aiming to do.'

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Duncan presents Arran's case to Scottish Parliament

Duncan Mulholland will present the case for Arran becoming part of the crofting counties to a committee at the Scottish Parliament next Wednesday 3 May.

Duncan runs the family farm at Torrylinn, Kilmory and is an old schoolfriend of First Minister Jack McConnell who was brought up on the Island. Mr McConnell has already come out in favour of Arran being included in the crofting counties.

The trip to Edinburgh will involve an overnight stay, and Duncan said he is hoping to stop with

Jack and his wife Bridgit and catch up on old times. The Crofting Reform Bill was introduced to the Scottish Parliament on 2 March 2006. The Environment and Rural Development Committee (ERDC) will take evidence on the Bill and then produce a report to the Parliament recommending whether it should agree to the general principles of the Bill.

Evidence

To help in producing this recommendation, the Committee will take evidence from a wide range of interested parties. Duncan Mulholland is one of those parties. Following the introduction of the Reform Bill on 2 March, a representative of the Scottish Executive contacted Campbell Laing, chairman of the Arran Community Council, to seek a representative from the

Island to address the ERDC. Campbell invited Duncan Mulholland to speak at the Community Council meeting in Lamash on Tuesday 4 April where councillors agreed that he should go forward to state Arran's case.

Duncan has to put forward a written submission which can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament website by any member of the public. He said: 'This is democracy and it's important to keep it all out in the open.'

ERDC Convener Sarah Boyack MSP said: 'The Committee is aware of the importance of crofting and the role it plays in sustaining populations and cultural

and community life. The views of crofters and organisations are vital to our work in scrutinising the Bill.'

On Wednesday 3 May, along with community representatives from Speyside and Dumfries and Galloway, Duncan will answer questions at evidence session number three of the ERDC. Duncan explained that there are possible benefits from joining the crofting counties. 'I have been in conversation with many other landholders. We think that 16 Arran farms slipped through the net years ago and are still registered as smallholdings under the Smallholders Acts of 1911 and 1883.

'It means that as tenants they have security of tenure but have no right to buy. Most of them own their house and buildings but not the land they stand on.'

Conditions

One of the conditions of the Bill is that to be crofts, holdings must not exceed 30 hectares. They must also not have been part of another larger farm which is no longer run as a unit. These conditions would disenfranchise a few of the Arran holdings. There could be a benefit to the rest of the Island in the form of new crofts, though,' said Duncan. 'Crofters could have a right to build a house. They needn't nec-

essarily be directly in farming but could be tradesmen and part of the community.' If the Bill does become an Act, and if Arran is included in the crofting counties it will raise the possibility of extra low-cost housing.

'It won't be the whole answer,' said Duncan. 'And I'm sure North Ayrshire Council would be concerned about the possible second sale of a crofting property. We've got a lot of hoops to jump through yet.'

The report on the Crofting Reform Bill by the ERDC is expected to be published in mid-June followed by Parliamentary debate and decisions in late June.

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Businesses learn about Pride and Passion

A tourism group, which aims to make Scottish tourism the envy of the world, visited Arran to explain how the island can keep visitors coming back.

Gillian Stirton, Pride and Passion project manager, spoke to 20 members of the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce at the Auchrannie on Monday.

She said: 'Star ratings cannot highlight the feeling people get when they visit a place. Everyone is after a five-star welcome. We're a movement committed to good practice in tourism. There are things people can do to get visitors coming back. Examples can be found on our website: www.prideandpassion.net.'

The chamber's Arran development officer Gerard Tattersfield said of the talk: 'One moment you are feeling quite smug because you are already doing it but the next point makes you think 'I should be doing better'.'



Gillian Stirton, Pride and Passion project manager is welcomed to Arran by Gerard Tattersfield, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce Arran development officer, chamber manager Valerie Russell and chamber development manager Helen McBride. b17pas01

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Former Runrig singer fronts competition

Former Runrig frontman Donnie Munro will be on Arran next month.

He is visiting the island on Tuesday 9 May as one of the judges in the Calor Scottish Community of the year awards having been involved with them since 2003.

The purpose of this unique competition run by Calor Gas is to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its community awards programme of which Arran was the winner in 2003.

If Arran win the overall national award they stand to take away prize money totaling £20,000 which will be put back into community projects. This is the first time Donnie has been involved as a judge having previously pre-

sented awards in 2003 and 2004.

He said: 'These awards highlight the tremendous work undertaken by committed people in the community.'

'We are not going to be simply looking at what is pretty and attractive in these communities we are more concerned with what the community does to sustain itself and its people.'

'Our visit to the island will be key to getting a sense and feel of the Arran community.'

Currently the judges are reviewing the material that has been collated by Arran community Council and studying this background information.

Donnie, an island man born and bred, has never been to Arran and says he is looking forward to his

visit. He is currently Director of Development at the Gaelic College Sabhal Mor Ostaig, Scotland's Gaelic-medium further education college on the island of Skye.

Six Scottish communities are now in the final along and one of these will go head-to-head with six regional finalists from England and Wales to decide who will be named best of the best.

Mark Guest of the PR Partnership who are responsible for promoting the awards said: 'It will be great if one of the Scottish communities will take the overall award in London later this year.'

Donnie concluded: 'Calor Gas have been very supportive of the whole process and should be applauded for their involvement.'



Marie Thomson and Susan Maxwell service managers for Alzheimer Scotland. b17vis1

Informal open day for carers

Alzheimer Scotland held an information day last Friday in the Auchrannie Hotel.

Marie Thomson and Susan Maxwell who both work in the service had come over to the island to provide an informal drop in event where carers of those affected by Alzheimers and Dementia were able to find out what support was offered to them.

Both Marie and Susan come from nursing backgrounds and have been involved with Alzheimer Scotland for several years as service managers. Between them they have more than twenty years experience in working with the service. Marie is based in Irvine and Susan in Ar-

drossan. The event was a first for Arran and was well attended.

Susan said: 'The issues surrounding Alzheimers and Dementia are very sensitive and we hope to try and help to dispell some of the myths with events like this.'

The emphasis was very much on creating a relaxed atmosphere with no pressure on anyone who went along.

Susan continued: 'We had set up a display of leaflets and a questionnaire whereby vistors could take these away without

having to talk to anyone.'

Marie said: 'The idea behind this vist was to see if any carers on the island needed support and in what way we could help them.'

'We were very encouraged by the number of carers who turned up on the day and all left with a questionnaire.'

Susan and Marie are planning to hold a similar event on Arran later in the year and deatils of this will appear in *The Banner* at the time. More information can be found at www.alzscot.org.

Katy Clark fights for ferry workers

In a move to protect *CalMac* workers Katy Clark MP for North Ayrshire and Arran headed up a parliamentary debate at Westminster this week calling for legal changes to stop foreign seafarers being able to undercut the wages and terms and conditions of local workers.

Katy said: 'We have to get rid of this legal loophole which allows companies to bring in low paid foreign workers - undercutting the existing workforce. What we have seen up and down

the country in recent years is UK seafarers being sacked and low paid foreign national seafarers being brought in quite legally because of exemptions for foreign workers from the Race Relations Act and National Minimum Wage legalisation.'

She added: 'In the Irish Ferries dispute last year local workers who worked on ferries between Wales and Ireland were given the opportunity of 'voluntary' redundancy or up to 50 % cuts in their wages and conditions.'



Katy Clark. b17kat1

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Lasers fired at Brodick Castle

Archaeologists are undertaking cutting-edge laser scanning of Brodick Castle on the island.

Archaeologists working for The National Trust for Scotland have just undertaken a detailed historic building survey of Brodick Castle using hi-tech lasers.

This is a first for Arran and the technology itself is still in its infancy having only been around for four years.

Laser scanning technology has been used to produce a millimetre accurate computer model of the castle which clearly shows construction from the 13th century through to the 19th century.

Laser scanning is a new method for undertaking detailed measured surveys and is cutting edge technology.

The laser is a very sensitive piece of equipment and means that study that would have taken months and even years to complete can now be ready in a matter of days.

It looks like a large camera mounted on a tripod which sends out a laser beam guided by mirrors.

