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Alex and Jessie Clark, happily married for 60 years.

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Diamond days

Alex and Jessie Clark of Brodick celebrated 60 years of happy marriage on Wednesday 10 May.

They were married at Douglas Water, Lanarkshire in 1946 and set up home in Larkhall where Alex worked for the Coal Board.

The couple had a holiday house in Hamilton Terrace, Lamlash which was well-used by the family for many years. Sixteen years ago they came to live on Arran permanently.

The Banner asked what their

secret was for happily married bliss.

'Tolerance and caring about each other,' said Jessie. Alex said: 'We were both interested in family and the community and have been active in the theatre and the arts.'

'We never had to 'find ourselves' like some of the young folk nowadays,' laughed Jessie.

Alex and Jessie Clark have a son and daughter, two grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Four caught in police chase

Arran's public transport was stretched to the limit last weekend when four buses were put out of action by vandalism.

Local Stagecoach manager Colin McCort told *The Banner*: 'It was wanton vandalism. Windows were broken and vehicles extensively damaged. Repairs will cost over £10,000.'

A Stagecoach member of staff was arriving for work at 5.45am on Saturday when he disturbed four men apparently asleep on one of the damaged buses. He did not confront the men, but telephoned police and his boss.

Mr McCort said that the men could have got into the buses by pushing the doors.

'There were empty and broken bottles everywhere. The men had obviously been drinking and had nowhere to stay for the night.

Police sergeant Colin Young said: 'When we arrived on the scene the men took flight. There was a foot chase by local officers in Brodick.'

'The four men were arrested at Brodick Co-op and charged with alleged housebreaking with intent to steal and vandalism to four Stagecoach buses.'

The men, three from Irvine and one from Saltcoats, were aged between 18 and 21 years and appeared in Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on Monday.

Round-the-clock

Colin McCort explained that after the damage was found there was a round-the-clock effort until late on Sunday night to get the buses back on the road.

'On Saturday and Sunday we put out all the smaller buses to keep a service running. After sourcing the right size glass a glazing contractor came over on

Saturday.

'It was crucial that we got the big buses back in action by Monday for the school runs, particularly with exams being on at the moment.'

He added that a notice was put on the ferry warning passengers before they got here that the bus service would be disrupted.

'I would like to say a big 'thank you' to the local police who should be congratulated for a concerted effort to apprehend the culprits,' said Colin McCort.



One of the damaged buses. b19bus3

Six hundred without power

Six hundred frustrated Brodick residents were without power on Monday after a series of power cuts hit the village.

The problem struck at lunch time affecting many businesses at peak trading times including the Co-op, florists and opticians.

Sharron Miller McKenzie, spokesperson for Scottish Hydro Electric said: 'Firstly, I would like to apologise to all our customers in

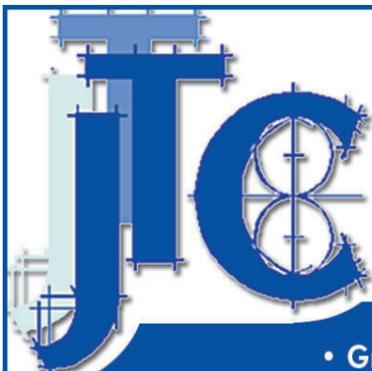
Brodick who were affected by a power failure on our High Voltage Network on Monday at one o'clock.

'We are currently investigating a fault on an underground cable in the Auchrannie area but because we are able to reroute electricity supplies through our flexible network we restored power to the majority of these customers quickly, with all of the 600 customers back on by half past five in the evening.'

Island open day

The Buddhists of Samye Ling will hold their annual open day on Holy Isle this Saturday 13 May.

The Centre for World Peace and Health at the site of the old farmhouse will be open to the public and Lama Yeshe Rinpoche will be on hand to welcome visitors. There will be continuous ferry sailings from Lamlash pier.



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Police files

Bicycle theft

Police are investigating the theft of a boys bicycle from Brodick over the night of Friday 5 May. They say that it is black with a distinctive silver saddle and is the only one of its kind on the Island.

Vandalism

There is an ongoing inquiry into several acts of vandalism to property at the Arran Adventure Company, Brodick. Local police are appealing for any information or witnesses to come forward.

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The London ladies celebrate a quarter century of visits

Rene Carter and Olive Whitcombe met 49 years ago while both serving in the Surrey fire brigade and have been firm friends ever since.

They have holidayed on Arran for 25 years and made so many friends in that time that they have become affectionately known as 'the London ladies'.

To mark this 25th year many of these friends organised a party for the ladies at Sandbraes Villa, Whiting Bay last Thursday afternoon 4 May.

First visit

Rene and Olive told *The Banner* that they first came to the Island in 1982. 'We saw a brochure for Cooper Angus caravan park at Whiting Bay which had all the details of how to get there on public transport and it suited us down to the ground.'

For many years they caught the overnight sleeper train from Euston to Glasgow.

'We used to lie in bed like Lady muck while the stewards waited on us but it has all changed now,' said Rene.

Sandbraes tearoom

Nevertheless they still come by train from London to Ardrossan harbour and spend three weeks on Arran.

'In the early days we came to Mrs Hughes' tearoom at Sandbraes for a cuppa,' said Olive. 'Now that it is a bed and breakfast we come and stay here with



The London ladies; Rene Carter and Olive Whitcombe with their party cake in Sandbraes Villa. b191on1

Lesley and Anita. 'We used to cycle everywhere but when we got to 70 years old it was time to give that up. Nowadays we just use the buses.'

Rene and Olive live in Westminster in the heart of the city but look forward to coming back to Arran next year. 'Everybody talks to us here,' said Rene. 'In London they look the other way.'

Thursday club

Before they go home the London ladies will be going on the Whiting Bay Thursday Club's outing on 18 May to Glasgow Cathedral and the People's Palace.

For anyone wishing to join them there are still some seats left.

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Biomass plant proposed for the southend

A company based in Canonbie, Dumfriesshire is proposing to build two wood-fired power generation plants on forestry land, one in the south of Arran and one near Lochgilphead in Argyll.

Fergus Tickell, managing director of Northern Energy Developments Ltd, told *The Banner*:

'We propose to generate electricity by combustion, not gasification or pyrolysis. Wood-fired combustion steam plants are widely used throughout Europe.'

'The plants will be fuelled by small roundwood and wood chips and will be able to use material of up to 60 percent moisture.'

A project by Border Biofuels to build a wood-fired pyrolysis plant at Hawthorn Quarry in 2001 met with much opposition on Arran and finally failed when the company went into liquidation in December 2002.

The pyrolysis plant had received support from MP Brian Wilson and MSP Allan Wilson but a strong local protest group revealed that the project appeared to be experimental.

Residents were also disturbed by the perceived lack of public consultation by the company.

Mr Tickell said: 'I was conscious of what Border Biofuels had done in Arran. I would rather stand up at a meeting and answer questions than break up into small public exhibitions.'

'A public meeting is not appropriate yet, but we have nothing to hide.'

'We had a successful meeting with the Isle of Arran Community Council recently and if the councillors had said 'no' we would have walked away from it.'

The proposal by Northern En-

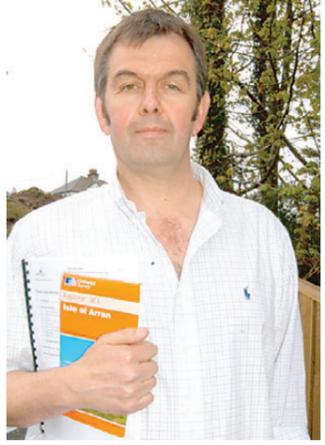
ergy is to build a small power plant in forestry land in the vicinity of settlements at Auchareoch and Acheleffan in the south end of the Island. It is anticipated that the combustion plant will use up to 40,000 tonnes of timber a year which would come from surrounding forestry land.

This will be transported almost exclusively on forestry roads and the only section of council-owned road affected is the three-mile stretch of the Ross Road from the summit to the Dyemill.

