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Julie makes a date



Community policeman Bob



Four score years and ten



Lieutenant David Noordhof, Canadian Forces bomb disposal officer, about to deal with a dangerous flare found on Brodick coup. Assisted by local coastguards Lt Noordhof and Warrant Officer Steve Strange disposed of 150 devices. Story on page three. b18bom2

Lamlash residents angered

Lamlash residents are up in arms and fighting back.

A petition has been raised following another spate of vandalism last week in which five village-centre properties were daubed with offensive spray-painted slogans.

Ronald McDowall of Park Terrace told *The Banner*: 'Maureen Smith made up the petition and I have been taking it round. It has also been on the counter in Jimmy's shop and the butcher's. Even children from the High School have signed it.'

'I've stayed here all my life and never seen anything as offensive.'

There are already 150 names on the petition which is headed:

'We the undersigned, being residents of Lamlash, have been harangued by vandalism by certain anti-social residents and we are no longer prepared to tolerate this.'

The first name signed on the list is Ian Thomson of John Thomson Construction Ltd which was one of the properties targeted by the spray-painters.

Carol Mitchell of Lamlash Improvements Committee said: 'I think it's the worst anyone has ever seen. It's got to stop.'

'The petition has the backing of the improvements committee. I will give Ronald whatever backing I can.'

She said that the improvements committee members hope to invite a local police representative to their next meeting to discuss anti-social behaviour in the village.

Ronald McDowall said: 'We are determined that we are not waking up to a thing like that again.'

He added that it was planned to send copies of the completed petition to Strathclyde Police headquarters and North Ayrshire Councillor Margie Currie.

Councillor Currie told *The Banner*: 'I will take advice on the procedure for handling a petition. This vandalism is totally unacceptable. The police do all they can but with a limited presence it has to be questioned whether there is a case for self-help with a neighbourhood-watch scheme.'

Ferry travellers annoyed by a lack of information

Sheena McKechnie of Pirmill is one of several travellers left annoyed by the lack of information given by Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) after they suspended some of Tuesday's Brodick to Ardrossan sailings.

As a knock-on effect it took Sheena's sister 12 hours to get to Arran from London.

She said: 'My sister was due to arrive at Prestwick airport at lunch time. I called CalMac and spoke to someone at Ardrossan

who told me the 3.15pm was cancelled. I later found out a sailing had taken place from Gourock, I feel annoyed I wasn't told as my sister could have been on Arran many hours earlier.'

A spokesperson for CalMac

said: 'Two separate issues caused the cancellation of three sailings over Tuesday and Wednesday.'

'The 3.15 ex Ardrossan on Tuesday was cancelled owing to a problem with the linkspan.'

'The last ferry on Tuesday and

first on Wednesday were cancelled owing to a problem with the ships ramp which we believed had been damaged by excessive loading. It was unfortunate that both incidents occurred within hours of each other.'

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Seventy mile walk for a bus

Two seasoned Kilmory walkers took on the Great Glen Way this week to raise funds for a much needed replacement community bus.

Viv Parks and Sally Brookes left Arran last Friday bound for Fort William and the first leg of their 73 mile journey.

Viv said: 'We were really up for this walk.'

Close to home

This is the second time the duo have walked together. In 2005 they completed the West Highland Way and raised £1,500 for Cancer Research. This time they are raising money for a project close to home. Viv said: 'The current Kilmory community bus is so clapped-out that we decided to further the current fund raising efforts to buy a replacement.'

The Kilmory Community Bus is available to organisations and individuals on a donation basis.

As both ladies are seasoned walkers they left Arran well prepared.

Sally said: 'We had a good supply of blister packs in our kit.'

Prepared

In 2005 the ladies prepared themselves for their challenge by spending four days walking round Arran.

Sally laughed: 'This time we aren't so prepared.'

'We both really enjoy walking and its good to be able to do something useful.'

The duo stuck to the suggested route for the walk prepared by the tourist information service but did adjust the distance walked each day to suit themselves.

Sally and Viv both keep each other motivated during their walks. Sally said: 'We sing silly songs and gee one another on.'

As with last year the ladies will be in the Co-op on Saturday 13 May collecting further funds.



Sally Brookes and Viv Parks aboard the *MV Caledonian Isles* ferry about to embark on their charity walk. b18viv1

So far many organisations have already given money to them including the cricket club, rugby club, cadets, brownies, guides and darts team.

Sally added: 'Perhaps any group who has used the bus in the past and has not already donated would like to do so.'

The ladies are already thinking ahead to their walk for next year and are considering taking on part of the 212 mile Southern Upland Way - again all for charity.

Postal parcel scam causes concern

Concerned Lochranza resident Terry Crawley could have been the victim of postal scam operating nationwide had it not been for his son's early warning.

The scam involves a company calling itself Parcel Delivery Service (PDS) which apparently either puts a card through letter boxes or telephones people telling them they have a parcel awaiting collection. To find out the exact details the recipient has to call a number supplied.

When the number is called a recorded message begins. Terry

said that at this stage callers will already have been billed £15 plus £1.50 per minute afterwards.

Terry's wife Joan received such a call on Sunday from 'PDS' claiming to have a radio for them and awaiting delivery. But thanks to their quick thinking and the fact their son had already emailed them details of the scam they avoided the trap.

Terry said: 'On no account should anyone call the number.'

'I am concerned that people are going to be ripped off by this parcel scam.'

Police files

Vandalism charge

A 21-year-old Lamlash man was arrested and charged with five acts of alleged vandalism in the village over the night of Wednesday 26 April.

The man appeared in Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on Tuesday 2 May in connection with the alleged incidents.

Break-in charge

A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal in connection with a break-in and theft from Miller's Butchers in Lamlash overnight between Friday 21 and Saturday 22 April.

A three-figure cash sum was taken.

Car theft

An 18-year-old Brodick man

was due to appear at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on Wednesday 3 May on a charge of alleged theft of a silver Peugeot car from Auchrannie Road, Brodick, between Friday 21 April and Saturday 22 April.

Female assault

A 21-year-old Lamlash woman was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for alleged assault in the Ormidale Hotel, Brodick on Saturday 29 April.

Incapable

A 39-year-old Beith man was found by police to be drunk and incapable in Whiting Bay on Friday 28 April. He was arrested and later released from custody when deemed to be sober.

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Taxi ranks for Brodick

Two new stances for eight Arran taxis were approved at the North Ayrshire Council (NAC) licensing sub committee meeting in Cunninghame House on Tuesday 2 May.

Councillors heard that up to now there have been no taxi ranks on the Island.

The two stances will be at Brodick pier in front of the shops and alongside the putting green opposite the Co-op Welcome Convenience store in the centre of Brodick. Each stance is for four taxis.

In June 2005 the sub committee approved nine taxi licences and at present there are six licences in force with the remaining three still to be taken up. These outstanding licences can only be taken up for use by wheelchair-accessible vehicles.

Ian T Mackay, NAC assistant chief executive said: 'It is proposed that the stances for taxis be approved in order to enhance and improve the provision of taxi service on the Island of Arran.'

Local councillor Margie Currie told *The Banner*: 'The proposal for taxi ranks was passed unanimously by the committee.'

'There will be signs and road markings to indicate the ranks and double yellow lines along the car marshalling area opposite the shops at the pier to prevent parking and congestion.'

The committee confirmed that NAC licensing officers will now write to the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police to advise him of the proposed Arran stances and ask if he has any representation to make.

As the *Banner* went to press on Wednesday the new stances were already being marked out by council workmen.

Swimming gala doubts

The annual primary schools swimming gala may have to be held in the Auchrannie pool this year.

For over 30 years it has been held at the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, but the pool there has been out of action for some weeks.

North Ayrshire Council Active schools co-ordinator Ann Hart told the *Banner* that the Kinloch pool was

in the process of being re-furbished and may not be ready in time.

She was pleased that the swimming heats were going ahead in the Auchrannie pool on Thursday 4 May but not sure whether the Kinloch would be ready in time for the finals.

The date for this year's gala is Thursday 18 May.

Bomb squad drops in

A North Ayrshire Council worker recently found an unexploded device on Brodick coup which set off a well-practiced emergency procedure.

The device was a damaged unused distress flare, probably from a yacht, which was dumped in household refuse and could have been very dangerous.

Local coastguard member Billy Currie told *The Banner*: 'If anyone had held the flare and pulled the cord it could have blown their head off. It's lucky that it was handed in to us.'

Two men from the Explosives Ordnance Disposal Unit, otherwise known as the bomb disposal squad, came to the Island at the request of Arran coastguard.