Where the laser beam hits a solid reflective surface it bounces back to the scanner which calculates how far away and in which direction the target is.

By sending out a stream of laser beams hundreds of data points can be captured in a matter of seconds.

Derek Alexander, National Trust for Scotland Archaeologist for the region said: 'Brodick Cas-

tle is a fantastically complicated building with multiple phases of construction.

'Only by recording the castle in detail can we begin to understand how it was built and evolved over time.'

Two years ago Derek used a more primitive laser device to scan the caves beneath Culzean Castle.

The 3-dimensional model that has been produced can now be analysed to show all the different phases of construction from medieval to Victorian times.

Blocked windows and doors are clearly recorded as are the masons' chisel marks on the stone.

Each phase is characterised by a different form of stonework. As well as creating a model utilising modern techniques, standard plan drawings have also been created.

Tom Addyman of Addyman Archaeology Ltd, carrying out the building survey said:

'The laser scanner can record thousands individual points in a matter of minutes and saves a lot of detailed measuring by hand.'

'It is still necessary to check the computer images and analyse the stonework.'

All work has been carried out at times when the castle is closed in a bid to minimise disruption to visitors.

Now the outdoor model has been created the team are set to return to the island on May 10 for



Laser operator Alistair Carty stands in the grounds of Brodick Castle with his laser scanning the exterior wall surface. Alistair has previously worked at Stonehenge employing this technique to scan carvings on the stones.

three days to begin work on scanning inside the castle and creating a detailed model.

Derek added: 'We will be specifically looking at the castle stairwell and hidden tower that is located behind the wall in the kitchen area.'

'Without the laser technology it would have been very difficult to

draw the stairwell area.'

It is hoped that the results from the current findings are going to be made into 2D models.

Derek concluded: 'It would be great to create a 3D model of the castle from the scans that could be displayed somewhere within the buildings accessible to visitors.'

Working together can reduce crime

In a bid to improve security around the island Arran Police Sergeant Colin Young has said that by adopting simple measures everyone can do their bit to help.

Locking doors, windows and removing keys from cars will help to make things difficult for potential thieves and by working together with the police crime can be reduced

This is even more important with the summer months ahead when known thieves will be visiting the island.

Sergeant Young has indicated that there will be an extra four police constables working on the island throughout the summer months.

The Community Safety Department based at Irvine police station have been on Arran carrying out several security surveys.

Lochranza Youth Hostel enters new era

Lochranza Youth Hostel now has a new man in the hot seat.

Chris Cairns, who was born and raised in Durham, has just taken over as its new manager.

He replaces popular couple Irmgard and Tony Church who ran the hostel for many years.

Chris spent seven years in the Royal Navy during which time he tottered about the globe and monitored the movements of Soviet submarines in the Russia/Iceland area.

Afterwards he joined the Swallows Hotel Group achieving the position of manager at hotels in Newcastle and Glasgow.

First visit

He first came to Arran in 1995 on a rock scrambling holiday and the trip made such an impression that he never forgot the island.

For the last 10 years he has been working in Spain where he ran a company providing self ca-

tering holidays for families and golfers.

After spending 5 months cycling around Spain he came home to visit his son who lives in Troon and they visited the island, staying at the Youth Hostel in Lochranza and the rest is history.

He applied for a job with the Youth Hostel Association and as there were no vacancies at the time he kept in touch with them and was subsequently offered the Lochranza position.

Chris is managing the place almost single handed at the moment and is looking to employ staff to assist him.

He is able to provide accommodation if necessary. Chris is not a car owner and travels about by bicycle.

His hours of opening at the hostel are very flexible depending on the weather -Chris will not see anyone standing out in the wet.



Chris Cairns, newly appointed manager at Lochranza Youth Hostel. b17loe1

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Record crowds at Arran Visual Arts exhibition

Arran Visual Arts (AVA) opened their art exhibition in Kilmory Hall last Friday to record crowds.

Upwards of 100 members and invited guests of AVA gathered in the newly refurbished hall for a preview of paintings and creations all produced by AVA members.

For the last three years AVA

have held an annual exhibition in Lochranza village hall at the end of July. This latest one at Kilmory Hall was experimental to see if it would be possible to hold two in the year. And according to AVA workshop co-ordinators Viv Parks and Marjorie McDougall first signs are so promising that

is looks likely this will happen.

A record 139 creations were on display ranging from watercolour paintings to wood creations with many on-sale during the week long exhibition. As *The Banner* was going to press sales had already totalled £1,400.

Marjorie said: 'We held the exhibition in Kilmory Hall as it has just been refurbished and we felt it was nice to have one on the other side of the island.'

Honorary president

Alison Bell was made honorary president of AVA on the night. She has been a key figure with them since it's inception five years ago. She is a successful artist and has had her work exhibited in Kansas and Collins Gallery in Glasgow.

Taking over from her as chairman is Ken McGregor, another key figure in AVA's history and



Members and invited guests of Arran Visual Arts in the refurbished Kilmory Hall. b17ava2



Newly appointed chairman Ken McGregor with retiring chairman Alison Bell. Alison has been made honorary president of Arran Visual Arts. b17ava1

former treasurer. He said he is relishing the chance to chair the group. Ken added: 'AVA have such an active committee that it really will make my job a lot easier - everyone is so practical. 'It is very much a team effort - we all work together.'

'We hope to develop the Arran

artist tutor theme in our monthly workshops and continue working with Nicky Gill and Tim Pomeroy and other local talent.'

As with all previous exhibitions there was a 'workshop corner' where pieces made at the workshops were displayed. This included creations from the hats,

handbags and carving in stone workshops. Sally Brookes, AVA's former treasurer said: 'If it hadn't been for Alison we wouldn't have been as successful as we are today.'

'Arran Visual Arts continues to go from strength to strength.'

'We are getting new members almost daily.'

Shiskine pupils commended

Shiskine Primary School pupils have come out on top after education inspectors commended their attitudes to school life.

The inspectors were particularly impressed by their respectful, confident, mannerly attitude and their positive and enthusiastic attitude to learning.

The school was visited last December and the report published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education HMIe appeared at the end of March.

Other key strengths highlighted

by the report include; relationships and teamwork amongst staff, effective links with the nursery and pupils' achievements including those contributing to a healthy lifestyle.

Headteacher at the school Irene Markham was naturally delighted by the findings of the report, she too was praised for her good leadership and hard work. Irene said: 'It is particularly pleasing that the key strengths highlighted by the inspectors include respectful pupils and teamwork amongst staff.'

Future recommendations indicated in the report include: 'Improving approaches to monitoring and evaluating the work of the school.'

Councillor Peter McNamara, chair, Educational Services Committee for NAC said: 'I am pleased that the inspectors have noted the commitment of all staff, the very good relationships within the school and the high quality of pastoral care.'

'Shiskine Primary will build on these.'

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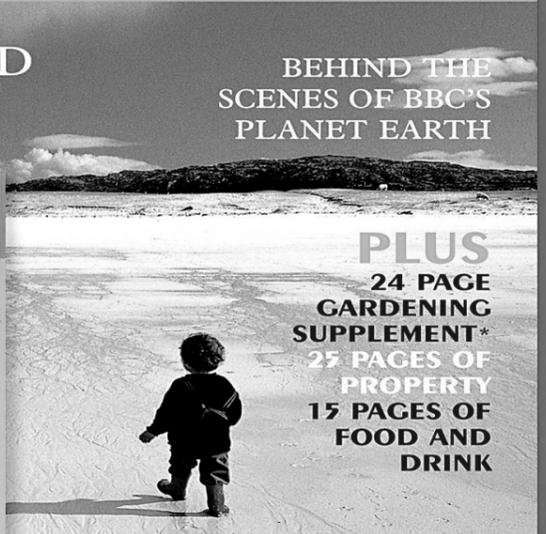
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Twenty years ago this week the nuclear plant at Chernobyl exploded. On Arran it was yet another distant disaster, frightening, tragic, but too far away to be a threat to ourselves. There was even a feeling that, with the Cold War still not fully resolved, it was possibly a result of slack Soviet practices.

Over the next days the news began to track a cloud of nuclear dust. Newspapers had maps of the cloud as it meandered northwards to Scandinavia, then southwards, back to central Europe, then west. All this took a couple of weeks. The weather was fine and people watched this moving timebomb with bated breath, heaving a sigh of relief as it passed over their area.