A spokesman for Forestry Commission Scotland said: 'We are currently in discussions with the company, however we understand that the project is still to go to the planning authorities.'

'The project fits our key priorities of sustainability and links in well with the Commission's objective of promoting wood-fuel energy.'

Fergus Tickell told *The Banner* that his mother Janet was raised in Shiskine and his grandfather was Dr Angus Millar of Shiskine surgery in the 1950s.



Fergus Tickell. b19bio1

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Discharge denied

Reports of a sewerage discharge in Lamlash Bay last Friday have been denied by Scottish Water.

Following heavy storms and overnight rain on Thursday an area of discolouration could be seen spreading north-east along the shore on Friday morning.

Local coastguard leader David McKinnon said: 'The discolouration was reported to us and we were called out.'

Coastguard Gary Wilson was on scene and asked Nigel Marshall, leader of the Arran Outdoor Education Resource to take water sam-

ples while out in his boat. These samples are being sent to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) for analysis.

A new £14million Arran sewerage scheme was completed by Scottish Water last winter. In Lamlash this involves a pipeline along

the seafront with three pumping stations to take the sewerage to treatment works at Claulachlands.

Carol Mitchell of Lamlash Improvements Committee said: 'There was clearly a discharge into the sea from the area of the outfall pipe from pumping station number one next to the putting green.'

Roy Izzard of SEPA said: 'Consent in the planning process allows for discharge from pumping stations in storm conditions.'

'It is meant to cope with excess surface water in a hefty storm but in the event of a system failure or overload there could be a spill into the sea.' He added that any overflow from this station would be six millimetre screened sewerage at a maximum flow of 89 litres per second.

Jason Rose of Scottish Water said: 'We are not aware of any problems. Pumping stations are equipped with alarms which sound in the event of emergencies. This was not the case.'

'We suspect that the discolouration could have been dirt from the road and not discharge from the pumping station.'

Ian Thomson of Lamlash was certain there had been a discharge: 'A white plume could be seen coming up in the sea around the point of the outfall pipe from pumping station and a lot of people witnessed it.'

As the *Banner* went to press on Thursday Roy Izzard of SEPA said: 'Scottish Water has just confirmed that there was a discharge in Lamlash last Friday due to the pumps tripping out. In a situation like this the station fills up and overflows.'



The white slick marks an area of discolouration in Lamlash Bay. b19sew1

Missing man found dead

A missing man who was thought to be on Arran has been found dead in Bridlington.

Ian Hobson, aged 50, went missing from his home in Up-

per Haugh, Rotherham on Monday 3 April. His car was found abandoned two days later and Mr Hobson was believed by police to have links with the Isle of Arran as re-

ported in the *Banner* on 15 April.

A spokesman for South Yorkshire Police said: 'Mr Hobson visited Arran as a child and his aunt lives there.'

A body was found in Bridlington harbour on Thursday 27 April and later confirmed to be that of Mr Hobson. There will be a coroner's inquest into the death.

Digging for the new school

Excavation work has been underway all week on the site of the new Arran High School.

Two-metre high fencing has been erected all round the former school playing field and the access road to the community centre has been lined with fencing and warning signs.

Offices for main contractors Barr Construction have been refurbished in the derelict building on the hall approach road, and a

small staff car park created between there and the Whitehouse woods.

Ian Thomson of sub-contractors John Thomson Construction Ltd said: 'We have the contract to do the excavation and foundations and have begun digging in earnest this week.'

On Tuesday loads of topsoil were being removed from the site and the entrance compacted with hardcore.

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Oban success for Brodick blooms



Head gardener Colin Totty with his team at Brodick's own rhododendron display on the castle lawns last Saturday. They are; Bob Holliman, Nat West, Janie McFarlane, Mike Lee and collie dog Pennan. b19tot2

Blooms from Brodick Castle gardens won several prizes at the Scottish Rhododendron Society annual show in Oban last weekend.

Castle gardener Colin Totty said: 'We entered 11 vases and picked up two first prizes as well as some seconds and thirds.'

'There was stiff competition from rhody specialist Peter Cox and other National Trust for Scotland gardens such as Arduaine.'

Former Brodick Castle gardener Nigel Price also took a few prizes in Oban with his exhibits from Crarae gardens where he now works.

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Ayrshire artist's Arran influence



Suilven Plazalska with one of her creations. b19art1

An Ayrshire Artist has cited Arran as the influence in her brand new range of jewellery.

Suilven Plazalska who has a studio based in Irvine has been visiting the island on a weekly basis since last September working with school children across the island.

Her new work was launched last Friday in a new exhibition in Kilmarnock's Dick Institute entitled The Elements.

Suilven said: 'My new range of jewellery has been inspired by Arran's landscape, colours and history and the journey from Glasgow to Brodick and back has also played a part.'

'Some of my newest work is based on the rhododendrons around the island.'

Her work often combines silver and gold with man-made materials such as plastics.

Suilven graduated from Glasgow School of Art with a BA honours in design silversmith and jewellery in 2001 and has been involved with art since school. In her fifth and sixth years she specialised on jewellery. She continued: 'My new range is also inspired by breathing and space.'

There was a good turn out at the opening night in Kilmarnock with several other artists exhibiting their work in the same exhibition. Ten-year-old Russell Stewart, Suilven's brother, was one of the youngest viewers.

Suilven added: 'Working with the youngsters on Arran has been hugely rewarding and great fun.'

For those unable to make it along to The Elements exhibition in Kilmarnock, Suilven's work and the creations, made by the children she has tutored will be on display at the Burnside Gallery, Brodick from Friday 30 June.



Mark West. b19mar1

Floorlayer branches out

Mark West of Whiting Bay has been laying carpets and flooring for over 12 years.

He left school in 1994 to work for Harry and Tim Wilkinson at County Carpets and is now branching out on his own.

'It is a thoroughly amicable arrangement,' said Mark. 'I will still be doing work for Tim but am available to fit carpets, vinyls, laminates and non-slip floorings for customers who buy their own materials.'

Five Arran grant awards

Grant applications under the community development grants scheme for five Arran organisations were approved at a meeting of the Garnock Valley, North Coast, Arran and Cumbrae Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council.

Whiting Bay Bowling Club was awarded £1,000, Arran Horticultural Society £500, Whiting Bay Village Hall £2,565, Feis Arrainn £1,000 and Arran Feis Fest £1,000.

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Two talented ticket design winners

Two talented Glasgow schoolgirls were on Arran last week after winning a competition to design travel tickets for playschemes and after school care groups.

In this, the fifth Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) competition, 10 year-old Stephanie Scott who attends North Road Playscheme in Glasgow and 12 year-old Rachel Dempsey of Summertson After School in

Glasgow beat 350 entries to impress the judges and be selected as overall winners.

Stephanie was winner in the Standard Playscheme Travel Pass category and Rachel submitted the winning design in the Freedom Pass category.

Mary McFall, Chairwoman for West of Scotland Playscheme Advisory Forum who made up the judging panel said: 'Owing to the record number of entries this year we really had our work cut out.'

The passes are given to playscheme groups and allow the groups to travel free of charge during Easter, summer holidays and the October break on most public transport throughout Strathclyde.

The girls, accompanied by a friend and family member had a busy day on the island taking in a visit to Duchess Court in Brodick to look round the Island Cheese Company and Arran Aromatics. In the afternoon they took

to the saddle at the North Glen Sannox Pony Trekking Centre.

Michael Ferrie, SPT research officer and organiser of the visit said: 'Stephanie and Rachel created some inspirational designs for our travel passes which are now in use and have been the subject of much admiration.'

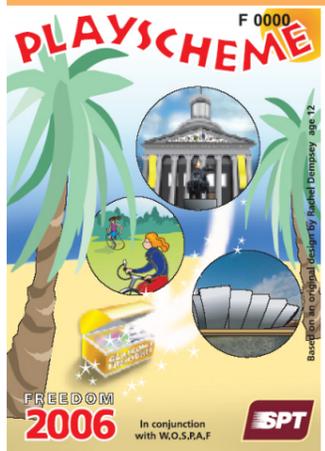
'This scheme helps get children involved with public transport hands on and by getting them to design the pass themselves, they are directly involved.'