They took care of the device found at the coup plus over 150 unused flares which had been collected over the past six months.

Lieutenant David Noordhof and Warrant Officer Steve Strange are based at the Northern Diving Group headquarters at HM Naval Base Clyde, Helensburgh.

They were joined by local coastguards Billy Currie, Steven Ewart and Chris Bowen and took the box of flares along Shore Road, Lamlash to Clauchlands Point.

Lt Noordhof is originally from Calgary and on a two-year secondment to Faslane from the Ca-



Lt David Noordhof and Warrant Officer Steve Strange of the Bomb Disposal Squad with local coastguards Billy Currie, Chris Bowen and Steven Ewart. b18bom1

nadian Navy. He pointed out that the flare found at the coup had a crack and could have gone off at any time. Local coastguard team leader David McKinnon explained that all yachts and seagoing vessels must carry distress flares and that these are marked with a three-year life.

Once this date is reached they should be handed in to the coastguard and replaced with new ones.

'Anyone can hand in out-of-date flares to the coastguard station at our practice sessions on Wednesday nights,' said David.

The cache of flares was burned inside a metal box on the beach at Clauchlands Point last Saturday. David McKinnon said: 'This is a twice-yearly occurrence for the bomb squad and the best way of safely disposing of dangerous

flares. These have either been handed in to us or picked up from the beach.

'Most are from yachts but some are phosphorus flares from submarines or even Second World War devices washed up on the beach. These can give severe burns. We would urge anyone finding flares not to touch them but to inform the police or coastguard.'

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New face at hotel

The Auchrannie has a new general manager at the helm.

Morag McCombie of Uist took up the post last month and is very excited with her new role.

She said: 'I already feel very settled into the Auchrannie and Arran life.'

Her predecessor, Jon Hill, left at the end of last year to take over the running of Bilislands shop and cafe in Brodick.

Morag has a broad knowledge of working in the hotel industry and for the last 13 years has worked with Freedom of the Glen family of hotels. She was general manager at the Isles of Glencoe and Ballachulish hotels. Her first visit to the Auchrannie was last summer when the management team from both businesses worked together in sessions to share best business practices.

Morag made so much of an impression at this event she was eventually approached by the management team at Auchrannie about the possibility of working with them and the rest is history.

Morag said: 'I have been welcomed by all the team.'

'They are very established with a lot of experience.'

'This is a smaller site than my previous hotels but the aspect of self catering lodges is new to me as are the facilities at the hotel being readily available to non-residents.'

'As a team we are keen to open them up even more.'

'I was particularly struck by the commitment and enthusiasm of the people on the Island to promote the facilities on Arran and I am keen to work with them.'

Morag is very keen on walking



New general manager Morag McCombie with business development manager Richard Small. b18new1

and likes outdoor pursuits and has already made a start on golf lessons at the Brodick course.

'I am looking forward to making contact with the local Gaelic society and the sailing clubs.'

Morag looks set to become a regular figure cycling around the Island with her collie dog Cona beside her.

She is already a regular reader of *The Arran Banner* and has been getting her copy on a weekly basis.



The 10th Ayrshire Shiskine beavers outside Lamlash Police Station with PC Bob McKay and assistant beaver leader Kate Jenks. b18bev1

Shiskine beavers drop in on Lamlash police station

A visit to a jail cell, getting their fingerprints and mug shot taken, and sitting in a lifeboat and learning about the dangers of the sea awaited the 10th Ayrshire Beavers last Wednesday.

The Shiskine group visited Lamlash police station, the coast-guard and lifeboat station after the event was organised by parents of the beavers.

They had such a great time that

many of the youngsters haven't stopped talking about their experiences.

Unfortunately they didn't get a chance to sound the police siren but they did get a chance to sound the lifeboat horn instead.

They have been a busy lot over the last month. In April they organised a sponsored beach clean at Blackwaterfoot and raised over £300. The bulk of the money will

be going to the Childrens Charity for Leukemia with a little being kept back to be used by the beavers.

Assistant beaver leader Kate Jenks said: 'We would like to thank everyone who sponsored our beach clean and to one mother in particular who provided food for the children after the event.'

The Shiskine Beavers look forward to a busy summer.

Belt up or pay a £30 fine

Local police will be conducting a seat belt campaign on the Island over the next two weeks.

A police spokesman said: 'There will be an education phase next week with motorists being stopped and given verbal warnings.'

'The following week we will issue a £30 fixed fine for every person in the vehicle not wearing a belt, including children.'

'In the case of children under 16, the adult responsible for them will have to pay the fine.'

He added that if a car driver was wearing a belt but his pas-

senger was not, then the passenger was liable to a fine.

Phenomenal

Local constable Bob McKay said: 'When we were out with the speed radar gun last week the amount of drivers who went past not wearing seatbelts was phenomenal.'

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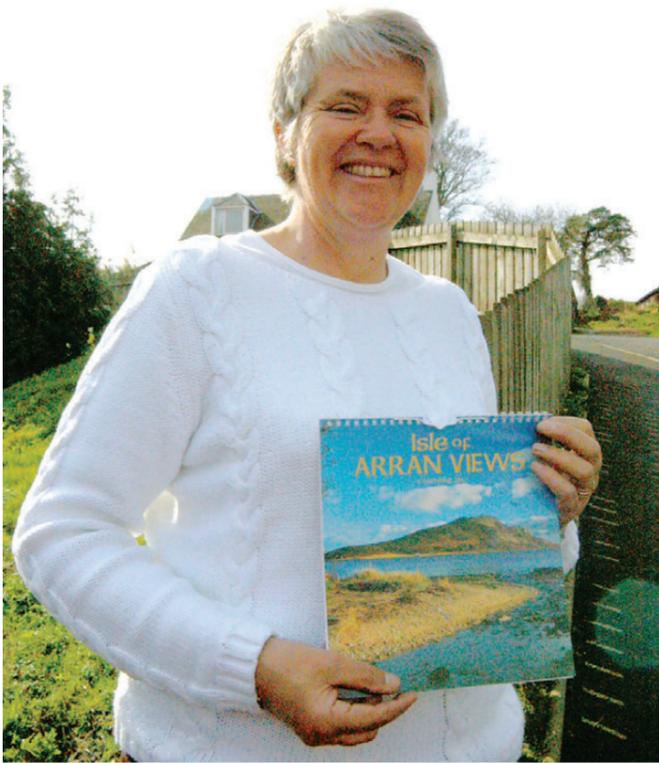
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Julie Graham with her *Isle of Arran Views* calendar, 2007. b18ca11

New look for oldest island calendar

Arran's longest running calendar underwent a redesign this year that has proved so popular its creators have decided to go with this look for next year.

Now into its 16th year this popular calendar produced by Julie Graham of Lochranza contains many scenes of Arran at different times of the year.

Still retaining the inherent high quality that many customers have become accustomed to the calendar has been scaled down in size.

Julie said: 'Many customers mail order the calendar and this new format will help cut down on postage charges.'

'We have still left in space for appointments to be marked on.'

The calendar was first launched

by her late husband Bert Keachie and many of the photographs used each year were taken by Bert.

Julie continued: 'In 1995 I took over the photography of the calendar and got a lot of help from friends at that time.'

'Initially I didn't know my way round the camera and I am self-taught.'

'I really enjoy landscape photography and my other passion for horses is another subject I am keen to photograph.'

'Over the years the competition has increased but I still have my loyalty customers and many return every year.'

The calendar is available in most island shops.

Just John and Paul play on Arran

One half of *The Beatles* was on Arran last weekend for a series of successful concerts.

Tribute act *Just John and Paul* played to packed audiences over three nights in Whiting Bay, Lamlash and Brodick.

Using authentic period instruments, brothers Dean (John Lennon) and Glen Conlon (Sir Paul McCartney) blasted out Beatles hits from 1962 through to 1966.

'We don't play beyond this period in time,' said Dean 'we wouldn't be able to accurately reproduce the sound created by The Beatles after 1966 as they were using much more instrumentation in their music.'

Both massive Beatles fans themselves they have been playing in Fab Four tribute acts for the last 10 years. Owing to musical differences Dean and Glen decided to go it alone four years ago and formed *Just John and Paul*.

Dean began playing drums at the age of 12 and Glen started out on the bass guitar at 14.

Glen said: 'Dean is a superb drummer and he played on our backing tape tracks.'

With just the two of them on stage the sound was not at all lacking and the backing tapes were of a very high standard.

Glen continued: 'Dean used all authentic instruments to record the drums, sitar and other backing guitar parts.'