In May the cloud continued west, then took a northern turn, up to the north of England and into southwest Scotland. Then it rained. We knew only what we could glean from newspapers but the understanding was that the rain would cause the cloud to release its poison. Arran was beneath it.

Perhaps the thing which makes the threat of fallout so terrifying is that it is invisible. Nothing tangible can be done about it. At the time there was much talk of whether the milk was safe to drink and, for all I know, Arran Dairies may have had a dip in sales for some time after. There was also talk about drinking water. It was argued that the higher up on the hills the water came from, the more likely it was to be contaminated. Sales of bottled water rocketed.

Even if you took these precautions, you knew that it was whistling in the dark. If there was radioactive contamination all around, you, and your children, would have ingested some, however many precautions you had taken. Anyway, how do you compare levels of threat? For example, it is now said that plastic bottles themselves impregnate the water contained within them, so what is the wisest thing to do?

Governments have to be seen to be acting though, and they did, as far as the farmers were concerned. There was a flurry of activity as readings were taken and it became forbidden to move sheep from an infected area like Arran to another part of the country. It was lambing time and the hill sheep were the highest dwellers on the Island, eating the new grass which had just had a downpour of radioactive rain. These restrictions went on for years and, for two Arran farms, they were withdrawn only a few years ago.

Who can say now what effect it might have had on Arran's health? There are far too many variables to make an accurate assessment. But the effects in Belarus are horrific and are continuing.

Now nuclear power is out of the doghouse and, once again, is being seriously considered as the most effective renewable power source. Does the Chernobyl experience have any relevance towards decisions for the future? Horrific accidents have happened in all forms of power production, of transportation, of construction. This one had the distinction of being a completely unknown quantity. It does tell us that it is impossible to take enough care. Even then life is a dangerous business and you are at the mercy of the errors of others.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. Trust in God, trust also in Me.'

John 14:1

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Letters to the Editor

Easter thanks

Sir,
A big thank you to all who supported our Easter Monday coffee morning.

We raised £480 for hall funds. To Arran Aromatics, Belford Mill and the many people who gave donations and their time and a very special thanks to our 'tea room' ladies.

Yours,
Whiting Bay Hall Committee

Aikido for adults

Sir,
We are hoping to start an Aikido club for adults living on Arran, and we have a qualified instructor who would be willing to come to the island if people are interested.

The classes would take place on Saturdays in the Auchrannie for two-hour sessions. At the moment we are trying to find out how many people would be interested in taking part.

If you think you might want to join this class, please contact me on 07760 467797.

Yours,
Jamie Smith,
Brodick

Amazon fundraisers

Sir,
Sam and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the fundraising dance on Saturday 15 April in Shiskine Hall.

The night went largely without fault and that is due to the team of parents who helped out fabulously all night behind the bar and generally keeping everyone in line. Special thanks go to the bands; ice'n'fire, Queeves and The Newsband which all played extremely well and made the night as much of a success as it was.

Last but not least, thank you to everyone who turned up and gave us all their hard earned cash and helped us to raise a sum of £1800 on the night, which is fantastic for one night's work!

We would also like to thank everyone who gave us money during our bag-packing session in the co-op on Saturday. Your gen-

erosity is much appreciated as you helped us to raise a total £503.

We will be holding a jumble sale in Corrie village hall on Saturday 17 June to help reach our target and would be very grateful for any jumble that people would be willing to donate to us for that day. Again, thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Yours,
Craig Ingham and Sam Wheeler
www.a841.co.uk

Sir,
Following your article on the A841 website, could I ask that you print this letter, giving the website's address, as I have been inundated with enquiries as to its location on the internet.

The site address is www.a841.co.uk. The site has already had hundreds of hits this week and the guestbook is fast becoming a page of criticism for the condition of our main road.

I would add that, in the next few months, information gathered from the guestbook comments will be collated and sent to the respective council offices for their perusal.

Yours,
Graham Chappell,
Somewhere on the A841,
Arran

Thanks

Sir,
Grateful thanks to all who came to my aid when I recently had a fall.

I appreciated the kindness shown, at the time, and since that day.

Yours,
B Bremner,
MacKelvie Road,
Lamlash

Kilmory school

Sir,
I wish to thank the pupils of Kilmory School for donating the proceeds of their coffee afternoon to ArCaS.

It is very heartening to know that our younger generation are so willing to help their community.

Well done to all the pupils and Mrs Parker.

Yours,
Mary Kirkwood
Treasurer ArCaS,
Beinn Nuis,
Blackwaterfoot.

Arran's roads

Sir,
With reference to the article in *The Banner* of Saturday 22 April, the NAC spokesperson, after saying what investment was proposed regarding road repairs, went on to add that the Council was negotiating to buy a 50% share of a jetpatcher. He cannot be serious!

Just because the machine partly automates the method used many years ago (and found wanting) is no reason to revert to that method. The people of Arran do not deserve to be subjected to a series of rapidly deteriorating makeshift repairs with flying chippings. I would urge the Council to think again.

I know that it will take a long time to modernise the road surfaces properly, eg. the Monamore between the B880 and Blackwaterfoot, but there are other stretches of road which have a suitable foundation and, once modernised, would last a very long time.

Yours,
Burnett Clarke
Windsong
Shiskine

Arran Hospital Supporters League

Sir,
May I intimate that anyone in the future wishing to hire our marquee should now contact Maurice Deighton at 820320, and not Diana McMurray as previously. May I also intimate that our plant sale this year will be held in Lamlash Hall on Sunday 21 May from 2pm to 4pm. Further details later.

The provisional date for the AGM of the Hospital Supporters League is 29 May.

Yours,
Sheila MacLeod
Elleray
Whiting Bay

Dare to show off your garden

Sir,
Now that spring's icy blasts are behind us we can turn our thoughts to the Horticultural Society's 'Garden of the Year' competition, which this year will co-

incide with our garden club's 'Open Gardens' event in late July. All of which are designed to raise interest in, and share the pleasures of, gardening.

While the open gardens event is to raise funds for local charities, the gardens competition is an opportunity to show off what you can achieve, with prizes for the winners.

You can obtain entry forms from myself or the library, and you can nominate a friend. The entries will be judged during the third week of July when your gardens are in their prime.

May I also remind everybody that we are running a coach to Ingliston Garden Show on June 2. Price, coach only, £10, and to Ayr on August 4, coach only, £8.

Names and fares please to Gill Emonds, Bellview, Sliderry.

Yours,
John Sillars
Arran Horticultural Society
Fasgadh,
Brodick

Boy racers

Sir
I have recently spent my Easter holiday on Arran, and in many ways it is a beautiful, idyllic place to be.

However, for me (and a number of other tourists we met) one thing spoiled it. That was the sound of souped up cars tearing up and down the front at Brodick for no apparent reason other than to draw attention to themselves. On one occasion we went all the way round to Machrie, only to hear the same thing round that side of the Island too.

The Island is marketed as a peaceful retreat away from the hustle and bustle of city life. Whoever these 'boy racers' are, they should think carefully about the detrimental effect they are having on the whole feel of the place.

Yours,
D. Smith,
Lanark Drive
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Correction

In *Banner* edition 1540 the report on Shiskine W.R.I. election committee for session 2006/2007 should have read: Treasurer, Carole Arthur; and vice-treasurer Yvonne Randall.

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Isle of Arran Rotary Club punches above its weight

Arran's Rotary Club was in fine fettle at their AGM last Tuesday night.

President Jim Lees reported a most successful year despite numbers being down a little. As well as having a most enjoyable and interesting year Rotary fund raising has benefited many, thanks to the generosity once again of Arran people and visitors to the island.

Next year's president, David Gray, currently events co-ordinator, reported that more than £3500 had been collected for good causes, the most recent being for Mercy Ships as described in a recent *Banner* article.

Caledonian MacBrayne's support had made this possible through quizzes compiled by Douglas Meldrum and sold by members on the ferry, and Jim Lees achieved a life-long ambition, to talk through its loud speaker! Along with Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, reported a few months ago, the two charities gained more than £2000.