'The playscheme passes allow children to travel to areas they wouldn't otherwise be able to get to - such as Arran.'

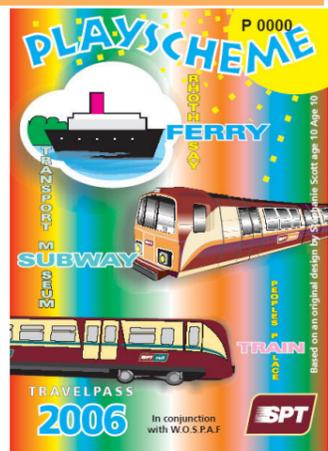
'A big thank you to First ScotRail, Caledonian MacBrayne and Stagecoach for making this day out possible.'

In spite of the poor weather both girls said they had a great day out on Arran. Michael concluded: 'The children were never bored and left Arran tired out.'

The winning passes



Rachel Dempsey's winning design in the Freedom Pass category.



Stephanie Scott's winning design in the Standard Playscheme Travel Pass category.



Caledonian MacBrayne port assistant David Kelso, SPT research officer Michael Ferrie, prize winners Rachel White and Stephanie Scott, Arran's Stagecoach operational manager Colin McCort, Mary McFall from the West of Scotland Playscheme Advisory Forum and SPT co-ordinator Susan McNiven, at Brodick Pier. b19spt1

Antiquarians hear about fingerprint pioneer

Last Monday Donald L Reid of Dalmelington told the members and visitors about Dr. Henry Faulds, the pioneer of fingerprints.

He started with a potted history of the Doon Valley and read quotations from one of his books. Dr Faulds was born in Beith in 1843 and died in 1930. He had medical training and worked in Glasgow Royal Infirmary before working in India for two years. In 1873 he went to Japan as a hospital superintendent and stayed for nine years.

Japan
The first reference to him was in a mainland publication in the early 1900s. Although neglected in Scotland, a statue was erected in Japan.

In 1880 he got the first idea for fingerprints by studying prints on primitive pottery. He then created a system for comparing prints both for identifying criminals and innocent people alike. It was not until 1900 that the Metropolitan Police took up the system and used it to back up evidence.

Memorial
However, Dr Faulds never received any Government recognition. At last after many trials and tribulations, a memorial has been elected to Henry Faulds in Beith - now the council are moving it next month!

Mr Reid touched on the infamous case of Shirley McKie and said it will not go away and it must end in a public enquiry.

A splendid talk by a real enthu-

siast ended all too soon. The next meeting will be on Monday 15 May at 2pm in Brodick Hall when Leslie Brown of Glasgow

will speak about 'The Maid of the Loch'. Non-members and visitors are welcome.

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Yoga retreat to Holy Isle



Fiona McGovern about to set sail for Holy Isle. b19ff01
 Fiona McGovern of Lamlash (deep relaxation) in order to ex-
 held a yoga retreat for 32 people
 at the Buddhist retreat centre on
 Holy Isle last weekend.
 On Friday 5 May Fiona was
 greeting the delegates at Lamlash
 pier and arranging for them and
 their luggage to be taken across
 the bay to Holy Isle.
 She said: 'Over this weekend
 we will explore yoga postures,
 breathing practices,
 visualisations and yoga nidra

experience spaciousness in body
 and mind.'
 A Samye Ling Buddhist spokes-
 man said: 'Fiona is a very popu-
 lar and experienced teacher who
 believes in being kind to the body
 and working with it to restore
 health, vitality and energy.'
 Fiona added that it was wonder-
 ful to take classes in the spacious
 surroundings of the under-floor
 heated Peace Hall.

Eleven tackle three peaks

Eleven local men and women
 climbed the three peaks last
 week to raise money for charity.

The three peaks climbed were
 Snowdon in Wales, Scafell in
 England and Ben Nevis in Scot-
 land - the highest in each area.

As this was a non-sponsored
 event the money donated was that
 left over from their travel costs.

The group consisted of David
 Boal, Brian Robertson, Gordon
 Allsop, Kirstie Smith, Nick
 Bulloss, Maggie Rands, Jimmy
 Stewart, Neil and Anne Gillies,
 Steve Garraway and Heather
 Prestwich.

Neil said: 'Everyone who took
 part are all keen hill walkers, cy-
 clists and runners so everyone is
 pretty fit.'

'David for example runs mara-
 thons.'

Donated

The money raised has been do-
 nated to The Vine Trust who de-
 liver medical care to the street
 children of Peru.

Neil continued: 'It was Steve
 Garraway who suggested we do-
 nate the money we had left over
 to this charity and we were
 happy to do so.'

'Someone suggests a charity
 that should benefit and we go for

that one. 'Someone different
 benefits from each of our
 climbs.'

Last year several of the group
 climbed the eight highest hills on
 Arran - again for charity - and
 all drew on their experiences
 from that event.

Ten Munros

In September some of the
 group are hoping to climb 10
 munros in 2 days. The group are
 also hoping to make more of
 their walks annual events.

Neil added: 'I would expect the
 minibus will be full when we go
 away for this climb.'



Runners Nick Bulloss, Maggie Rands, Brian Robertson
 and Gordon Allsop on Scafell.



Bottle banks in abundance

Arran Recycling Community Or-
 ganisation (ARCO) has £15,500
 available to buy bottle banks for
 the Island.

North Ayrshire Council (NAC)
 has successfully applied for the
 grant from the Scottish Executive's
 Strategic Waste Fund. However,
 ARCO chairwoman Alison Prince
 said the Island already has a suffi-
 cient number of bottle banks.

Trevor Jones, NAC Operations
 and Waste Strategy manager, in-
 formed Ms Prince of the money at
 the Arran Community Council
 meeting last week.

Mr Jones told *The Arran Banner*:
 'Following a meeting last Autumn
 it was indicated ARCO wanted
 more bottle bank provision for the
 Island and we managed to secure
 the money from the Scottish Execu-
 tive.'

Ms Prince, however, said this was
 the first she had heard of the
 money: 'We're startled we had not
 been told about this and there seems
 to have been a misunderstanding.'

'What we need is a large scale site
 so we can increase glass process-
 ing. The money would be hugely
 welcome but it is ironic we are
 asked to buy glass banks when that
 is the one thing we already have.'

In response, Mr Jones said: 'If the
 money had to be used for some-
 thing else we could go back to the
 Scottish Executive and ask for per-
 mission. The money is not ring-
 fenced.'



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High School news

Rugby knockout

Another season of rugby has come to a close and the Arran High School teams have provided a showcase of true sporting prowess.

This has been reflected in their impressive results - this year it has boasted an S1, S2/3 team, and a senior team.

Over 60 pupils have represented the school in a variety of rugby games and tournaments, with one-third of the boys in the school having participated in 15-a-side matches, and Rugby Sevens games.

The sevens teams performed particularly well, claiming victories against Grange Academy, Belmont Academy, Stewarton Academy, Garnock Academy, and proudly defeating he season, won against Belmont House School, and were in High School PE teacher Mr. Evans words, 'overjoyed' with their victory.

He also commented: 'Due to the size of the school it is difficult for our players to play 15-a-side. For every one good player, there are four or five in the other schools.'

'But despite the circumstances our teams performed very well.' He also emphasised that the under 15 team played particularly well in the Scottish Schools Under 15 Rugby Competition by reaching the last 16 in the Bowl Tournament.

Arran High School would like to thank Mr Auld, Mr McDonald and Mr Ramage for refereeing this season and to Mrs Greig and Mrs Hart for catering.

Finally Mr. Evans gave congratulations to all the players, he said: 'Well done to all pupils who played very enthusiastically.' A sentiment shared by *The Banner Group* who offer our congratulations and wish the team the best of luck for the next season.

John Tilbury and Zoe Tomalin S2

Yarr...All aboard for seagoing fun me 'arties!