This further created their sound that was very much like the Beatles and their use of Vox amplifiers, Hofner bass guitar and short neck Rickenbacker guitar complemented the sound.

Of course the outfits, shoes and hair styles were spot on and added to the air of authenticity the duo created.



Just John and Paul on stage at the Cameronia. b18bea1

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE 1

Childminders are rewarded



Front row from left: Lorna McKinnon and Debbie Jackson, second from right Christine O'Donnell. Back row, second from left: Nancy Curtis, Elizabeth Bell all with their new certificates from the training and childminding course. b18kid1

Five new Arran childcare providers are delighted to have been awarded with certificates of achievement in a special presentation held at the Auchrannie.

Lorna McKinnon, Debbie Jackson, Christine O'Donnell Nancy Curtis and Elizabeth Bell were all awarded with a certificate following the completion of the Training in Childminding course run in partnership with Working for Families North Ayrshire. This now means that they are all registered as childminders and able to work from home.

In the reception held at the Auchrannie last month they, and fellow students from across North Ayrshire, were congratulated by the chairwoman of Working for Families Councillor Margaret McDougall and speaker Beth Edberg.

The course was held over the last 10 months in St Andrew's Academy in Saltcoats and covered areas such as: positive behaviour management, partnerships with parents, food and nutrition.

Elizabeth Bell said: 'It was a very straight forward course that basically reinforced things we already know.

Lorna McKinnon of Brodick has been a childminder since last November and is also delighted to have her certificate. 'I'm really

enjoying my job and all the children I look after are very well behaved. 'It's also great to have evenings and weekends off.'

Prospective candidate drops in



Philip Lardner with Lady Jean Fforde, Colin Siddle local party chairman for the Scottish Conservative and Unionist party and local Councillor Margie Currie in the grounds of Strabane. b17str1

Philip Lardner has recently been selected as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist candidate for Arran in the Scottish Parliament elections in May 2007.

He spent two days in March on Arran familiarising himself with the area and meeting with Lady Jean Fforde and councillor Margie Currie.

He hopes to become MSP for Cunninghame North Constituency and currently works as a primary school teacher.

High School news

Hard-hitting road safety

On Monday 24 April the pupils in S5 and S6 were prised away from their studies to watch a police presentation on the dangers involved with driving.

This presentation was originally shown to pupils in other Ayrshire schools at this time last year but Arran High School pupils were unable to miss a day of school to see it. The presentation proved so successful that it was decided that the DVD of the event should be shown to us now.

The DVD showed a hard-hitting presentation of the events leading up to and following a car crash, with the DVD moving between a reconstruction of an actual car crash and speeches from the people who had been involved.

The reconstruction of the events leading up to the accident was followed by a word from one of the policemen who was first on the scene, and he explained the procedures involved before the arrival of the ambulance and the fire brigade.

The dramatisation also included speeches from an ambulance man, a fireman - who was responsible for cutting the car so the casualties could be removed - and a hospital worker who tried to resuscitate one of the boys involved. Afterwards, a victim from a car accident described the effect it had on his life and that of his family, followed by his daughter reading a poem she had written on the turbulent times they had gone through as a result.

The parents of a teenage boy who had been killed described how their lives had been shattered and the pain they were still going through, which was very moving. As an ending, the DVD showed all the pupils who had previously been given blue raffle tickets to stand up, and when 30 people stood, they were told that they each represented a person who had died in local car accidents in the last year. To end the presentation, statistics of some of the people who had been killed were scrolled down the screen.

After the DVD, the pupils were given a few words of advice from the policemen and ambulance workers present, on the particular dangers on Arran roads. This added to the hard dose of reality that the students had just received, and one can only hope that where cars are concerned they will remember the words of those involved and think twice before doing anything stupid.

Gemma MacDonald, S5

Heritage Project

The Arran Heritage Project is once again underway.

You might ask, what is the Arran Heritage Project? Well, it is an annual event in which first year pupils get in touch with Arran's past. The event has been running for decades and has itself become part of Arran's past. Each pupil selects a certain aspect of Arran's colourful (though sometimes grey) history. Among the subjects chosen this year were folklore, tourism, transport, the piers around Arran, and hair-dressing.

The Project includes a trip to the museum in Brodick, and the eagerly awaited 'Gathering', in which the pupils interview the more experienced members of Arran's community. Traditionally, the Gathering and the museum visit are organised in village groups. This year, the activities will be organised by subject, so that pupils can concentrate on their chosen field. This should make it easier and more enjoyable for everyone involved.

In past years, there have been problems in the gathering when allocating pupils to the adults willing to be interviewed. Previously, there sometimes haven't been enough adults from certain villages, but with new system, pupils can be placed with adults who are knowledgeable in the relevant areas.

Social subjects teacher and deputy head, Mr. McLaren explained, that as well as the benefits mentioned earlier, pupils would be given free range of the museum so that they can focus on the specific aspects of the museum relevant to their chosen subject. Despite a new system, the aim of the Heritage Project remains the same: "The main goal is to educate the pupils about Arran's past."

John Tilbury & Zoe Tomalin S2

Let the show begin

Things are heating up in West Side Story!

Rehearsals have increased to two hours per week for the chorus members and a whopping four hours for the principals. We have already begun learning the first few steps to one of the main dances, the jive.

This year we are lucky enough to have the experienced Fiona Rodrigues teaching and directing us through the dance moves. With the show due to kick-off on the 24th of June, the pressure is now on and weekend rehearsals have already been scheduled. Fittings are being taken for costumes sizes, singing is underway and the acting is progressing well. We even have backstage helpers and make up artists at the ready. Whichever side you're on, American or Puerto Rican, we hope to see you at the show!!

Sabrina Beatan and Mhairi Beggans S5

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Rotary hears of Leonie's Arctic Adventure

Given the opportunity to spend five-and-a-half weeks camping on an island in the Arctic midway between Norway and the North Pole, with 60 per cent of its land covered in glaciation and snowfields, might not be everyone's immediate choice of destination.

Leonie Treble, presently in the sixth year at Arran High School decided to do just that. It took her nine months to raise enough money to join the 96 young peo-

ple on this gruelling and exciting trip to Svalbard with the British Schools Explorers' Society.

The Rotary Club of the Isle of Arran gave her a grant towards her costs. A condition was that Leonie would return to tell the club all about her adventure and what she had learned.

Last Tuesday Leonie charmed and amazed the members with her story.

Leonie's group focused on the structural geology of the area, but

in order to survive they had to learn to shoot and carried rifles at all times in case they met the dangerous polar bears native to the Arctic.

They also learned health and hygiene, radio communication and mountain safety. They studied geology for two weeks, had ice training and learned about many other safety issues; the dangers of craters, glacial rivers, and glacial mud. If you sank into this it was difficult to extricate your-

self even with the help of friends.

It was imperative to be able to spot danger such as crevasse fields covered in fluffy white snow.

It wasn't all hard work though, and the young people had lots of fun. They fed flapjacks to an Arctic fox, tried tossing the caber on the ice, built a tepee and explored caves. The caves were spectacular and they experienced darkness inside for the first time in two weeks. Walking was extremely slow and hazardous and usually they could only travel one mile in an hour. On one occasion they climbed to a height of 1093 metres, higher than Goat Fell, and walked 23 kilometres in three days, carrying a full survival kit including tents.

There was a lot of team building and the young people learned the importance of being able to depend on each other; they showed courage, determination and sheer grit. They never did see a live polar bear.

Leonie's enthusiasm and excitement shone through her talk and her confidence and preparation,



Leonie Treble. b18leo1

backed up by her lovely photographs, made this a thoroughly enjoyable, entertaining and informative evening. Rotary money had once again been well spent.



Members of St James' Place and invited guests at the Auchrannie. b18grp1

Tax seminar is a first for Arran

Financial specialist Angus Macleod staged an inheritance tax seminar on Arran last month which he believes may have been the first one ever on Arran

Angus is a partner with wealth management experts St. James' Place and held the conference for nearly 20 people at the Auchrannie Hotel and Spa. Guest speaker was Martyn Hurl, an investment specialist from St. James' Place Capital.

Angus, who joined the St. James'

Place Partnership earlier this year said: 'I visit Arran on a regular basis, and the issue of inheritance tax is a very real one for many people on the island.

'The rapid rise in property prices since the mid-1990's has meant that an issue which was once the preserve of only the very wealthy has drawn more and more people into its trap.