Other recent events included the wonderful success of Arran High School in reaching the Scottish final of Rotary's Youth Speak

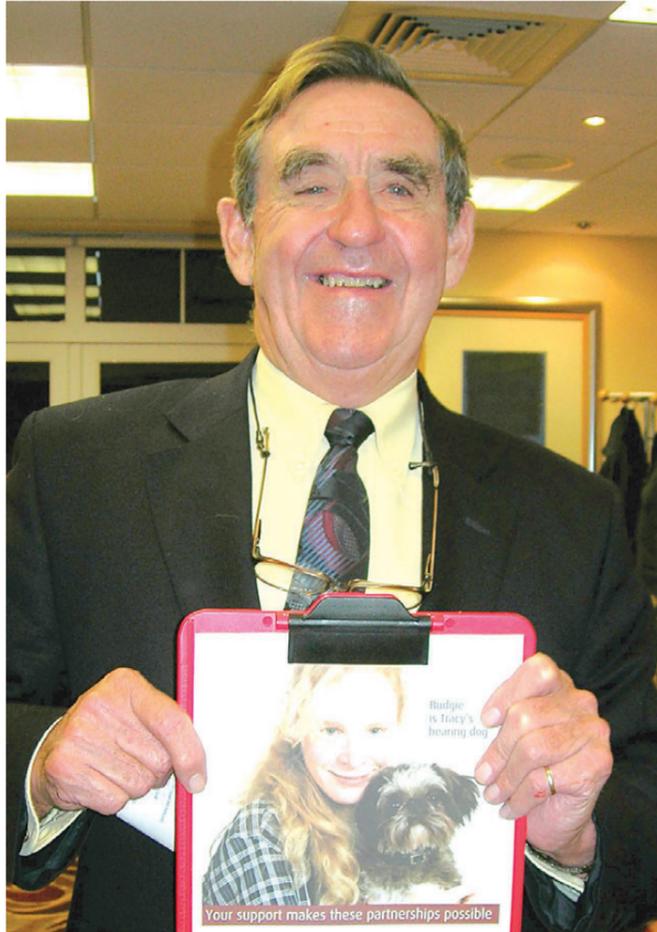
competition, a most enjoyable visit to the Scottish Parliament Building in Edinburgh, just before the roof in the Conference room collapsed, and visits from young people from other countries on Rotary youth exchanges.

Local young people have been funded for many worth while enterprises and the club enjoy hearing about their experiences when they visit the weekly meetings to tell them all about the tasks they have achieved. The Wishing well continues to bring in funds for local needs and individuals continue to work hard for various local causes.

At the AGM, Rotary was delighted to have a visit from the district's Assistant Governor. Ian Birss is a loyal and regular visitor to the club and in his short talk he said that what Arran achieved in the past year was more than many clubs with twice the membership had done.

'Arran really punches above its weight,' he said.

The club wish to thank all those who have helped along the way. They look forward to an even more successful and enjoyable time next year.



Rotary member Douglas Meldrum who compiled the quizzes. b17me11

'Most dangerous filming' for latest island walks movie

'It is quite simply the most dangerous filming we have ever undertaken on any project.'

Allan Watson of Keeper Productions was talking about a new film set on Arran and just released by his company.

Following the success of last year's film 'Arran Walks' the Keeper Productions team has come up with two new films.

The first is the natural follow-up to last year's production and is suitably called 'Arran Walks Two' while the second is a relaxation film called 'Essential Arran.'

As in the original film, the voice of Stuart Gough appears throughout 'Arran Walks Two' giving interesting information and explaining the routes. The walks film follows the walking festivals of Scotland's grading system.

An A walk is really easy, going

up to E grade which is difficult. 'Arran Walks Two' covers walks in Corrie, part of the coastal way at Sannox, Glenashdale Falls, Blackwaterfoot beach.

Allan Watson of Keeper productions said: 'One criticism of Arran Walks last year was that the walks were all fairly safe.'

'Well, this year's D and E grade walks cover the route over the mud and rocks to Loch na Davie and the walk from Glen Rosa over the Saddle to Glen Sannox.'

'The drop into Sannox is hard enough when you are trying to stop yourself falling; doing it while holding a camera and tripod and trying to film it adds a whole new meaning to a bit scary.'

Allan continued: 'We make no apologies about the quality of filming at this point. We have left in many bits of film that normally

we would have left out. We have also left in bits of conversation between our guide and crew.'

'As a crew we were very lucky to have Jill Hargan from Merkland Woods as our guide on this walk. Without her help, expertise and enthusiasm we possibly could not have filmed this walk.'

The other film is called 'Essential Arran,' and has taken over a year to make. It follows a trip round the Island from Brodick going north through Corrie, San-

nox and Lochranza and down to Blackwaterfoot. From Kildonan it heads to Whiting Bay, Lamash then off into the mountains.

The soundtrack voiceover is only heard in the first few minutes then the natural sounds of waves, waterfalls and windswept moorland takes over intertwined with specially commissioned music from Scottish band Columbus Road.

These two new Arran films are available as DVD or video.

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Arran minister's Indian adventure raises

Eight fit young men and one, not so fit, and twice the age of some of them, were flagged off in Kolkata by the Chairman of the Board of Dr Graham's Homes one Saturday morning in February

Ahead was seven days cycling to Kalimpong, 415 miles to the north and 4,500 feet up in the foothills of the Himalaya.

Here, in this idyllic setting, looking on to the eternally snow-clad peak of Kachenjunga, the

Rev John Anderson Graham founded his Home for destitute Anglo-Indian children in 1900.

Today, this childrens' village is home and school to 750 children. The 'cycle run' was evolved as a way to raise funds for the Homes.

The incentive was considerable, for the greater the amount of money raised the greater will be the number of destitute children admitted from the slums of Kolkata to the serenity and comfort of Dr Graham's Homes.

I have always known that the best way to see Scotland was on a bike with a tent, I was to discover this was no less true of West Bengal.

Six days of absolutely flat National Highway 34, the main thoroughfare to Assam and Bhutan, was followed by the final day's climb to Kalimpong when in the space of seven miles or so we climbed from about 300 feet to a height higher than Ben Nevis!

Four of the team cycled the whole way. This old man pushed as much as he peddled!

Bustling

In the plains we passed through busy, bustling bazaars and towns vying for position with growling overloaded lorries and buses but always amongst the friendliest of people.

Road surfaces varied from the splendid and the smooth to the ruts and the rubble but one's abiding memory was of the quiet sun-bathed beauty of the

Rev John Webster tells the story of his 700 kilometre cycle from Kolkata to Kalimpong, which he started nine days after finishing treatment for prostate cancer

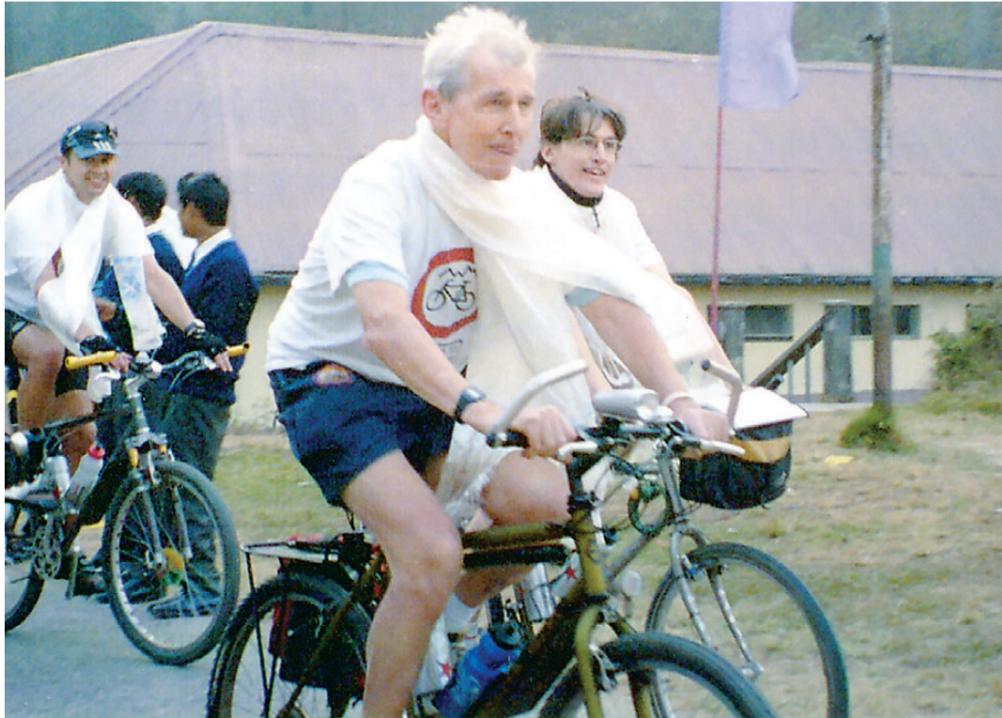
countryside. Stretching in to the shimmering horizon the paddy fields were being planted - this the first of two crops this year.