All Aboard! It's that time of the year again, get those wet suits out and dust down those oars.

It is the start of the sailing club at Lamlash Yacht Club, and even better for all you budding young sailors, no previous knowledge of seafaring matters is required!

I know what you're thinking: 'This must cost a lot of money, maybe two or three hundred pounds.' Well you'd be wrong. All this is available for a ridiculously low price for the entire season.

As in previous years the club will run every Wednesday from 25 April until the start of the summer holidays. The club will then begin again at the start of the autumn term until the end of September.

Seagoing extraordinaire Patrick McMaster commented: 'We're looking forward to welcoming Mr Barr back on board this year.'

'We don't even let the jellyfish get in the way of our fun!'

High School News can exclusively reveal news which will come as a shock to many.

Sailing instructor, Mr Barr plans to spend most of his time sitting on the beach while his students struggle against raging currents and constant fear of Russian submarine attack.

All equipment will be provided and expert training is on hand to those a bit unsteady on their sea legs. Everyone's welcome to join in the fun and the club looks forward to welcoming many new faces this year.

Liam Turbett and Calum Johnston S4

Varied reaction to uniform for study leave students

There was shock and outrage expressed throughout the senior school.

News emerged that all study leave students would be required to wear uniform during their exams.

However this new rule should help students get better exam results because uniform keeps students in the school mind set.

This is the first year that such draconian measures have been enforced so strictly at Arran High, with students being threatened with measures including having to pay for school transport if they fail to turn up in the correct uniform.

Senior staff members believe these measures imposed on students are necessary for various reasons, including the promotion of the school's image.

With the exception of one rebellious student every fourth year arrived for their English exam in at least part of the school uniform.

Opinion

The opinion of agitated student Ben Gruber summed up the feelings of many angry students: 'With all the stress of exams it's nice for students to be able to come in their own choice of clothes'.

We wait with baited breath to see whether the fifth and sixth year students, many of whom have chosen not to wear uniform to exams before, will rebel against the new rules in their exams, which started yesterday.

Meanwhile with exams being such a difficult and stressful time for all fourth years, we feel the chance to not wear school uniform makes exams seem less like school and perhaps more enjoyable, if that's possible.

Liam Turbett and Calum Johnston, S4

And the winner is..

Never mind the Oscars, don't even think about the Grammys and ignore the Baftas, the event of the year is coming.

The red carpet is being rolled



Arran High School pupils at the Heritage Museum. The students were taking part in the annual Arran Heritage Project which allows the students get in touch with Arran's past. b19gat1

out for the stars and the excitement is building. The Partners in Excellence (PIE) Film Festival 2006 is here. Those of you who are unfortunate enough not to have heard of PIE are missing out! Over the past few years students from Arran High have been lucky enough to venture to foreign lands with the government sponsored initiative.

This year Marburg and Strasbourg were popular destinations for Arran High students. The students came together with many other pupils from around Scotland to participate in activities.

The organisation aims to help students with their foreign language skills and most importantly, to make learning languages fun. You don't necessarily have to leave the country to enjoy the PIE experience.

Other activities such as film making and animation weekends are available with the best films

receiving well deserved awards at the film festival. With the stars getting glammed up and ready to party June 2 will be a night to remember! **Mhairi Beggans and Sabrina Beatan S5**

All change

This week, we have had the tremendous pleasure of accepting four new recruits to our ranks.

They are, Aimee Middleton, Patrick McMaster, Eilidh Kerr and Becky Coultard. We welcome these funky new kids to our now bulging Banner group. New blood always has its qualities.

Our beloved editor Claire Johnston will be leaving within

the next couple of weeks. We will miss her very much and wish her lots of luck in the future.

However, all is not lost as the diligent and talented Gemma MacDonald will be filling Claire's sparkly shoes:

'I am ready to take on any editorial challenges I may face,' Gemma smiled.

We all hope that Gemma enjoys the role of editor, and that *The Banner Group* continues to give you, our loyal readers, the latest in all High School News and Events. **John Tilbury, and Zoe Tomalin S2**

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The new bus service from the ferry to Glasgow has already been mentioned here, but at that time I had not travelled on it. Saturday morning's boat had a large complement of foot passengers. In Ardrossan, 16 of them boarded the bus and perhaps more than 100 walked right past it and headed towards the train. It was £3 on the bus (for those who have to pay) and over £5 on the train. The bus was clean, friendly, comfortable and arrived in Glasgow four minutes before the scheduled arrival of the train.

People are in a mind-set to take the train, we agreed as they all, headed for the train, but what creates this mind-set? Is it habit, do they not know about the bus even though they walked past it, do they prefer to go on a less efficient service, or do they just enjoy getting rid of excess money. Who knows, but I hope, given these observations, that the bus gets enough custom to keep going.

'Would the passenger who asked for the Easyjet number, please contact the purser's office.' Once, buying tickets at the pier, I was regaled with tales of how people thought that the pier office was an information service, even though the tourist information office is across the road and clearly labelled. I understood, because many people would treat *The Banner* as an information service, from the best tradesman, to somebody's telephone number, to finding a job, even for all information for their university dissertation.

I wouldn't have given the Easyjet person another thought had I not just been speaking to somebody who was going on holiday, but he didn't know where, just wherever Easyjet would take him. Lovely to be open ended, and open minded, but is expecting the ship's staff to supply such information not a wee bit thick?

Yet, like we did, they probably enjoy being able to help by providing information. Yet some of those who did least for themselves were also the least appreciative. Some information seekers were delighted and appreciative, others would be perfectly satisfied but expect the service as their due, while some would lose the plot if, despite our best efforts, we were not able to help them.

With these last types you wished you hadn't even tried. But with Calmac supplying information about Easyjet, it gave us a fellow feeling with those who are constantly being asked the oddest of things and yet, insofar as they can, do their best to oblige.

In last week's *Banner* it said the Brodick coup would close in August. There was an edition of *The Banner*, in September 1986 I think, which, due to the way the filing system was organised, was always visible at the top of a pile in the office. And the headline was that the coup would close within six months.

That six months has gone on and on and now 20 years have passed. Is this another false alarm or is this really going to be the end of the line?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Now we know that if the earthly tent is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

2 Corinthians 5:1

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Letters to the Editor

Coup closure

Sir,
The closure in August of Arran's only landfill site at Market Road in Brodick by order of SEPA conforming to an EU Directive has presented potential problems to many business people and individuals on the island as to how, in future, to dispose of non-domestic waste.

Certain obligations fall to North Ayrshire Council (NAC) certainly in relation to domestic and commercial waste and they are addressing this by building a waste transfer station to receive, sort and pack waste for transportation to landfill on the mainland.

It is intended also that some facilities for re-cycling will be provided and that the services undertaken to date voluntarily by ARCO who have dealt with both paper and glass may hopefully be supported by the Council.

It was not the wish of NAC to close the coup nor to have to bear the subsequent costs of the alternative of packaging and transporting waste.

What is regrettable is that, to date, no replacement landfill site has been identified and, even if it was, the timescale would mean that there was no alternative but to transfer Arran's domestic waste to landfill in Ayrshire at least for a spell.

I am hopeful that there will yet be a site found at least for inert waste but, in the meantime, we the 'polluters' may have to find other ways of disposal.

The last thing that Arran as a prestigious tourist venue needs is fly-tipping.

A meeting has been arranged in the Ormidale Pavilion on Thursday 25 May specifically for the trades people and businesses who generate waste.

It is intended that boundaries can be established, what waste the Council is obliged to handle, what advice SEPA can offer and whether there could be co-ordination between businesses in dealing with their non-domestic wastes.

I am trying to address the serious concerns which affect almost all of us in some way. There was always the presumption that everything could be put to the landfill site at Brodick coup and that the NAC would deal with it.

The Council's statutory responsibilities however are limited.

SEPA is the regulator and if you want to apportion blame for the situation we now face that lies with our MEPs and bureaucrats in Brussels who sign up to every European Directive irrespective of the implications or how they would affect rural areas.