'Financial and investment planning is no longer the sole preserve of the seriously wealthy, and not

preparing for inheritance tax is a bit like asking your children and grandchildren to write a very large cheque to the Inland Revenue.' The inheritance tax threshold is currently £285,000. 'The most important step people can take is to seek professional advice.

'The simple act of writing your will properly can help save inheritance tax by making the most of the tax reliefs available,' he said.

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The first turf is cut and it's full steam ahead for the new Arran High. More agreeable for teachers and pupils, it will enhance the learning experience and promises a bright new future for Arran's schoolchildren. When it's ready, the present school, in perfectly good condition, will be demolished.

When the new high school was announced three years ago there was astonishment, disbelief, even outrage. This was based on the lack of need, when there are so many other pressing needs. For example, Arran's roads which have been neglected, and which need to be safe for children to travel safely to school. But our local politicians had an agenda, aided by a vast grant, and they intended to proceed. Very soon the school staff were persuaded that they would benefit, and, one by one, almost all those others who had dissented publicly, changed their minds. Among the few who still had misgivings, the spurious argument that it was for the good of the children was too dangerous to challenge.

It is 100 years since the death of Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen and last week I had the opportunity to see again his *Enemy of the People*. The local doctor identifies pollution in the water supplying the new town baths and, since these are the mainstay of the town's tourist trade, he imagines, rather naively, that he will be hailed a hero for singing this out loud and preventing disaster. He is supported by the local paper and the town's businessmen but when the town officials point out that the truth will kill the tourist trade, his support evaporates. Yet the doctor sticks to his course only to find himself pilloried by the townspeople. It is broadly the story of *Jaws*.

At first people see the common sense of an argument. Then they see the way the wind is blowing and, when gentle pressure is applied and they find themselves to be in a shrinking minority, they feel uncomfortable and fall in line with official opinion. In the play the mayor even demands that the doctor recant publicly. Likewise on Arran there were letters in *The Banner* from people justifying their change of heart.

In real life, issues are less black and white than in fiction and are confused by side issues. The new high school will probably be a very fine building. But why were so many people horrified by the idea in the first place? For most it just seemed unnecessary and wasteful but, since they would not be paying directly, they were quickly persuaded to back it. For some it was the method of financing which will mean paying many times over with much profit going into private pockets. Fewer perhaps felt that official extravagance will breed wasteful and extravagant children, indeed a whole climate of waste. The current vogue is all the humbug about saving the planet and not wasting resources but what is knocking down a perfectly good school but just that? Yet it is these very same people who are promoting conservation who are now wasting the resources on a grand scale.

The myth of official infallibility is readily accepted and the new high school is under way. It will no doubt be a fine school, but will it make any improvement in Arran's education?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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Yours,
Lillian Thomson (secretary),
Hamilton Terrace
Lamlash

Turf cutting ceremony at school

Sir,

At the risk of sounding like a party pooper, it would be remiss to let the turf cutting occasion for the new High School pass without comment.

Just like parents and the general public, critics were not invited and were not amongst the happy smiling faces in *The Banner* (edition 1541) photograph.

Whether there will be as many smiles in years to come remains to be seen but many of us would doubt it.

Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) remain hugely controversial and their history so far across the country is riddled with wastefulness, enormous expense to the public purse, shady dealings amongst and between public bodies and speculators, and disappointment with the finished product.

Whilst PPPs remain the 'only game in town' to fund expensive capital projects, what particularly rubs with the new Arran High is that it was unnecessary and that the existing building could have been adapted adequately to cater for the needs of future generations

at much less expense. Perhaps North Ayrshire Council cannot be blamed, when they are hard up, for grabbing such funding opportunities, but the affordability gap of £1.2 million has to be found somewhere and this accounts for a sizeable proportion of the £8 million cuts the Council are making this year.

Cuts incidently forced upon it by a New Labour dominated Executive who can make millions available for PPPs - much of which finishes up in the hands of the speculators, whilst starving Councils of funding in the name of 'efficiencies'.

We know who the real wasters are and hopefully voters will remember when these people put themselves up for public office the next time.

Yours,
Colin Turbett
Isle of Arran Scottish Socialist Party

Charity climb for hospital funds

Sir,

On Wednesday 24 May Willie Logan originally from Pirnmill now living in Greenock is attempting to complete a Three Peaks Challenge, by climbing Snowdon, Scafell Pike, and Ben Nevis all within 24 hours.

Willie is attempting this challenge to raise funds for two charities, the Hospital Supporters League (Lamlash Hospital) and the Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS).

Anyone who wishes to support Willie's efforts and make a donation to either charity, should make cheques payable as follows.

If supporting the Hospital Supporters League, cheques should be crossed and made payable to: Hospital Supporters League, and sent to the following address:
Mrs Judy Waterland,
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If supporting the Children's Hospice Association Scotland, cheques should be crossed and made payable to:

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Mr Willie Logan
32 Kinloch Lane,
Greenock
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In June I will write again to *The Banner* and let you all know how much we have raised for the charities.

I will also let you know how the challenge went.

Yours,
Willie Logan
32 Kinloch Lane
Greenock

All that jazz at Auchrannie

Sir,

I have been coming to your beautiful Island for more years than I wish to remember but I have to say that this time was very special.

As well as the weather being perfect I, as a jazz fan, had the added bonus of being able to see Joni Keen, Brian Kellock and Ronnie rae at the Auchrannie.

The food was great, the mood mellow and the music out of this world. I look forward to coming back soon.

Yours,
Helen Kyle
10 Clyde Street
Coatbridge
Lanarkshire

Cats protection

Sir,

I am writing to say that the band concert in aid of Cats Protection was a success and to thank those who came along.

My thanks go to the National Trust for Scotland, Brodick Cop, Trareoch Crafts and Mrs Sheila Hawkins for their generous donations to enable us to have a raffle.

Special thanks to members and non-members who gave of their time and worked so hard to enable the function to go ahead.

This is the first, hopefully of many under our new co-ordinator Linda Hartley and we shall look forward to seeing you all again.

We are still looking for volunteers who can spare a little of their time to help us and we shall be glad to hear from anyone.

Yours,
Alice Broome
Cats Protection League treasurer
Caledonia Cottage
Lamlash

Whiting Bay skipathon

Sir,

The children and staff of Whiting Bay Primary School would like to thank the school board, parents, friends and the Whiting Bay Thursday Club for making the skipathon afternoon on Thursday 27 April such an enjoyable and successful event.

The event was part of the 'jump rope' fund raising scheme organised by the British Heart Foundation.

The total sum raised was £247.

Yours,
Annette Treble
Acting Head Teacher
Whiting Bay Primary School

Help to change tyre

Sir,

Through your pages we would like to take this opportunity to thank the two lovely ladies out strolling along Shore Road, Lamlash on Sunday 30 April.

I think they were called Margaret and Cath, and they assisted us so kindly when we had a puncture on our car.

Thanks also to the gentleman and lady who drove up and helped, not forgetting Oscar their dog.

As newly arrived residents to this lovely Island, just two days actually, we are so touched and warmed by the kindness and help offered to us so generously.

Thank you.
Yours,
Michael and Pam Holmes
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Beatrix potty about the Isle of Arran



The children of Beatrix Potter school with members of Arran coastguard team. b18coa1

A party of 44 children from the Beatrix Potter school in London were on Arran last week.

The school's link with the Island and the local coastguard team has been going for 16 years and the group alternate between visiting Arran and the Lake District.

While on Arran they stay at the Altachorvie centre in Lamlash.

Head teacher of the school Steph Neale who accompanied his pupils said: 'We feel Arran is like an old friend and acquaintance to our school.'

Beatrix Potter is an inner city primary school for children age three to 11. Many have never seen

the sea before or the type of scenery on Arran.

Head Arran coastguard David McKinnon said: 'We are always keen to work with them whenever they come over.'

'Owing to the nature of Arran being surrounded by water it is a natural thing for them to work with us.'

'We lay on several demonstrations for them such as mock sea and cliff rescues that we perform on the front lawn of Altachorvie.'

'This involves instructing them in what to do in the event of an emergency.'

'I would like to think that what

we have taught them will stick with them as they get older.'

As a special thanks to the coastguards' commitment to the school they have decided to present them with a brand new laptop and are currently raising funds for a waterproof camera.

Steph said: 'We believe that both these items will help them continue their excellent work - their dedication as volunteers is exceptional. Our hosts Rebecca and Eugene were superb and Colin McCort at Stagecoach is now a friend.'

The school look forward to returning to Arran in 2009.