This is back breaking work as each seedling is planted by hand into the soft irrigated soil. Lentils, mustard, wheat, potatoes and cauliflower were also in evidence but one needed no reminder that

rice is the staple diet of the one billion inhabitants of this intriguing sub-continent where the majority live in the country and 75 per cent of the country's economy centres on agriculture.

We travelled in style. A jeep established a bridge - head in front while another jeep protected us

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The effort is evident as Rev Webster completes his journey



Rev Webster takes a break during the cycle

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from vehicular attack from the rear.

Meanwhile the advance party were putting up our tents and preparing dinner ready for our arrival. Morning tea was served in out tents followed by a cooked breakfast and, miraculously, a hot snack appeared at the lunch time stop.

The problem, for me at least, lay in between stops.

The 'youngsters' travelled a little too fast and an aching back demanded frequent stops to get it 'into place' again.

Bike and I coped with the whole of the first two days and with part of another two but for two days I travelled in the comfort of the leading jeep conserving the back for the final days assault on the mountain!

The night before we had stayed in a comfortable hotel.

Showered and refreshed I arranged for tea and toast in my room for 5am and was on the road at 6am complete with my own es-

cort and two hours ahead of the others.

I had driven this winding road up the river valley on many occasions during my time in India and so knew what to expect and my plan worked splendidly!

Unlike the other days, with few breaks, I cycled in strict half hour stretches, stopping as the back began to ache for a quick and very effective massage from my escort driver - a lovely man about five feet tall whom I christened 'choka sahib' - small boss.

Progress was good and I was well on the way up the hill before the first of the following cyclists caught up.

Welcomed

Eventually we assembled on the outskirts of Kalimpong, we were welcomed officially by the towns folk.

The police closed the main road through the town for us and we passed through in unimpeded triumph to begin the final climb up the road to Dr Grahams Homes.

There we were welcomed by workers, staff and children, lin-



The bike begins its journey to Kolkata

ing the route, and presented with khadas, the traditional scarf of welcome. Speeches and tea followed.

The welcome to the Homes was to continue the next day when all the Homes employees welcomed us in true Nepalese style in song and dance and a splendid picnic lunch.

But on the Friday night of our arrival we were easily persuaded to leave our bikes at the Homes and accept transport to the com-

fort of the Himalayan Hotel at the other end of the bazaar.

Supper and bed have seldom been more attractive.

Privilege

I had the privilege of speaking to the children at their Sunday act of worship and on the Monday, bikes secure on the top of the jeeps, we drove back down the hills to the plains for the overnight Darjehing Mail train to Kolkata to catch the 12.15pm Air India flight to Heathrow.

This eventually took off three hours late and, as a consequence, I missed the last flight to Glasgow.

In marked contrast to having been upgraded on the flight out, I was down graded to spend the night on a metal seat, not conducive to sleep in Heathrow!

But, we had 'run with resolution the race for which we had entered' and I dozed fitfully and contentedly, in the knowledge that, through the generosity of many donors, children impoverished through no fault of their own, had been helped to a fuller life of love, security and education.

They would now walk this earth with dignity.



Some young Indian boys thought better a buffalo than a bike.

Brodick 200 Club

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SATURDAY 29th April

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 Gymnastics, Auchrannie Games Hall 10am
 Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am- noon
 Brodick primary school, car boot sale 11am to 3pm
 Football coaching, Ormidale park, boys & girls 5-15, 10-11.30am
 Arran Dancers Brodick Primary School 11am - 4.15pm.
 Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club, Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm
 Karate Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am & 12.30pm
 Over 21's Disco, Ormidale 9pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm
 Beatles Tribute Band "Just John & Paul" Drift Inn 9.30pm
 Letter Carving, Ranger Centre, 10am - 4pm

SUNDAY 30th 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 Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
 Family Games Kids & Adults. Auchrannie Games Hall 2 - 3pm
 Lunchtime concert. In aid of Cat Protection, Brodick Hall, 11.30am
 Arran Yacht Club, annual work party. 1.30pm

MONDAY 1st May

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
 Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am to 12.05pm



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 Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Dance, Auchrannie, 6.30-7.30pm
 Scottish Country Dancing, W. Bay School, 7.30pm
 Pilates, Auchrannie 7.30pm
 St Brides Ladies meeting, Brodick Church Hall 7.30pm
 Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
 Quiz, Cameronia 9.30pm
 Weightwise, Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm
 Open folk session, Kildonan Hotel, 9pm
 Belly Dancing, Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm
 Red Cross Coffee Morning, Grouse Lodge, Dippin, 10.30am
 Brodick Bowling Club rink game 6.30pm
 Spring Walk Brodick Castle, 10am

TUESDAY 2nd May

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, 9.30am & 10.45am
 Brodick Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am-noon
 Lochranza Swimming Club, Kinloch, 11am-noon
 Pirmill Guild meeting - village hall 2pm
 Legs, Bums & Tums, Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm
 Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm
 Open Darts night, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 8pm
 Scottish Country Dancing, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 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
 Loch & Cat Coffee morning, hall 10am - 12pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous 'drop-in' Hospital Bungalow 6.30pm - 8pm
 Rotary Club 7.15pm Auchrannie Spa
 Senior Fitness 9.30am & 10.45am, Auchrannie Gym
 Guided Castle Garden Walk 2pm. Meet at Shop
 Coastal Way work party, Brodick school 9am

WEDNESDAY 3rd May

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 Gym, Brodick, 6-7.15pm
 Mixed Indoor Hockey, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-8pm
 Arran Runners, meet NTS Castle Car Park, 7.15pm
 Life drawing workshop, Ranger Centre, Brodick Castle, 7-9pm
 Gymnastics Auchrannie 6pm & 7.30pm

Youth Club, youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm
 Aerobics class, High School 8pm - 9pm
 Sound of Music rehearsal, Brodick hall 7.30pm
 Jnr Rugby Training, S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm
 Shiskine Beavers, Shiskine Hall 6pm-7.15pm
 Aquafizz, Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am
 Hockey, Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm
 Brodick Bowling Club rink game 2pm