I believe that the meeting will be constructive, the advice helpful, that some of our concerns will be allayed and that resolutions will be found.

As I do not have a data-base for every trade and business the meeting is advertised in next edition of *The Banner* as an invitation to those concerned and it will subsequently be reported in a later edition for all to read.

Yours,
Cllr. Margie Currie,
Eastlands,
Shiskine

Spring fair raises £1000

Sir,
Corrie Primary / Nursery School would like to say a huge thank you to all who made our Spring Fair such a success.

Many thanks must go to staff, the School Board, parents, friends and visitors and also to Sheila for the Face Painting.

We would also like to thank Corrie Shop, Sannox Bay Hotel, Catacol Hotel, North Sannox Pony Trekking, Stagecoach, Auchrannie and Corrie Hotel for the fantastic raffle prizes.

We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did and you have all helped us raise the fantastic total of £1187.30.

We hope to see you all again next year!!

Yours,
Everyone at Corrie School & Nursery

On the buses

Sir,
Having recently used the new X15 service from Ardrossan Harbour and Buchanan Bus Station, I would like to strongly recommend this to those who are travelling direct to Glasgow.

It is most comfortable and effi-

cient. For those who may not be familiar with this Stagecoach service, it sits at both terminals, close to the ferry gangway, which in wet weather is a Godsend, and departs after the arrivals of the ferry.

On my six journeys to Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station the driver, Frank, made it clear that passengers requesting to be dropped off at Bothwell Street/Hope Street junction (close to Glasgow Central Station) can certainly do this by informing the driver, before departure, though on the return journey from Glasgow to Ardrossan, collection is not yet available.

The coach, with seatbelts fitted, leaves Ardrossan at 9.25am arriving in Glasgow at 10.35am, and on the return journey leaves Buchanan Bus Station at 4pm arriving Ardrossan at 5.30pm, where it awaits the arriving 4.40pm ferry from Brodick, returning to Glasgow.

I can thoroughly advocate this service and I would say: 'Let's use it or lose it.'

Yours,
Harry Ross
6 Easdale Way
Whiting Bay

Thanks to young athletes

Sir,
I would just like to say how proud I was again to be involved with the Arran Primary School team which took part in the North Ayrshire Sportshall Athletics final at the Magnum on Wednesday 3 May.

Second place overall was achieved for the second year running.

The children's performance and conduct was a credit to their schools and to the Island. It's just a shame the rough ferry crossing took the shine off some of the kids day.

I would also like to thank Anne Hart and Janet Ramage for the organisation and the assistance on the day and the training sessions leading up to the event.

Also thanks to Robin Jenks and Mrs Gilbert for helping out on the day, and Laura Young for her coaching sessions.

Finally, I would like to say 'good luck' to all the primary 7's

in the squad who will be moving up to High School in the summer.

I hope they will take some good memories with them and continue their hard work and hopefully gain more sporting achievements in the future.

Yours,
Gordon Allsop
Auchrannie Spa Resort
Brodick

Correction

The correct dates for Fèis Arainn will be Tuesday 25 July to Friday 28 July.

The Arran Banner apologises if it caused any confusion or embarrassment.

Livestock auctions

United Auctions had forward 1,796 store cattle and cast cows, 2,684 prime lambs, hoggets and ewes and 760 store hoggets, grit ewes and ewes with lambs at foot at their Kildean auction mart, Stirling on Wednesday 19 April.

Store bullocks per head – Balgowan (Limousin cross) £500, 164p/kg, Kilpatrick (Limousin cross) £460, 137p/kg, Auchenhew (Limousin cross) £360, 131p/kg, Levencorrach £265.

Store heifers per head – Kilpatrick (Limousin cross) £485, 130p/kg, Balgowan (Limousin cross) £335, 128p/kg, Levencorrach £230.

Hoggets per head – Bridge (Mule) £50, Braehead (Texel) £46, Braehead (Blackface) £38.50.

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Bird Notes for April by Jim Cassels

April is the month when spring migration gets under way with arrivals and departures of birds all seeking their best breeding territories.

This April was no exception and after the middle of the month when the winds swung more to

the south, our summer visitors appeared in numbers throughout the island.

The first wheatear, swallow, and house martin had been reported by the end of March.

Summer visitors continued to

arrive in April with the following 'firsts': sand martin at Strabane on the second, chiffchaff in Lagg Wood on the fourth, sandwich tern at Machrie on the seventh, willow warbler at Kildonan on the 14th, white wag-

tail at Kildonan on the 17th, cuckoo on the 19th in Glen Sannox, common sandpiper at Merkland shore on the 22nd, grasshopper warbler at Kilmory on the 25th and sedge warbler and whitethroat at Auchenhew on the 30th.

In addition some of our winter visitors hung around into April with the following 'last' reports; two fieldfare in High Kildonan on the second ;six pink footed goose in Shiskine Valley on the fourth; two goldeneye at Claulands on the fifth; and two large skeins of grey lag geese heading north off Kilpatrick Shore on the 10th.

As well as these arrivals and departures other observations reported to me included: on the second a pair of goosander at Ashdale Bridge and a small group of linnet on Cleat shore. They seem to leave the island in winter. On the fourth an osprey over flew Kilmory. On the ninth a common scoter was in Machrie Bay and also on the 9th a water rail was heard in Corriecravie. On 18th small groups of manx shearwater were off Brodick Bay. On 21st a male tufted duck turned up at Port-na-lochan. This is a rare bird for the island. One was last seen in the same place in

2000. However a greater Arran rarity appeared on 23 April, when two yellow wagtails were seen at Cleat. These were last recorded in 1986. On the 24th a black redstart was in a Shiskine garden. Also on 28th a redpoll was in a garden in Balmichael estate. Finally on 30 April 15 whimbrel were in Auchenhew Bay.

In May other summer visitors should arrive; arctic and common tern, tree pipit, whinchat, swift, wood warbler and perhaps even corncrake and nightjar. With the breeding season underway, please

also report sightings of young birds, even common birds.

My thanks to the people, who have been in contact this month - over forty people with between them over 250 observations! This is much appreciated.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or telephone 01770 860316 and leave a message, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net. I look forward to hearing from you.



A Linnet. This is a bird that is described as a 'common resident breeder' yet they seem to leave the island in winter. b19nat1



A yellow wagtail. Last reported sighting on the island some 20 years ago. b19nat2

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Sannox go Dutch and defeat the Spartans

Sannox came from behind to beat Dutch opposition in a thrilling cricket match last Saturday.

It was Sannox Cricket Club's first game of the season and first international match.

Through the contact of Ross Marshall, Sparta of Rotterdam veterans team came to the Island to play a friendly match.

The Sparta club is probably better known for football, but has been playing first class cricket

since it was founded by Dutch school pupils in the nineteenth century.

The veterans and several of their wives arrived at a gloriously sunny Sannox Oval on Saturday.

New Sannox captain Eric Dunn lost the toss and the Arran men were put to field.

Sparta showed a disciplined batting style getting the measure of the Sannox openers before committing themselves to big

strokes. This approach characterised the whole Sparta innings right down the order and perhaps reflects a feel for the longer view of the innings that only comes with experience.

Certainly their measured batting is something that Sannox could learn from. When runs came they came steadily with a spirited performance from the Dutch players.

At times Arran looked sluggish and had to be geared up to keep momentum going. The odd catch was put down but on the whole Sannox's fielding was sound given the long layoff over the winter.

The relentless accumulation of runs paid off for Sparta finishing on 169 for eight.

Sannox had a less than auspicious start losing opener Colin Haggarty in the first over. In fact the first three wickets fell for only 11 runs and suddenly the opposition's total seemed out of reach.

A partnership between Chris Marriott and Andy Robinson steadied the innings and made the Sannox total look more respectable. Although Sparta's total



One of the Dutch opening batsmen executes a cover drive in the magnificent setting of the Sannox Oval during last Saturday's match. b19san1



Sannox and Sparta Rotterdam cricket teams on the pitch at Glen Sannox. b19san3

seemed unassailable, Sannox's later order batsmen batted with zeal and aggression, Jonathan May making a very creditable 15 and Jim Gourlay, batting at number 11, making eight not out, all of which counted in the best fight back of Sannox's history.