Special birthday celebrations

90 years young



Kathleen Driver shares a toast to 90 years. b18nin2

Mrs Kathleen Driver of McKelvie Road, Lamlash celebrated her 90th birthday last Tuesday 25 April.

She travelled south for a family party at her nephew's hotel in Bilsborrow, Lancashire on the day itself with 27 relatives coming to help her celebrate from different corners of the country. As the senior member of the family she was able to recount tales from the early years of last century.

This was followed by a party for local friends and family in the Trust Housing lounge in McKelvie Road, Lamlash the following Friday night.

After the two parties she counted up 57 birthday cards and numerous gifts.

'I'll have to get busy writing 'thank you' letters,' she said. 'I never knew I had so many good friends.'

Designer sale on Brodick lawn

Mother and daughter team Josephine and Sherelle Lowther were on Arran again last weekend for their popular designer



Sherelle and Josephine Lowther with their designer knitwear marquee on the lawn of the McAlpine Hotel in Brodick. b18knt1

knitwear sale.

The ladies, who come from Hurlford, hold their sale three times a year on Arran at the McAlpine Hotel in Brodick. In better weather they set up an outdoor marquee and were able to do so last weekend.

A steady stream of bargain hunters visited their marquee stocked with designer knitwear and cashmere. They always try to visit the Island on any bank holiday weekends.

Josephine said: 'We have many return customers who look forward to us coming over and many tourists pop in as well.'

'Some people are even doing their Christmas shopping early.'

After leaving Arran the ladies went to Bute to work at the island's jazz festival.

Taj Mahal

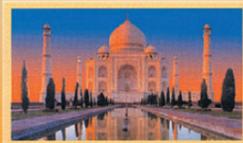
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New outdoor bowling season under way

Arran's outdoor bowling season got under way last Saturday at clubs across the island.

The fine weather brought out a good amount of bowlers to support their game. There are four

bowling clubs on the island: Whiting Bay, Lamlash, Brodick and Blackwaterfoot.



New club secretary Margaret Strath bowls the first wood at Brodick Bowling Club.

b18bow2



Margaret Murchie prepares to bowl the first wood of the season at Lamlash Bowling Club last Saturday. A good turnout gathered with representatives of Whiting Bay Bowling Club turning out to support their neighbours. The club has rink games on Saturday, Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. b18bow1

Island to host first ever wildlife festival

Arran is to hold its first ever wildlife festival providing an unrivalled opportunity to get closer to the wildlife of the Island and the best news is many of the events are free.

A programme for the first ever Arran Wildlife Festival was launched earlier this week by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), RSPB Scotland and Destination Arran

The festival offers visitors and locals the chance to learn more about some of the spectacular wildlife of the Island with the experts and it runs from Saturday 27 May to Wednesday 31 May.

It kicks off with the opening of the hen harrier viewing centre at Kilmory where visitors will be able to see live footage of nesting hen harriers, one of the country's rarest birds of prey.

£5 million

Live wildlife viewing facilities have proved popular in other areas and a recent report from the RSPB showed that the presence of other birds of prey such as eagles and ospreys boosts local economies in Scotland by up to £5 million annually through similar viewing projects.

Also on offer are boat trips to Holy Isle to look for seals,

seabirds and porpoises, minibus safaris and guided walks with experts on geology, birds, seashore and marine life. Other attractions include an award-winning wildlife film show on sea eagles plus slideshows and talks. One of the highlights is a talk by Roy Dennis, a leading conservationist and the man behind the successful return of sea eagles and ospreys to Scotland.

Graeme Walker of SNH said: 'Home to some of Scotland's iconic wildlife from hen harriers, golden eagles and basking sharks, Arran has much of what the Highlands has to offer in terms of

wildlife as well as scenery.

'It's big advantage is that it is very accessible from the central belt - from Glasgow you can get there by public transport in just over two hours, yet you feel a world away from the pressures of city life.

Experts

'Those taking part in the festival will be guided by experts to the best locations for seeing wildlife. Visitors will gain an insight into why wildlife thrives on Arran - it is dependent on the good management of the land by farmers and landowners.'

Zoe Clelland of RSPB Scotland said: 'We now know the true impact of wildlife tourism and birdwatching to Scotland's local

economies. With other islands such as Mull benefitting from up to £1.7m in extra local spending through the opportunity to see spectacular birds, Arran could be next.

'The festival is the perfect chance to get a taste of Arran's amazing natural heritage and even if you can't make it, there is a new guide to point you in the direction of the best sites for wildlife.

'It is thanks to the National Trust for Scotland, Forestry Commission Scotland and the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group as well as COAST, the Community of Arran Seabed Trust, that we have been able to pull together such a packed programme of

events and activities. As well as enjoying the wildlife we hope that visitors will take the time to sample many of the other island attractions.'

Alastair Dobson, chairman of Destination Arran said: 'Wildlife is good for business and Arran is a place where people can not only see wildlife all year round, but also walk in the mountains and glens and sample good food and drink.

'This all contributes to our work with VisitScotland to develop a reputation as a 'Total Quality Destination.'

A full programme can be found at www.arranwildlife.co.uk or from the Tourist Information Centre on Arran.

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Richardson's fifth Ormidale 10k race title

Seasoned Ormidale 10k entrant Billy Richardson of Irvine took his fifth title in six years in last Sunday's popular road race.

His time of 32 minutes 22 seconds shaved four seconds of his time last year when the streets of Arran were soaked with rain.

However this wasn't to be the case this year and the warmest day of the year so far greeted 45 runners as they set off on the 6.1

mile race from Brodick to Merkland and back again.

First time

Gavin Morrison of Inverclyde, running this race for the first time was second, with another first timer, Benny McLaughlin of Garscube Harriers third.

Benny was the first male over 40, with Cambuslang's Bernie Gough the first male over 50.

The race between the Auchranie fitness staff was won by Gordon Allsop, who defeated Dougal Ross by a mere seven sec-

onds. David Black was disappointed to miss out on breaking the 40 minute barrier by one second in his first attempt at this distance.

New age-group

Another 10K debutant, Nicky Emsley took the first junior male prize in a new age-group course record.

The ladies' race was won by Jill O'Neil of Garscube Harriers, with Debbie Cox of City of Glasgow second and Valerie McCutcheon third. Debbie is a

regular runner at this event and three weeks ago she won the Scottish 100K Championship (yes - 62 miles!) for the third consecutive year.

Prizes

The prizes of Arran Ales were presented by sponsor Tommy Gilmore of The Ormidale Hotel. Arran Runners are very grateful for this continued support, and would also like to thank the many locals who helped to marshal the race, and without whom the race would not be possible.



They're off. Forty-five runners set off from Brodick in the Ormidale 10k race. b18ten01



Ladies winner Jill O'Neil of Garscube Harriers, Andrew Cochrane of Livingston and Debbie Cox of City of Glasgow pass the String Road end. b18orm1

Arran Primary Sports Hall Athletics Festival - Results

Track events - boys

2x1Lap.1 Brodick 2 Shiskine 3 Lamlash
 4x1Lap. 1 Lamlash 2 Shiskine 3 Whiting Bay
 6 Lap Paarlauf 1 Shiskine 2 Brodick 3 Whiting Bay
 2x2Lap. Whiting Bay 2 Pirmill/Corrie 3 Brodick
 4x2 Lap 1 Shiskine 2 Kilmory 3 Lamlash
 2x1 Lap Hurdles 1 Shiskine 2 Kilmory 3 Brodick
 Circuit Relay 1 Shiskine 2 Whiting Bay 3 Brodick

Field event - boys

Standing Long Jump
 1 Christopher Jenks (K) 2 Ewan Bulger (P/C) 3 John Murchie (S)
 Speed Bounce 1 Gavin Gilbert (WB) 2 James Todd (B) 3 Thomas Oliver (K) & Ewan Bulger (P/C)

Vertical Jump 1 Jack Barbour (B) 2 Ryan Robb (L) & Ewan Bulger (P/C) 3 Christopher Jenks (K) & Emmet McMaster (S)
 Shot Putt 1 Matthew Evans (L) 2 Stuart McMaster (K) 3 Neil Hunter (L)
 Standing Triple Jump 1 Jack Barbour (B) 2 Matthew Evans (L) 3 Jamie Leese (S)

Track event - girls

2xLap.1 Lamlash 2 Brodick 3 Pirmill/Corrie
 4x1 Lap 1 Lamlash 2 Brodick 3 Whiting Bay
 6 Lap Paarlauf 1 Shiskine 2 Brodick 3 Kilmory
 2x2 Lap 1 Pirmill/Corrie 2 Brodick 3 Lamlash
 4x2 Lap 1 Brodick 2 Shiskine 3 Whiting Bay
 2x1 Lap Hurdles 1 Brodick 2 Kilmory 3 Lamlash
 Circuit Relay 1 Brodick 2 Whiting Bay 3 Lamlash