THURSDAY 4th May

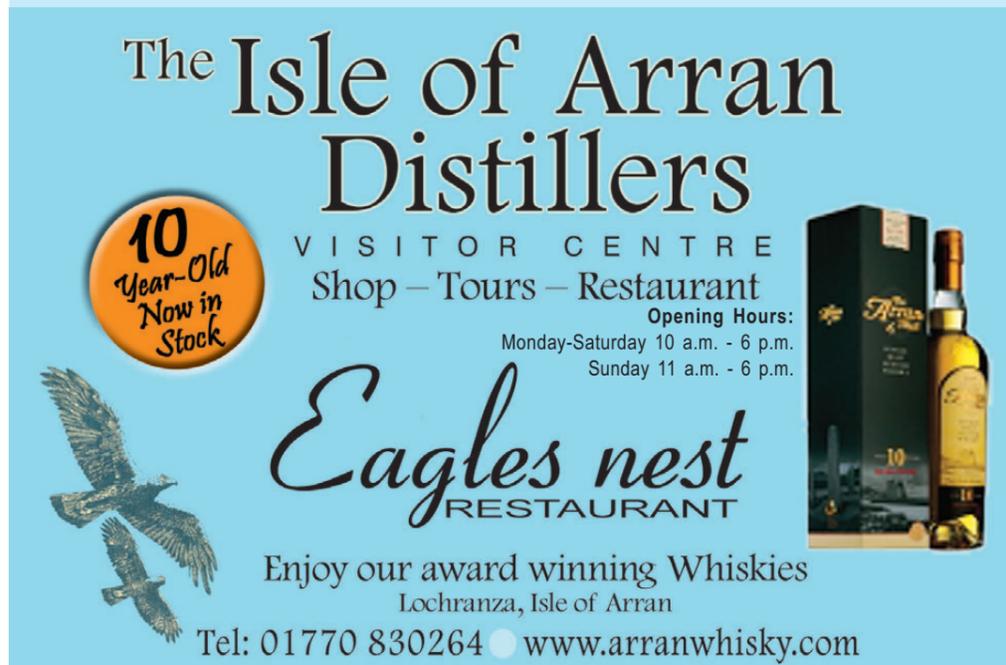
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 Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm
 Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
 Brodick Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am
 Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm
 General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale, Brodick, 10pm
 Pub Quiz, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 9pm
 Spinning Demonstration Whiting Bay Hall 11am-2pm
 Gymnastics Auchrannie 1pm pre-school
 Rock School, youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm
 Lamlash Beavers 6-7pm Cubs 6.15 -8pm, Scouts 7.30 - 9pm
 Brodick Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm
 Coffee Morning St Molios church, Shiskine 10.30 - noon
 Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm
 Badminton, Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm
 Arran Junior Singers choir practice, W/Bay school 6.45pm
 Sound of Music rehearsal Brodick hall 7.30pm
 Lochranza Craft Club, Hall 2pm
 Bar Eden Open Folk Session 9pm
 Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am & 1.45pm
 Gymnastics, Auchrannie Hall 1pm
 Only abs, Auchrannie Studio, 5.30pm
 Outdoor run, Auchrannie, 6pm
 Dusk Walk, Brodick Castle 9pm

FRIDAY 5th May

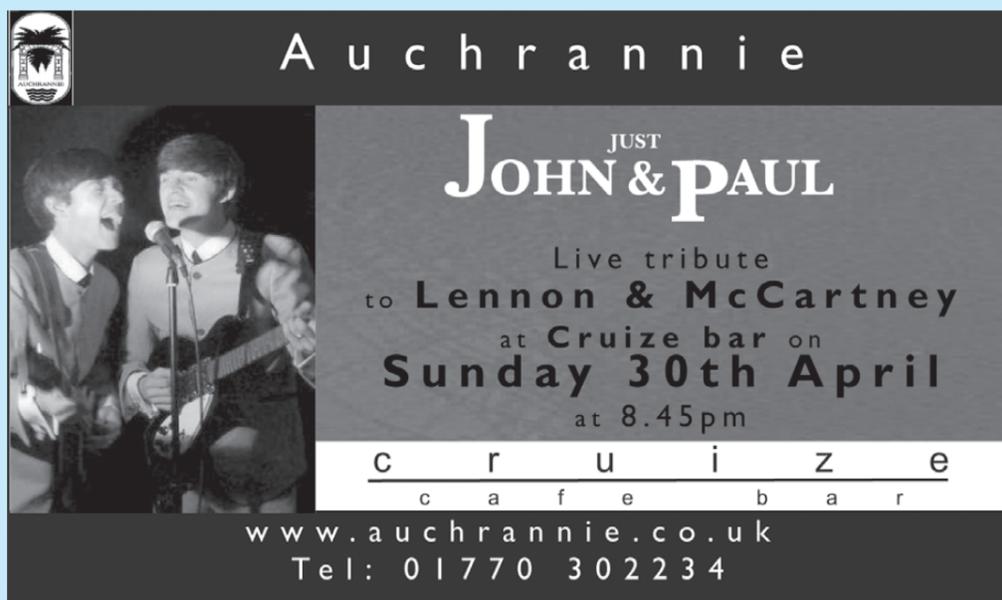
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 Shiskine Toddlers, Shiskine Hall, 10am-noon
 Lamlash Friday Club, outing to Ayr, leaving on 11.05 ferry
 Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.00pm
 Citizens Advice open 10am - 2pm
 Loch & Cat Coffee morning 10am - 12pm
 Buteyko Asthma Course. Ormidale Hotel. 7pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club Quiz nights 9pm
 Over 21's Disco, Ormidale 9pm
 Aquafizz, Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am
 Water Polo, Auchrannie Pool, 7.30pm
 Stone Carving, Ranger Centre 10am - 4pm

SATURDAY 6th May (non regulars)

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 Stone Carving, Ranger Centre 10am - 4pm
 Spring Birds Workshop, Brodick Castle 9.30am



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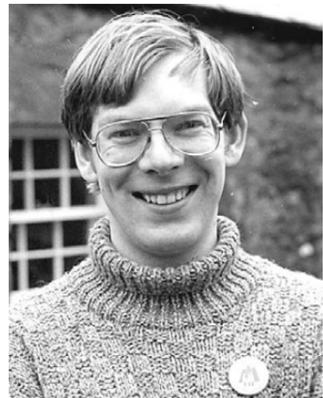
The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday 26 April 1986

Ranger's date in Denmark

Brodick Country Park ranger Derrick Warner takes off for Denmark next week in a party of 12 Scottish rangers who will be telling the Danes how it's done.

Part of their three-week trip will involve sailing a Viking longship.



Brodick Country Park ranger Derrick Warner who is off to Denmark. b17twe3

Lifeboat station opening

Arran's new lifeboat station at Lamlash was opened by Mrs Anne Speirs last Saturday.

Mrs Speirs, who donated the land to the RNLI, cut the tape held by Geoff Norris and unveiled a plaque for the crew of the steamship Ceramic in whose memory the money for the station was donated by Mrs Mary Currie.

Harbour help

Part of Blackwaterfoot harbour is to be renovated with the help of a grant from Strathclyde Regional

Council. Work will begin on an extended harbour wall at a cost of £4,000 once funds have been raised locally to supplement the grant.

Holy Isle deadstock

Visitors to Holy Isle this week have reported two Highland cows, two Soay sheep and one goat lying dead. Representatives of the Glasgow and west of Scotland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals went to the Island on Wednesday.

House fire

A house in the process of renovation near Kilmory was destroyed by fire last weekend.

Being up a track opposite Clachaig Farm fire engines were unable to reach it.

DIY in Brodick

A branch of the Whiting Bay DIY Centre has opened in Brodick next door to the Book and Card Centre.

Island Business Services who own the premises are now tucked in at the rear of the shop.

Top knitter

Anne Wallace of Brodick has won the Scottish heat of the Knitmaster knitting championships and will be one of the national finalists at Wembley on 7 May. If Anne wins, she stands to gain £1,200 and a trip to Japan.

Viewbank for dinner

Members and friends of Whiting



Individual winner Stevie Bunyan at the Arran Licensed Trade Association charity golf with Ronnie Mann and Ian McFadzean. b17twe1

Bay rural had a very enjoyable evening at Viewbank last week for their annual dinner and would like to thank Barbara and Pete for a superb meal and hospitality.

Long-distance horse ride

Last Sunday 16 Riding Club members set out from Lagg Hotel to ride 20 miles to Brodick through the forests.

The ride took seven hours and congratulations are due to Betty Smith and Jennifer Tod as the old-

est and youngest riders.

£400 was raised in sponsorship for the Hospital Supporters League.

Church centenary

This weekend sees the centenary of Kilbride Parish Church in Lamlash.

The church as a congregation is much older but the building is 100 years old.

Farming history at museum

The Heritage Museum at Rosaburn is putting on an exhibition this summer depicting the history of Arran Farmers Show from 1830 to the present day.

Contributions of any cups, old photographs or catalogues should be made to show secretary

Howard Driver, Glenscorrodale or Fred Robson at the museum.

Wilson in Manners

Prospective parliamentary candidate Brian Wilson is the guest speaker at *A Night for Nicaragua* in Manners, Whiting Bay Hotel on 3 May.

This will be followed by a dance with live music.



Robin Crawford and Vic Iutz of the Blackwaterfoot Harbour Association with Councillor Richard Wilkinson examining the plans for improvements. b17twe2

No service

The mobile library will not be calling at Whiting Bay and Kings Cross next Monday 1 May owing to a public holiday.