But the laurels and man of the match prize donated by Sparta, fell unquestionably to Eric Dunn who confirmed his role as new captain by playing a captain's innings and a career best, batting at number eight and making 60 not out.

Of his runs, eight boundaries helped to fuel the Sannox rocket to victory in the 39th over. The match went right to the wire as Sannox daring won over Dutch discipline.

As one member put it, Sannox has repelled the Spartans. Final score Sparta 169 for

eight, Sannox 172 for nine.

In a gesture of international good relations, Sparta's captain, Peter van der Burg presented Eric Dunn with pennants from the Rotterdam club and for man-of-the-match a bottle of Bols or Dutch gin. In response Eric presented Sparta with a Sannox Club Miller-Stewart shirt and cap which will be displayed in the Sparta

clubhouse.

Sannox have been invited to play a return match in Holland. Watch these pages for further details.

Next practice is Thursday 18 May 6pm. Next match is at home against Mid Argyll in the league on Sunday 14 May.

For more club details phone Tim Pomeroy on 600287.

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No, Corrie Film Club is not having a late Burns Supper. In fact on Sunday 14 May, it is showing Ken Loach's wonderful film set in Glasgow about love across communities and cultures.

The film tells the story of Roisin, an Irish, Catholic girl teaching music in Glasgow and her relationship with Casim, a second-generation Pakistani from a traditional Islamic family. The problem is that Roisin is already married, though living separately from her husband, trying to recover from a marriage hastily made when she was 19 and Casim is set to honour an arranged marriage with his cousin Jasmine.

Director, Ken Loach and writer, Paul Laverty show that culture and religion, though an integral part of many people's lives, can cause hindrances to things that clearly should happen.

If you would like to know how this problem is resolved, why not come along to find out. This is a slice of life that is truly wonderful in all its simplicity and realism.

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3 Benny McLauchlin Garscube Harriers 35:08	16 David Black 40:00 Arran Runners	28 Mike Mellor 43:46
4 Colin Miller Irvine 35:23	17 Andrew Cochrane 40:12	29 Valerie McCutcheon 44:15
5 Steve Daye Irvine 35:38	18 James White Irvine 40:54	30 Tommy Gilmore 44:34
6 Gordon Allsop Arran Runners 35:40	19 Alan Scott Bellahouston RR 41:21	31 Kirsty Barton 46:00
7 Dougal Ross Bellahouston RR 35:47	20 Jill O'Neil Garscube Harriers 41:44	32 Mary Miller Irvine 47:20
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10 Bernie Gough Ronhill Cambuslang 37:20	23 Debbie Cox City of Glasgow 42:01	35 Corinna Goeckeritz 51:13
11 Jim Sneddon Irvine 38:30	24 Mike Flinn Irvine 42:47	36 Kenny McWilliams 51:14
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		44 Gail Marshall 1:07:22
		45 Anne Tattersfield 1:07:35

Fascinated by athletes

Talented Arran athlete Jennifer Emsley was fascinated after meeting a trio of famous athletes when she travelled to the Universities of Leeds and Stirling last month.

She met Olympic legend Haile Gebrselassie the Ethiopian endurance runner, double Olympic gold medallist at 10,000m; Chris Baillie, Commonwealth 110m hurdles silver medallist and Susan Scott, also a member of the

Melbourne Games Scotland squad. Jennifer said: 'I was thrilled at meeting them. It was fascinating to hear them talk about their achievements.

'It inspires you to try harder.' Currently studying French, German and Business at Stirling University Jennifer is now a member of Central Athletics Club in the area. Jennifer met the athletes as part of The Bank of Scotland (BOS) Talented Young Athlete

Team of which she is a member.

BOS describe these events as training days aimed at developing young athletic talent. During the summer months Jennifer runs with Arran Runners but will be unable to take part in the Goatfell race this year.

She explained: 'I will be working as a marshall at the race but won't be taking part as I'm hoping to run in the Glasgow Women's 10k race the next day.'



Irvine's Billy Richardson who won his fifth title in six years. He shaved four seconds from his 2005 time to come in with a result of just over 32 minutes.

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This popular road race took place on Saturday 23 April in excellent conditions.

Winner for the fifth time in six years was Irvine's Billy Richardson who took another win in record time.

The next big racing event will be the annual Goatfell race tak-

ing place on Saturday 20 May. The race takes competitors from the Ormidale Park in Brodick to the summit of Goatfell at 2,886 feet and back down again.

Record
The all-time record stands at 1hr 13mins and the event attracts over 100 entries from the mainland.

Lochranza to play host to *Sunset Song* production

Recently voted Scotland's favourite novel in a national poll XLC Theatre Company present their critically acclaimed stage production of *Sunset Song* at Lochranza Village Hall on Saturday May 20, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. XLC Theatre Company are

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Brodict primary school, car boot sale 11am to 3pm
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Arran Dancers Brodict Primary School 11am - 4.15pm.
Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club, Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm
Karate Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am & 12.30pm
Over 21's Disco, Ormidale 9pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm
Working with Clay with Tim-Pomeroy, Ranger Centre
Brodict Bowling Club rink game 2pm
Arran Brass Concert, Lamlash Church. 7.30pm
Newsband at the Drift Inn, 9.30pm
Working with Clay, Tim Pomeroy, Ranger Centre

SUNDAY 14th 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
Guided Walk-Kilmory Hen Harrier, pm (see advert)

MONDAY 15th 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
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Spring Walk Brodict Castle, 10am
Arran antiquarians , Brodict Hall 2pm
Arran Peace, Justice & Environment group meeting, Ormidale Hotel 7.30pm

TUESDAY 16th 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 9.30 am & 10.45 am, Auchrannie Gym
Guided Castle Garden Walk 2pm. Meet at Shop

WEDNESDAY 17th 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, 1030am-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 7pm
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
Guided Walk-Kilmory Hen Harrier, pm (see advert)
Arran Farmers Society, Directors Meeting, 7.30pm New Show Field.

THURSDAY 18th 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 7pm
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
Walk up Maol Donn, Ranger Centre.
Swimming Gala, Auchrannie

FRIDAY 19th 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
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
Spring Dog Trials, Kilpatrick Farm, 8.30am

SATURDAY 20th May (non regulars)

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Wilkinson walks back in

Against national trends Councilor Richard Wilkinson strolled safely back into his regional seat of Arran, Largs and West Kilbride in the regional elections last Thursday.

Arran's votes were collected at the close of polling and on a clear calm night local officer Dan Brown took them to Ardrossan in a small open boat navigated by Ian Thomson of Lamblash.

The Arran ballot boxes arrived for counting at the Magnum Centre in Irvine in black bin bags as a precaution after the Shiskine ballot box was found to be empty with no bottom at the 1982 election.

Fall-out

A group of local people is organising a petition in the hope of making the authorities think

again about nuclear power in the aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

One of the organisers, Nicky Gill, said that it was not being run by Arran Against The Bomb but was for all the people of Arran.

The petition will be sent to local MP John Corrie and the Prime Minister.

Residents object to new public toilet

Cunninghame District Council has promised a public toilet at Sandbraes playing field for three years and it has finally come to pass.

Now the people who live opposite it are objecting to its appearance which they say is ramshackle and bare metal.

It stands on two wheels and the door hangs open most of the time. Villager Hight Allan said that

it was better than nothing but not a thing of beauty.

He added that a decent coat of paint might help.

Museum open day

Many Islanders took advantage of the popular annual open day at the Heritage Museum last Sunday.

Amongst the new exhibits attracting interest was the display of trophies and old photographs tracing the 150-year history of Arran Farmers Shows.

Two particular favourites were a silver cup for 'Best Butter in Show 1887' and 'Best Woolled Blackface Sheep 1887'.