Field events - girls

Standing Long Jump 1 Megan McAllister (L) 2 Corinne Patterson (L) 3 Corrie McGloin (P/C).
 Speed Bounce 1 Kathleen Dawson (WB) 2 Corrie McGloin (P/C) 3 Kimberley Kane (L).
 Vertical Jump 1 Gillian Anderson (B) 2 Libby Raeburn (B) & Debra Kelly (L) 3 Kaitlin Smith (L) & Beth Hamilton (S)
 Shot Putt 1 Bethany Tetlow (WB) 2 Jennifer Logan (P/C) 3 Liusadh McMaster (K) Standing Triple Jump 1 Kaitlin Smith (L) 2 Corinne Paterson (L) 3 Megan McAllister (L)

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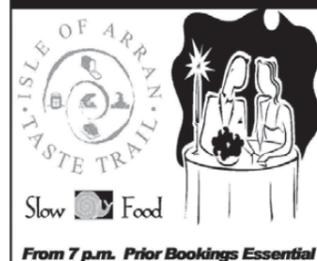
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SATURDAY 6th May

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am- noon
Brodict primary school, car boot sale 11am to 3pm
Football coaching, Ormidale park, boys & girls 5-15, 10-11.30am
Arran Dancers Brodict Primary School 11am - 4.15pm.
Councillors surgery, Brodict Library 1 to 2pm
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
Letter Carving, Ranger Centre, 10am - 4pm
Spring Fair BBQ Corrie Primary School 12noon - 2pm
Jeff Live at the Drift Inn 9.30pm
Disco Dave Live at the Cameronia, 9.30pm

SUNDAY 7th May

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
Walkies for Welfare - Dog Walk. Ribbecks Garage 2pm

MONDAY 8th May

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am to 12.05pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie, 9.30am & 1.45pm

Over 50s Badminton, Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Football coaching, Ormidale Park, 6 - 7.30pm (8-15yrs)
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Spa, Brodict, 6pm
Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Scottish Country Dancing, W. Bay School, 7.30pm
Pilates, Auchrannie 7.30pm
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, 9pm
Belly Dancing, Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm
Brodict Bowling Club rink game 6.30pm
Spring Walk Brodict Castle, 10am

TUESDAY 9th 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
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
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
Senior Fitness 9.30am&10.45am, Auchrannie Gym
Guided Castle Garden Walk 2pm. Meet at Shop

WEDNESDAY 10th 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, Brodict, 6-7.15pm
Mixed Indoor Hockey, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-8pm
Arran Runners, meet NTS Castle Car Park, 7.15pm
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
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am
Hockey, Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm
Brodict Bowling Club rink game 2pm
Arran Farmers Society, Directors Meeting, 7.30pm, New Show Field

THURSDAY 11th May

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
Brodict Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am
Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm
General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale, Brodict, 10pm
Pub Quiz, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 9pm
Spinning Demonstration Whiting Bay Hall 11am-2pm
Rock school, youth centre. Lamlash 7 - 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
Bar Eden Open Folk Session 9pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am & 1.45pm
Only abs, Auchrannie Studio, 5.30pm
Outdoor run, Auchrannie, 6pm
Dusk Walk, Brodict Castle 9pm
Lamlash Beavers 6-7pm Cubs 6.15-8pm Scouts 7.30-9pm
Blackwaterfoot Angling AGM, 7.30pm Kinloch

FRIDAY 12th May

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
Shiskine Toddlers, Shiskine Hall, 10am-noon
Lamlash Friday Club, outing to Ayr, leaving on 11.05 ferry
Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.00pm
Citizens Advice open 10am - 2pm
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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
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Farmer's escape

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Len Smith of Brodick died this week after retiring as Hydro Board manager just five weeks ago. b18twe2



Dr David Smith, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland visited Arran with his wife last weekend. He came to preach at Kilbride Church as part of the centenary celebrations. b18twe3

Corriecravie escaped with minor injuries when the tractor he was driving was in collision with a bus on Tuesday.

Nuclear explosion

The people of Arran are concerned about an explosion last week at a Russian nuclear power station at Chernobyl.

Ayrshire and Arran Health Board has issued assurances that there are contingency plans for any nuclear accidents at Hunterston power station or

from a nuclear submarine in Arran waters.

Waverley calls

The paddle steamer *Waverley* made her first call of the year to the Island last Thursday en route from Campbeltown to the Ayr Show.

Due to high winds she did not sail to Ayr and her passengers from Kintyre had to spend a day in Brodick.

Heartfelt thanks

The Heartfelt Thanks appeal which was sponsored jointly by the Isle of Arran Tourist Board and the Scottish Milk Marketing Board has provided Dr Kerr, Dr Campbell and Dr Tinto with some badly-needed emergency lifesaving equipment.

Throughout the year equipment has been purchased as enough money became available and now all three doctors have their own resuscitation unit which is carried at all times in the car.

Rock band

Youngsters at Arran High School have formed a new rock band. Members are guitarists Roslyn



Doctors Graham Tinto, Angus Campbell and Malcolm Kerr with new resuscitation units provided by the Heartfelt Thanks appeal. Also shown on the lawn outside Lamlash hospital are Jill Gardiner and Carolyn Jameson of the appeal committee. b18twe1

Bailey, Andrew Russell and Graham Norris with Marion Cannon on keyboard and Duncan Russell on vocals.

Diamond jubilee

Whiting Bay village hall celebrated its diamond jubilee last Saturday night. More than 150 locals turned up for an evening of entertainment and festivities.

The Lady Jean Fforde proposed a toast to the hall and fondly remembered a colourful history in the village.

This was followed by a detailed account from Hamish Cook of the life and times of Whiting Bay Hall.

Arran select

The Arran Select football team to play Old Crocks Ayrshire next Saturday is: T Morrow, J C Murchie, A Johnston, G Boyle, I Small, T Liddy, A Craig, A Miller, S Campbell, A Duncan, A Hume, S Crawford, J Gibson, A Campbell, D Adamson, J Kerr, C Morrow, J McPherson.

Fèis Arainn 2006

Tha sinn Air Tilleach! We're back! Forms and information sheets for this year's Fèis Arainn have now been distributed to all primary schools and Arran High School and posted to our previous off-island participants.

The dates are Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 April in the high school from 10am to 2.50pm each day.

All youngsters who will be eight years old by the start of the Fèis are welcome to come and we can accommodate a small number of adults in the workshops which will include fiddle, accordion, clarsach, chanter, drums, whistle and guitar as well as Gaelic language, singing and drama and stèidh and Celtic art.

We hope to see many of last year's record number of enthusiastic youngsters coming back as well as some new ones and are sure they will enjoy another great week of fun and learning about their Gaelic heritage.

Any questions or requests for additional forms should be made to Aileen McLaughlin on 700 209 and forms returned via the schools or direct to Aileen at Taigh-an-dara, Whiting Bay, KA27 8RE by Friday 26 May at the latest.

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She is the presiding genius of Operahouse, who initiated 'Arran Ferry Tales', but people who have not been previously connected with that project are welcome to attend the workshop.

Virginia runs a choir in London called the 'I Can't Sing' choir, consisting entirely of people who have at the start shaken their heads and said, 'I can't sing.'

But they are now a successful performing choir, giving regular concerts. Arran people who do already sing will find the workshop immensely enlightening and useful, as well as great fun.

It's a unique opportunity to learn new techniques and discover hidden potential. The May 13 workshop starts at 10.30 and runs until 3.30 with a break for lunch - bring your own or nip down to the pub.

You won't need to bring music - everything is provided. For any further information, phone Alison Prince on 700 574.

Jazz Café alive and well

Kind enquirers who have asked if we are still alive may be glad to hear that the Jazz Café band has survived the winter and is about to brush off the toast crumbs and emerge, blinking, into the daylight.

Gigs are now fixed for the whole summer season, and the first one is on Friday 12 May at our usual venue, Whiting Bay Hall, 8.00 pm.

We have occasionally crept out for a bit of practice during the months of darkness, so stand by for an amazing resurgence of new tunes and old. Bring your own bottle and your dancing shoes.

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Please quote reference No. AA/NES/0406 on all correspondence.