It will next be in the area on Monday 15 May.

Royal British Legion

Social meeting of the Arran branch will be held at 2pm Thursday May 4 in the McLaren Hotel, Brodick.

Found in Shiskine

Found in Shiskine hall were bags jackets, cake tins, plates and other assorted goods.

If anyone wishes to collect these they should contact Shelia on 860403.

All items left by the end of May will be donated to ArCas.

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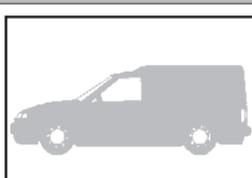


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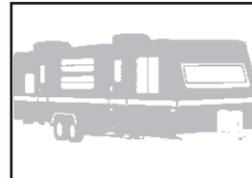
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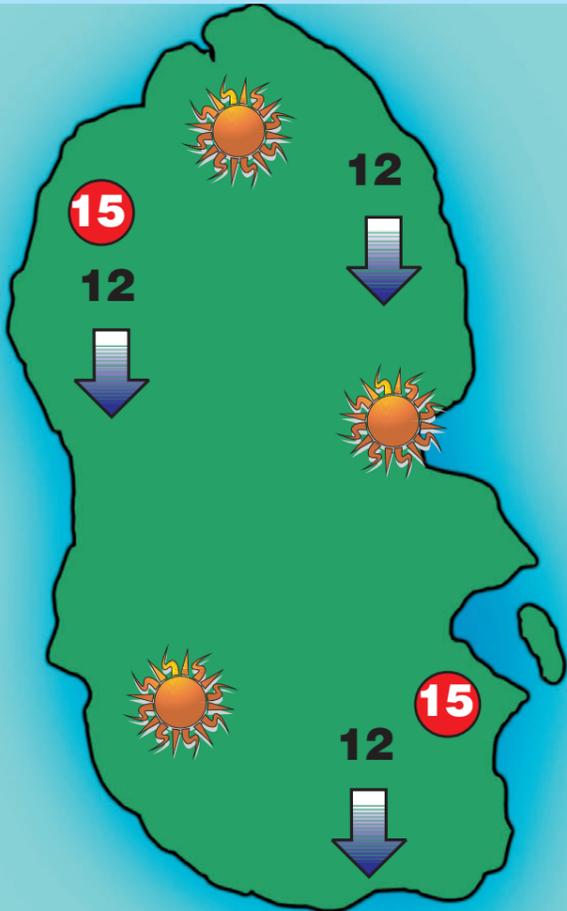
Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, April 29, 2006** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	00.48	3.2	06.19	0.1	13.11	3.3	18.43	0.1
Sun	01.21	3.2	06.58	0.1	13.50	3.3	19.25	0.3
Mon	01.55	3.3	07.37	0.2	14.28	3.2	20.07	0.5
Tues	02.30	3.3	08.18	0.4	15.07	3.0	20.53	0.7
Wed	03.06	3.2	09.04	0.6	15.49	2.8	21.43	1.0
Thur	03.45	3.0	09.59	0.8	16.37	2.5	22.44	1.2
Fri	04.31	2.8	11.16	0.9	17.40	2.4	23.58	1.3

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

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



Saturday, April 29

A fine mainly dry day with long sunny spells. Max temp 15°C.

Sunday, April 30

Fine and dry during the day with cloud thickening in the evening. Showers likely overnight. Temperatures around 11°C.

Monday and Tuesday

Rain expected to be persistent with temperatures dropping

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate
 Claonaig/ Lochranza - Moderate

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 30 April
 Shiskine 11am.
 Brodick 7pm.
 Reverend David Karoon.
 All welcome.

Lamlash Church

Sunday 30 April
 You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 11.45am.
 Service by Rev Kenneth Fisher
 All welcome.

Church of Scotland

The parish of North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine
 Independent but working together Sunday 30 April
 Worship will be conducted in

the above churches at the following times.

All welcome
 Brodick Church 10.30am
 Revd Angus Adamson
 Corrie Church noon
 Revd Angus Adamson
 Lochranza Church 9.30am
 Mrs Jean Hunter
 Pirnmill Church 10.45am
 Mrs Jean Hunter
 Shiskine Church noon
 Mrs Jean Hunter

Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 30 April
 Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. All most welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service. There will be no

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 Sunday 30 April, 10am.
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Holy Cross Catholic Church

Sunday morning mass 11am.

Scottish Episcopal Church

(in full communion with the Church of England)

Sunday 30 April: Holy

Communion, 11.00 am.
 Rev Dr H Soga, Dollar.
 Coffee after service.

Wednesday 3 May: Noon, Holy Communion.
 All Welcome

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 30 April at 11 a.m. in the Free Church building, Brodick

(beside the Post Office)
 Rev Noel McCullins
 'The Call Renewed'
 John 21: 15-23
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Arran Free Church of Scotland

(continuing)

Sunday 30 April
 Trust Housing Lounge
 Brodick 11am

Evening Service 7pm
 5 Glen Road

Prayer Meeting 7pm Wednesday 3 May

Rev D.Macleod
 All welcome



On Good Friday people of all denominations gathered at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Brodick. After this a solemn procession made its way along Brodick seafront. Stuart Clark carries the large wooden cross. b17ers01

PERSONALS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

RUTH YOUNG THANKS

The family of the late Ruth Young would like to thank family and friends for all the lovely flowers and cards they received at their sad loss.

Thanks to the staff at Craigelea for all the care shown to Mum. To the Rev. Elizabeth Watson for spiritual comfort, Peter McArthur for funeral arrangements and doctors and nurses at Arran War Memorial Hospital.

DEATH

SUTHERLAND

The family of George Sutherland would like to thank doctors, nurses, district nurses and all staff at AWMH.

Special thanks to Home Care Services, past and present, who looked after dad so well, over many years.

For all their help, care and support we would like to thank Mary and Ian, Sheena and Rorie and Henry and Eunice.

Thanks to Jean Hunter for a lovely service and to David Hendry for all funeral arrangements and Brodick Bar for the catering.

Dad would have enjoyed the day.



Married at St Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church in Whiting Bay on Saturday 22 April were Helen, daughter of Veronica Cranwell of Whiting Bay and Mark, eldest son of Marjorie and Dave Nelson of Kings Cross. Mark is an engineer at Arran Aromatics and Helen is a housewife. Mark is also a helmsman and station mechanic with the Arran lifeboat crew in Lamlash. b17wed1

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

Brodick Golf Club

Summer cup, Wednesday 19 April, 57 played, css64. 1 Lenny Hartley 20 58, 2 Sam McCalla 13 59, 3 Stan Brothers 8 60. Scratch Peter McCalla 66. There were 18 twos, Stuart Cameron getting 2.

Marchioness of Graham Trophy, Sunday 23 April, 24 played, CSS64 bogey. 1 Greg McCrae +1 bih, 2 Lenny Hartley +1 bih, 3 Terry Raeside +1 bih. There were 4 twos, Greg McCrae getting 2.

Brodick v Shiskine
The annual Brodick Shiskine match was played on the evening of Friday 21 April with 40 players taking part. This is traditionally a very friendly occasion so much so that it was cut down to a twelve hole competition to allow more time for socialising. Brodick were under instruction not to get involved in Shiskine rules and managed to scrape a victory. We look forward to going over the hill next year where Shiskine rules definitely apply. Thanks to the kitchen and bar staff for looking after us.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 13 April, Summer Cup, 20 played, CSS66.

Sweep: 1 E Evans 74-11=63, 2 A Smith 77-11=66, 3 I Grant 91-24=67. Best scratch, D Macfarlane 69, 1 two by J O'Sullivan at 16th.

Saturday 15 April, Glen Isle mixed foursomes, 20 played.

1 R Fulton and G Keir 82-19=63, 2 A Crawford and V McDougall 81-14 1/2 = 66 1/2, 3 M Adams and A

Chalmers 96-26 1/2 = 69 1/2. Magic two, 1 only by K McAdam and S Handley at 12th

Sunday 16 April, Texas Scramble, 32 played, (8 teams).