Vandalism

A local man was charged with vandalism after the police Landrover windscreen was smashed last Sunday morning.

In two other cases of vandalism a car had its tyres deliberately punctured at Kildonan on Saturday and a vehicle parked outside Hamilton Terrace, Lamblash was damaged by someone walking on top of it.

Basket builders

Take your hanging baskets to Bridgend Market Garden or



Grace Small talks to local residents visiting the Heritage Museum for the open day last Sunday. b19twe8

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Livestock sale

Messrs A and J Wilson sold 44 cattle, six calves, 83 sheep and three goats at their sale within the pier market on Friday 2 May.

Slaughterhouse

Application has been made to Cunninghame District Council by

Donald Lachlan Galbraith for sanction to establish a slaughterhouse at the new premises adjoining the butchers shop at Blackwaterfoot.

House for sale

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Guest house for sale

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An early voter visits Brodick polling station on Thursday morning to cast her vote in the regional election. b19twe1

Time for tea in Lamblash church hall

The summer coffee mornings resume on a weekly basis from Wednesday 17 May in Lamblash Church hall at 10.30am until noon until the end of August with the exception of Wednesday 9 August, the day of the Arran Farmers' Show. All are most welcome to enjoy tea and coffee and home baking and to visit stalls of cards, home baking, plants, books and videos.

Music sounds in Brodick Hall ahead of week long show

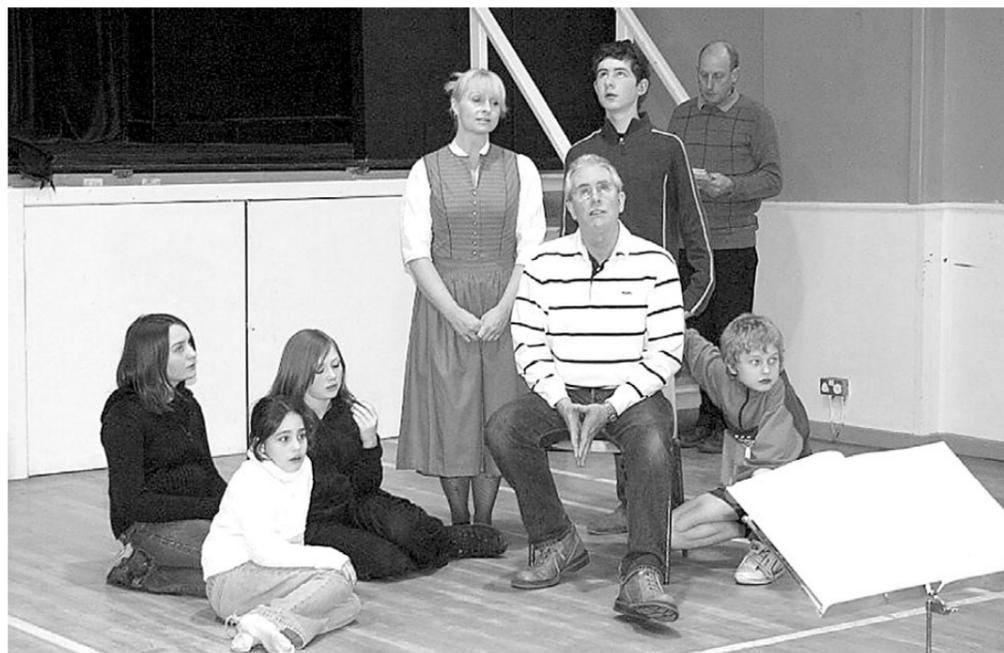
Last year's show, the fabulous *Fiddler on the Roof* was considered to be a really hard act to follow.

However, this year, possibly the most popular family musical of all time *The Sound of Music* takes to the Arran stage, thanks to producer Maureen Smith, who secured the rights for Arran to be the only amateur company in Britain to perform it in 2006.

Building

Now the eagerly awaited date is almost here with posters appearing round the Island, advance tickets now on sale and public booking due at the Book and Card Centre in Brodick from Saturday 20 May so excitement is building up.

Make sure you don't miss it, so write the dates in your diary; Monday 29 May to Saturday 3 June and watch *The Banner* for complete details in the official advert.



Some of the cast rehearse for *The Sound of Music* in Brodick Hall. From left: Shelley Hester (Brigitta), Ailsa McMillan (Gretl), Ealana Swinton-Boyle (Louisa), Fiona Rodriguez (Maria), seated Bob McLaren (Captain Von Trapp), Christopher Jenks (Kurt), looking up Gavin Roberston (Friedrich), background John Wilson (Max). b19mus1

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Ian T. Mackay, Clerk of the Peace, Cunninghame House, Irvine

PRIVATE LANDLORD REGISTRATION

The Scottish Executive have introduced a nationwide register of private landlords. This requires any landlord or agent renting out houses in North Ayrshire to be registered with North Ayrshire Council. Applications to register should have been made by 30th April 2006. Anyone who failed to apply for registration by 30th April 2006 risks being subject to a late application fee and/or prosecution. Registration can be done on-line at www.landlordregistrationscotland.gov.uk, where a 10% discount will apply. Alternatively a paper application form can be downloaded from the Council's website www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk, under "Private Housing", or from the Council's Licensing Office at 66 High Street, Irvine.

In order to assist any landlords not yet registered or having difficulty with their application, the Council's Licensing staff will be holding a presentation and public information session in the Council Chambers at Cunninghame House on 18th May 2006 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Staff will be on hand to explain how the system operates, what your obligations are as a landlord, and how to make your application. Places at this presentation will be limited. To reserve your place, call the Licensing Office on 01294 311998 or e-mail licensing@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

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NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland
Statutory Review of Local Government Electoral Arrangements
North Ayrshire Council Area

Notice is hereby given today, 11 May 2006, that the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland has submitted the report to the Scottish Ministers recommending the division of North Ayrshire Council area into 8 wards for the election of Councillors.

A copy of the Commission's report and illustrative maps showing the ward boundaries may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of North Ayrshire Council from 11 May 2006 as follows:

Cunninghame House, Irvine;
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A copy of this notice, the Commission's report and illustrative maps are available for viewing, or downloading free of charge on the Commission's web site at www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk.

It should be noted that under the provisions of section 17(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Scottish Ministers may not make an Order giving effect to the proposals contained in the Commission's report, either as submitted to them or with modifications, until after the expiry of 6 weeks from 11 May 2006, that being the date arranged for the formal submission of the report.

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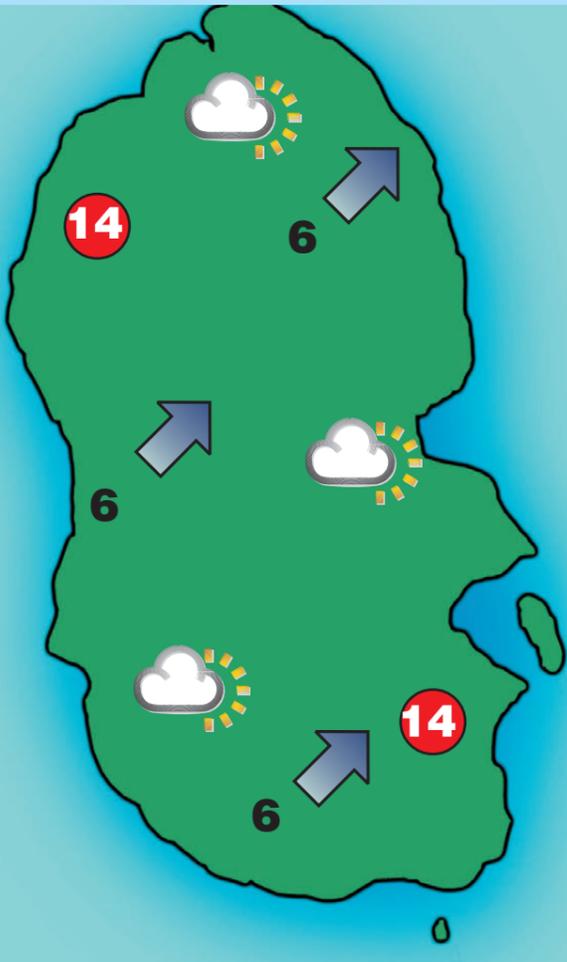
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Date	am	pm
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Sun	00.42 2.9 06.10 0.3	12.43 2.9 18.20 0.4
Mon	01.10 3.0 06.45 0.3	13.21 2.9 18.59 0.4
Tues	01.41 3.0 7.25 0.2	14.01 2.9 19.42 0.4
Wed	02.15 3.1 08.08 0.3	14.43 2.8 20.28 0.5
Thur	02.50 3.0 08.59 0.4	15.28 2.7 21.19 0.7
Fri	03.31 2.9 09.57 0.4	16.22 2.6 22.15 0.8

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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 13

Good deal of cloud with the risk of the odd shower .14°C.