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Relief Clerical Assistant*

£9,624 - £14,220 (pro-rata) (pay award pending)

Hours as and when required

Schools on Isle of Arran

You will provide clerical support within the school. You will have a good standard of education with previous clerical experience including cash handling, word processing and stock handling. The ability to work independently and recognise the need for confidentiality are essential as is the ability to adapt to different circumstances. The Council intends to introduce a job evaluation scheme for staff in the near future and this post will be included within the coverage of the Scheme. Ref: 20/590/AB

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E-mail: hr@kinlochhotel.eclipse.co.uk

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on

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ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE

A.G.M.

will take place in

Brodict Castle Tearoom

Monday 5 June 2006

at 7.30 p.m.

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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.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTRARY TO DEVELOPMENT PLANS) (SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 1996

Applications for planning permission which comprise departures or potential departures from the adopted/approved development plans listed below the application details. Written comments to be made within 21 days.

Application No: N/06/00342/PP Address: Lochranza Whisky Distillery Lochranza, Brodict, Isle Of Arran KA27 8HJ Proposed Development: Erection of single storey whisky warehouse

Ayrshire Structure Plan Policy(s) :- Isle of Arran Local Plan Policy(s) :- ENV 6

Ian Snodgrass
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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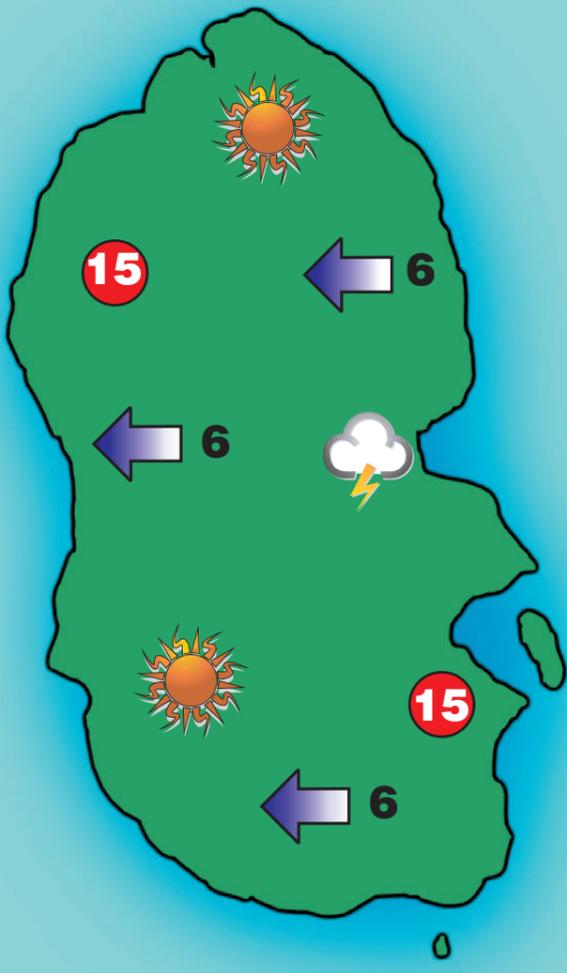
Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, May 6 2006** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm				
Sat	05.28	2.6	12.41	0.9	19.10	2.3	**.**	**	
Sun	01.12	1.2	06.47	2.6	13.47	0.8	20.48	2.4	
Mon	02.16	1.1	08.24	2.6	14.40	0.7	21.42	2.5	
Tues	03.09	0.9	09.30	2.7	15.25	0.6	22.28	2.6	
Wed	03.53	0.7	10.16	2.8	16.04	0.5	23.08	2.7	
Thur	04.31	0.6	10.55	2.8	16.39	0.4	23.45	2.8	
Fri	05.05	0.5	11.31	2.8	17.11	0.4	**.**	**	

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		



Weather

Saturday, May 6

Dry and bright but with a risk of thunder Temperature 15°C.

Sunday, May 7

Patchy rain with sunny intervals Temperatures a pleasant 17°C.

Monday and Tuesday

Most areas dry and bright though feeling cooler at 10°C

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate
Claonaig/ Lochranza - Moderate

BANNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

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

Lamlash Church

Sunday 7 May
You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 10.30am. Service by Rev Kenneth Fisher. Tea & Coffee served in Hall after the service. All welcome. Note change of time

Church of Scotland

The parish of North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine **Independent but working together**

Sunday 7 May
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times. All welcome. Brodick Church, 10.30am.

Revd Jack Paterson. Corrie Church, noon, Revd Jack Paterson. Lochranza Church, 9.30am, Revd Angus Adamson. Pirnmill Church, 10.45am, Revd Angus Adamson. Shiskine Church, noon, Revd Angus Adamson. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in Brodick and Corrie Churches at the above times and also in Montrose House at 2pm. There will be a service of thanksgiving in Brodick Church at 6.30pm

Kilmory Church

'A faith to proclaim, a fellowship to share'. Sunday 7 May, 10am. Visitors especially invited. Rev John Webster, locum.

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Communion weekend. Preparatory service Saturday 6 May, 7pm 5 Glen Road, Brodick. Sunday 7 May, Morning service 11am, Trust Housing Lounge, Brodick.

Evening service, 7pm, 5 Glen Road. Monday 8 May, thanksgiving service, 7pm, 5 Glen Road.

All services taken by Rev MAN MacLeod (Glasgow).

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 7 May. The Sacrament of Communion will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. All who love the Lord are most welcome. The Young People will meet for their usual activities in the Church Hall. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept. All very welcome. There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2pm

and in Craigielea at 3.15pm. The Young People's Group for all in S2 and upwards will meet in the Manse at 7pm.

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 7 May at 11 a.m. in the Free Church building, Brodick (beside the Post Office). Third anniversary service, Reverend John MacKinnon, everyone warmly invited. Thursday 11 May, ladies' supper club in Ormidale Sports Pavillion at 7.30pm. All ladies invited.

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Sunday morning mass 11am.

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

Scottish Episcopal Church

(in full communion with the Church of England)

St Margaret's, Whiting Bay Sunday 7 May, Holy Communion, 11.00 am. Canon Keith Pagan, Kintyre Coffee after service. Wednesday 10 May: Noon, Holy Communion. All Welcome

PERSONALS

ENGAGEMENT

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Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Ronald Parker of Lamlash to Rachel Vale of Linlithgow, on 22nd April 2006

DEATH

MONCRIEFF - ELIZABETH CRAIG

On 1st May 2006 after a long illness, Betty, beloved wife of the late John Arthur Moncrieff. Sadly missed by all the family. Funeral service Tuesday 9th May 2006 at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Irvine. Family and friends are welcome

*Poor Nellie, she a black eye bath
She's really black affrontit!
Her wander up the garden path
Has rendered her 'redundit'!*

*Still, ne'er mind, sweet angel Nell,
That bruise it should get duller.
But even if it disnae quell,
You'll bring with you some colour!*

*Ah cannae wait until the tenth
To 'valuate your keeker'!
No need for you to go great lengths,
To us you're still a smeekeer!!!*

*And Happy Birthday
Faither !!!
Love Bill and Pauline*

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Married at Lochranza Church last Saturday were Emily Primrose and Thomas McNaught. Emily is the oldest daughter of Janet and Jim of Lochranza and is a nursery manager in Hillington. Thomas is the son of Margaret Tracey and Bill McNaught of Glasgow. He works offshore on oil rigs and lives in Glasgow. b18wed2

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Machrie Bay Golf

Results for Tuesday 11 April. Hall of Fame Championship

Sweep: 1 Mark Sherwood 62, 2 Hamish Bannatyne 64, 3 Brian Sherwood .68

Scratch and Two's Hamish Bannatyne

Hamish to represent Machrie at Royal Mussleburgh in September

Tues 18 April .CSS64

Medal: 1 Drew Crawford 54, 2 Ian Buchannan 67 BIH 3 David Price 67. Scratch Drew Crawford 74

An excellent round of golf by Drew. Cut at Last!

Tuesday 25 April Medal

1 Hamish Bannatyne 63 BIH, 2 Alan Napier 63, 3 Drew Crawford 63. Scratch Hamish Bannatyne 68. Two's Alan Napier & Drew Crawford

Fixtures

Saturday 6 May, Hugh Steel Cup 2.00 Start

Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 18 April Club Trophy (one class) 20 Played SSS 67CSS 68

Winner L Johnston (12) 69 B.I.H, 2 J Beattie (14) 69, 3 M Cuthbert (25) 71

Scratch L Johnston 81

Tuesday 25 April Thistle Brooch (one class) SSS 67 CSS 67 9 played

Winner H Rore (28) 69, 2 K Kitson (23) 74, 3 S Anderson (19) 75. Scratch S Anderson 94

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 26 April. Summer Trophy, Round 2. 22 played.