1 N Mitchell, D Robertson, A Barclay, V McDougall) 56-5.5 = 50.5

2 J Murchie, J Hinchsliff, I Taylor, S Turnbull) 58-6.5=51.5

Thursday 20 April, summer cup, 23 played, css64

Sweep: 1 A Lockhart 74-15=59, 2 G Tinto 85-21=64, 3 D Macfarlane 65-0=65 bih over G Adams 81-16=65. Best Scratch, D Macfarlane 65.

Magic twos, A Lockhart 1 at 15th, D Macfarlane 1 at 13th, D McKay 1 at 16th, G Andrew 1 at 13th, J Thomson 1 at 16th, W Paul 1 at 10th.

Sunday 23 April 'Drift Inn Quaich', 16 played. Stableford, css37.

Sweep: 1 I Bremner 40points, 2 R Adams 38points, 3 J McGovern 36 points. Best scratch, I Bremner 65. Magic twos I Bremner 1 at 16th, A Smith 1 at 16th, J McGovern 1 at 13th

Fixtures

Saturday 30 April, Hamilton Bowl, 9.30am and 11am.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 22 April, 1 C Pattenden 38points, 2 A MacDonald 37points.

Saturday 29 April, first round summer cup, tee off at 9.30am and 1pm.

Wednesday 3 May, start, Wednesday night medal, tee off from 5pm.

Lamlash Golf Club - Ladies Section

April Stroke Medal, Wednesday 19 April. 1. B. Stewart 89-16=73, 2. D. Gibb 94-20=74, 3. R. Fulton 88-14=74. Best Scratch E. Jones 85.

Whiting Bay Golf Club Ladies section

Final of the Easdale Trophy was played on Sunday 16th April between Susan Kidston and Catherine McBain with Catherine being the winner. Sunday 23 April Boyd Quaich Trophy: 1 Jean Davidson 93 - 29 = 64, 2 Margaret Auld 87-18 = 69. Next Medal Sunday 7 May, noon tee off.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 23 April. 22 assorted players competed for this years Hunter Buidael. ('Youth' V Experience), and the sound of wailing and gnashing of gums announced yet another sound defeat for the Pensioners.

Anyone under half a century and a bit old qualified as a Young Un, and ably led by team captain young Alan Dillon they won comfortably by 4 points to 2. An excellent days entertainment was enjoyed by all competitors and many thanks go to Charlie Hunter for organising the weather and the refreshments! Maybe next year? Wednesday 19 April - Summer trophy, first round. 1st Jamie MacPherson 68-5=63,



Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club ladies section enjoyed a lovely meal at the newly re-opened Wineport on Thursday 20 April. At this, the annual ladies golf dinner, several presentations were made. Left to right: back row: Sheila Gilmore, Fiona Crawford with the Shiskine Ladies Away Golf Society trophy, Carole Arthur; middle: Birgit Meister, lady convenor Liz Kerr; Elizabeth Kelso, Alice Anderson, Jacqui Rankin, Karen Haggarty, Jessie Hutton, Sally Brookes, Pat Adamson; front: Jenni Turnbull, Jerry Arthur, with the highly prized blue bag, Margot Bannatyne and Lillian Tod."

2nd Malcolm Pennycott 68-4=64 (bih), 3rd Gordon Provan 80-16=64 (bih). Scratch - Nicol Auld - 66.

Fixtures

Sunday 30 April - Arran Foursomes - Draw at 11.00. Wednesday 3 May - Summer Trophy.

Arran Golfers Association

Fixtures: Junior Handicap (Qualifying age under-18 on January 1

2006). May 1 2006 from 4pm at Lamlash Golf Club. For both boys and girls who are members of Arran clubs with a current handicap.

Senior Bowl at Whiting Bay Golf Club on Friday 5, 12 and 19. Qualifying age of 55. Teams of four from each club playing better ball on handicap. Strokes given as course index off low man. Three-quarters of full handicap difference. All games commencing from 5.30pm. Draw for first match: 5.30pm -

Machrie Bay v Brodick (winners play the Bay); 5.50pm - Lamlash v Shiskine; 6.10pm - Lochranza Castle v Corrie. Association Centenary AGM at Lamlash Golf Club on Wednesday 10 May from 8pm. Spring Handicap at Lamlash Golf Club on Sunday 14 May. Entry sheets will be posted at each club.

Centenary Dinner Dance on November 11 at Kinloch Hotel. Secretary taking names of couples on a first-come-first-served basis.



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Arran athletes set for final

The improving standard of Arran's young athletes was in evidence last Friday at the Arran heat of the North Ayrshire Leisure Sports Hall Competition.

Boys and girls from all the island's primary schools competed in two track and two field events to try to gain a place in the Arran team for the Sports Hall final at the Magnum Centre, Irvine on 3

May. The team of 10 boys and 10 girls was selected on Monday as time is against the team which will have its only practice session before the final on Thursday.

Last year the Arran team lost out on top spot by one point and will be aiming to go one better with another strong squad.

Active Schools co-ordinator Ann Hart put a successful meet-

ing down to the training from an athletics club held on Arran.

The club was run from October to November last year and in January this year by Gordon Allsop of the Auchrannie and North Ayrshire Leisure coach Laura Young.

Ann said of the Arran heat: 'It was a very good day and we had plenty of volunteers.

'It was quite obvious that we have had an athletics club on the island.

'You could see the children who had gone to the club and the ones who hadn't had as much practice. 'Without doubt, the standard of the youngsters has improved.'

In the final each team member will compete in two track and two field events which means team members have been picked on their overall ability rather than one exceptional performance.

Any parents or supporters of the Arran team who need transport from Ardrossan to the Magnum Centre should contact Ann at Arran High School as soon as possible.

The Arran team to represent the island at the North Ayrshire Leisure Sports Hall Competition:

Boys - James Todd and Jack Barbour, Brodick; Ewan Bulger, Corrie; Christopher Jenks and



Scott Barbour of Brodick Primary School is watched by judge Katherine Raeside. Katherine has just returned from a five-year trip to Australia b17ath01



Stuart McMaster of Kilmory Primary School competing in the Shot Putt. He came a close second with a distance of 12metres. b17ath02

Thomas Oliver, Kilmory; Mathew Evans, Lamlash; Andrew Thomson, Connor Smith and Jamie Leese, Shiskine; Gavin Gilbert, Whiting Bay.

Girls - Gillian Anderson, Lynn Ramage, Libby Raeburn, Hollie Watkins and Anna Downard, Brodick; Corrie McGloin, Corrie; Corinne Patterson, Caitlin Smith and Megan McAllister, Lamlash; Kathleen Dawson, Whiting Bay.

Reserves: John Murchie, Shiskine and Nicki Lennox, Shiskine.

Results of Arran heat in next week's Banner



Gavin Gilbert of Whiting Bay Primary School won the speed bounce event. b17ath03

Six week football coaching block

A six week Saturday morning coaching block organised by Arran Junior Football Club will start on 6th May at 9.00am.

This is open to boys and girls aged 5 to 16. Please note the earlier starting time.

There will be no coaching sessions over the holiday weekend on Saturday 29th April or Monday 1st May.

Monday night coaching will restart on 8th May.

The final Kits for Kids tokens appear this week, please make sure that you hand in any that you have collected to Arran High School or to the Lighthouse in Pirnmill.

Brodick bowling season starts

The greens are cut and the bowls have been dusted down for the start of the Brodick Bowling Club season today (Saturday).

The opening game will start at 2pm.

The times for rink games during May are: Monday at 6.30pm, Wednesday at 2pm and Saturday at 2pm.

The club welcomes any new players.



Winners of preliminary 10 and special prizes. b17day01

Cairnhouse dressage's perfect conditions

Cairnhouse Riding Centre held its annual dressage competition at the stables in Blackwaterfoot.

The conditions were absolutely perfect for dressage last Sunday and with 24 in the prelim and 10 in the novice class.

Results: **Prelim 10** - 1 Nicola

Currie 2 Kirsty McBain 3 Hollie Adamson 4 Sue Tozer 5 Jen Gilroy 6 Jenna Wood.

Novice 21 - 1 Jen Gilroy 2 Hollie Adamson 3 Kirsty McBain 4 Nicola Currie 5 Hazel Ramage 6 Liz Kennedy.

Best 11years and under Lynn

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