CSS-63.

1 Malcolm Pennycott 66-4=62, 2 Nicol Auld 65-2=63, 3 Jamie MacPherson 69-5=64. Scratch won by Nicol with 65.

Sunday 30 April, Arran Four-somes 18 played.

1 John Dick and John Pennycott 73-12.5=60.5, 2 Jamie MacPherson and Sandy Pringle 74-9.5=64.5.

Fixtures

Sunday 7 May McKelvie Cup round 1. Wednesday 10 May Summer Trophy round 4. Sunday 14 May Spring Handicap at Lamlash.

SWRI

12 Hole Golf Competition - Stroke Play. This competition will take place on Monday 22 May at Whiting Bay Golf Course.

Starting time 5.30pm. Competitors please give their names and LGU handicaps to Marion Devine telephone 820282 by Monday 15 May.

Would each Institute remember to provide a raffle prize for the golf competitions. Prizes should be brought to the 12 Hole competition on the 22 May. Half the prizes will be raffled at the 12 Hole Competition and the other half at the Greensome Competition later in the year.

Corrie Golf Club

Monday 24 April, Lochranza studio gallery cup

Congratulations to Iain and Moira on winning the cup on a wet evening forcing the competition to be reduced to nine holes.

First Moira Martin and Ian Buchanan, Saturday 29 April, summer cup, first round

1 J McGovern 34+33-67-7=60, 2 M Elliott 41+37-78-15=63bih, 3 E McKinnon 32+35-67-4=63bihs

Fixtures

Saturday 6 May, first round, club championship, tee-off draws at 9.30am, 1pm

Junior match, Monday 9 May, 5.30pm and 6pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 27 April, summer cup, 24 played. CSS64

Sweep: 1 T.V. Boyle 79-22=57, 2 D McFarlane 65-1=64 bih, 3 H McArthur 78-14=64. Best scratch, D McFarlane 65. Magic twos 1 at 14th T.V. Boyle.

Sunday 30 April, Hamilton Bowl (bogey), 17 played, CSS63

Sweep: 1 E Evan 67-11=55 +7 to bogey, 2 D Robertson 67-4=63 + 1 to bogey, 3 R McGunnigle 70-6=64 to bogey BIH. Best scratch D Roberston 67bih. Magic twos 1 at 4th D Robertson, 1 at 13th G Andrews, 1 at 17th A Smith.

Junior handicap: First for the third year in succession Gary Adams 77-16-61, 2 Sam McCala 74-12-62, 3 Ben Tattersfield 100-36-64. S

Kelso won the consolation prize.

Fixtures

Friday 5 May, A.G.A seniors bowl, first round at Whiting Bay (fourball).

Sunday 7 May, Jamieson cup at 9.30am, 1pm and 5pm, also (first round qualifying for championship) please note 5pm start time.

Sunday 11 May, A.G.A spring handicap at Lamlash, late entries accepted.

Congratulations on winning Drift Inn Quaich to Ian Bremner on Sunday 23 April.

Shiskine Golf

Ladies winter knockout: Elizabeth Ross, runner up Sheila Gilmore

Rock plate: Ladies winners Jessie Hutton, Carole Arthur. Gents winners Mark Sherwood, Hamish McGeoch.

Ladies 12 hole medal competition, 13 April, CSS45, number played 10

1 Carole Arthur 55-9=46, 2 Liz Williamson 57-10=47, 3 Sally Brookes 74-21=53. Scratch Carole Arthur 55.

Fixtures

Gents: Sunday 7 May CCQ 1, Saturday 13 May Centenary putter, Sunday 14 May Spring handicap at Lamlash, Wednesday 17 May CCQ 2, Sunday 21 May CCQ 3

Ladies: Monday 8 May, WRI 12-hole competition, Thursday 11 May CCQ1, Saturday 13 May Centenary putter, Thursday 18 May CCQ1, Thursday 25 May CCQ3

Wilma's first hole-in-one



Jennifer McArthur (right) congratulates Wilma Aitken on her very first hole-in-one which she got at the short but tricky 16th at Lamlash. b18gol1

Wilma Aitken of Kings Cross has just hit her first ever hole-in-one at Lamlash's 16th hole.

Wilma, 71 years young, was a former Arran Ladies Golf Union president. She said this made it even more of a thrill getting her hole-in-one in the Presidents Prize competition which was played over 15 holes last Friday.

Wilma said: 'Everyone has been so congratulatory and pleased for me. Coming to the end of my golf-

ing career its good to get a hole-in-one, the hilly courses are just getting too much for me now.' A poem of congratulations was given by Shelia Gilmour and Jerry Arthur on the night.

Twenty one ladies played and Jenni Turnbull was the winner with 28 points, Catherine McAdam having 22 putts. The ladies whis to thank Lamlash for the courtesy of the course and Andy for the lovely sandwiches and tea.



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Kiscadale Salver for Brodick team

This year's Kiscadale Salver, played over Whiting Bay was unusual for two reasons.

Firstly, as there were only four teams competing it was played as a Round Robin, and secondly, each of the three rounds was played in very pleasant weather.

Due to Corrie being unable to take part for the second year, and Machrie Bay which joined the Arran Ladies Golf Union (ALGU) last year also unable to field a team this season, the format of

this ladies competition was changed. As a result each team played every other team and this made for some exciting golf and quite a few mathematical equations for ALGU president Jennifer McArthur to consider! However, as the matches progressed a clear winner emerged.

In the first round Brodick met Lamlash and Whiting Bay met Shiskine, with Brodick gaining victories in both their matches while Whiting Bay and Shiskine

both won one and lost one. On the second evening Whiting Bay met Lamlash and again took one match and lost one, while the same thing happened in the Brodick and Shiskine matches. At the end of this round Brodick were leading with six points, Whiting Bay and Shiskine both had four, while Lamlash had two.

Final day dawned with Brodick playing against Whiting Bay, while Shiskine took on Lamlash. Brodick were the favourites however they were taking on the home team and there were still several equations which could mean a play-off between three of the teams so there was everything to play for.

In the end after a valiant battle from Whiting Bay, the strong Brodick team took the day and won both their matches to lead the competition on 10 points. Shiskine managed to hold Lamlash to one match each and so were runners up on six points.

Everyone then repaired to the clubhouse for the prize giving of all the season's competitions. Whiting Bay had been worthy hosts with their course in mag-



The Kiscadale teams: Lamlash, Shiskine, Whiting Bay and Brodick, before the final day of competition last Saturday. b18kis1



The victorious Brodick Kiscadale team, left to right, Margaret Bryce, Linda Johnston, Isobel MacDonald, Jillian Plenderleith and Pat Reid. b18kis2

nificent condition and as challenging as ever.

Next year the Kiscadale will

be played over Brodick and although everyone enjoyed the Round Robin format this year,

it would be nice to welcome back Corrie and Machrie Bay for next season.

Mainland success for football team

Arran High School S1/S2 football team continued their excellent season with a series of fine performances in Kilwinning last week.

Fourteen players went to the

mainland to take part in a series of games against three other North Ayrshire teams. Archie McNicol got Arran off to the ideal start with an early goal in the first match against the Kilwinning 'B'

team. Further goals from Sandy Kelso, Grant Adamson and Archie McNicol contributed to a comfortable 4-1 victory.

The second match against the Kilwinning 'A' team was a harder fought affair. Alexander MacNeil, with his first goals of the season, gave Arran a 2-0 lead at half-time but Kilwinning came back strongly in the second half with an early goal. Despite coming under intense pressure, the Arran defence, as usual, were proving to be very difficult to break down. However, an unfortunate bounce on the bumpy pitch presented Kilwinning with a straightforward equaliser with what proved to be the last kick of the ball.

Final match

In the third and final match Arran overcame tired legs and sore feet to convincingly beat St Michael's Academy 5-0 with goals from Archie McNicol (3), Grant Adamson and Gary Clugston.

Junior Handicap winners



Junior winners, Robbie McGunnigle, Gary Adams, Sandy Kelso, Ben Tattersfield and Sam McCalla. b18gol2

Seventeen boys entered this annual competition returning some great scores.

The standard of the boys etiquette and knowledge of the rules is a credit to their respective clubs. Sam McCalla on his first time playing the medal course at Lamlash

achieved a score of 74-12-62 no mean feat with a 7 on his card Six of the boys scored within the buffer zone of the course s.s.s. 64.



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