Sunday, May 14

Intermittent light showers for most of the day .Temperatures around 13°C.

Monday and Tuesday

Outbreaks of rain, some heavy. Feeling much cooler in the fresh breeze 10°C

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate
Claonaig/ Lochranza - Moderate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 14 May
Shiskine 11am.
Brodick 7pm.
Reverend David Karoon.
All welcome.

Lamlash Church

Sunday 14 May.
You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 10.30am.
Service by Rev Kenneth Fisher.
Tea and Coffee served in the Hall after the service.
All welcome.

Church of Scotland

The parish of North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine
Independent but working together.
Sunday 14 May.
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.
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.
Lochranza Church, 9.30am, Mrs Jean Hunter.
Pirnmill Church, 10.45am, Mrs Jean Hunter.
Shiskine Church, noon, Mrs Jean Hunter.

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 14 May
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.
All very welcome.
Tea and Coffee will be served in the transept after the service.
All very welcome.
Christian Aid begins on 14 May. Please give generously to help those in need.

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

We are a small group of people meeting in a warm, friendly environment, enjoying lively and meaningful worship

in God's presence.
New to Arran, or just curious you are most welcome.
Telephone: 700424

Kilmory Church

'A faith to proclaim.
A fellowship to share'.
Sunday 14 May, 10am. Public worship and Sunday school.
Sacrament of holy communion.
All are invited.
Kilmory Church dates back to the mid 16th century.
It is situated at the Southend of the island in a charming rural setting and is well worth finding.
Look for the road side signs in Kilmory near the creamery.
Holiday visitors of all faiths or none will be especially welcome.
Visitors especially invited.
Rev John Webster, locum.

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Sunday morning mass 11am.

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

Sunday 14 May: Holy Communion, 11.00 am. Dr Tony Martin.
Coffee and buffet lunch after service.
Wednesday 17 May: 12.00 noon, Holy Communion.
All Welcome.

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 14 May at 11 a.m. in the Free Church building, Brodick (beside the Post Office).
Tom Hutchison.
'The Great Escape'
Exodus chapter 12
Everyone warmly invited.

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 14 May,
Trust Housing Lounge, Brodick 11am,
Evening Service, 7pm.
Mr I MacPherson, Glasgow.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 17 May.
5 Glen Road, Brodick, 7pm
Rev D MacLeod.
All Welcome.

New Zealand wedding



Married in February in Akaroa, New Zealand were Gilbert, twin son of James and Sine McKinnon, Sannox to Sally, daughter of Andy and Annie Reid, Christchurch. The couple have made their home in Christchurch with Sally's son Jack. b19wed1

PERSONALS

THANKYOU

Rene and Olive

wish to thank
Leslie, Anita and
all who made our
party on
Thursday 4th May,
such a lovely
surprise

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BLACKWOOD – Jean and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their sincere messages of sympathy and invaluable help following Ian's death. We have been overwhelmed by everyone's kindness. Thanks to all medical staff who looked after both of us during Ian's illness. Special thanks to Rev. Angus Adamson for his beautiful service and to David Hendry for his patience during funeral arrangements. Thanks also to the McLaren Hotel for catering.

ANNIVERSARY

60th Wedding Anniversary

Alex and Jessie Clark

60 Years married
Best wishes from all the family

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Brodick Golf Club

Club trophy Sunday 30 April CSS 64, 34 played

1 Bobby McCrae 7 63 bih, 2 Steven Bunyan 3 63 bih, 3 Chris Pattenden 13 63 bih. Scratch Peter McCalla 66.

There were five twos. Any one of four could have won the club trophy.

Congratulations to Bobby winning on the better inward half.

Brandon, Sunday 7 May, CSS64, 33 played

1 Terry Raeside 9 61, 2 Brian Smith 13 62 bih, 3 Ian MacDonald 7 62.

Scratch Peter McCalla 67. There were nine twos.

First class Brandon winner Terry Raeside, second class winner Brian Smith

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday medal played 3 May.

1 D Logan 65-8=57, 2 A MacDonald 75-11=64

First round club championship, Saturday 6 May

1 J Adams 65-8 = 57, 2 E McKinnon 62-4 = 58, 3 D Logan 68-7= 61

Fixtures

Saturday 13 May, second round club.

Wednesday championship

draws at 9.30am and 1pm
Monday 15 May Carradale out-ing

Wednesday 17 May Wednesday night medal, tee off from 5pm.

Whiting Bay Golf Club - Gents

Wednesday 3 May, Summer Trophy, 14 played, SSS-63, CSS-63.

1 Malcolm Pennycott 63-4=59, 2 Keith Kelsall 84-22=62, 3 Gordon Provan 80-16=64. Scratch was won by Malcooim with 63. Magic two's by Malcolm Pennycott and Jamie MacPherson.

Sunday 7 May, McKelvie Cup, round 1, 24 played, SSS-63, CSS-63: 1 John Kelso 73-13=60, 2 John Duncan 70-9=61, 3 David Morrison 67-6=61. Malcolm won scratch with his 65, just edging Nicol out on the best final three holes!

Fixtures

Sunday 14 May - Spring Handicap at Lamlash.

Wednesday 17 May, Summer Trophy.

Sunday 21 May, Second round of McKelvie Cup.

Ladies

Monthly Medal was played on Sunday 7 May : 1 Gigi Kroner 101-36=65(BIH), 2 Margaret

Auld 83-18=65

Fixtures

Sunday 14 May, Thistle Brooch Tee-off noon

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results for Saturday 6 May
Hugh Steel Cup 9 Hole Sweep: 1 Leon Cawley 28.5, 2 Hugh McClelland 32

Fixtures

Tuesday 16 May Queen Mother Cup. Winner could qualify for the regional finals at Craill Golf Club.

Arran Golfers Association

Senior Bowl played at Whiting Bay Golf Club, Friday 5 May.

The games were played on a fine evening with a testing wind, which was quite cold at times.

The referees and the few spectators witnessed a very sporting match by the six clubs involved.

The standard of golf was quite good with one referee reporting that the Lamlash/Shiskine match recorded a better ball of 28 in the front nine holes. In the first game Brodick beat a resolute Machrie Bay by two holes. In the second game Lamlash beat a challenging Shiskine team by five holes. In



The ALGU annual prizegiving is always held directly after the Kiscadale competition. Pictured left to right, are this season's big winners with ALGU president Jennifer McArthur (second from right), Ellie Jones, Island champion, Isobel MacDonald, Cir Mhor, Sheena Murchie, Flockhart Trophy and Jean Barclay, Drumadoon Tray. b19prz1

the third match Corrie were victorious over last year's winners Lochranza Castle by three holes.

Fixtures

Friday 19 May hosts play Whiting Bay and Lamlash v Corrie.

AGM will be held in Lamlash Clubhouse, Wed. 10 May 8pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Gents CCQ1 played Sunday 7 May, CSS65, number 30.

First class D Tod 69-5=64, 2 B Sherwood 74-9=65 bih, 3 C Muir 75-10=65. Scratch D Tod.

Second class: 1 M Sherwood 80-21=59, 2 L Cawley 75-13=62, 3 D Brown 82-16=66. Magic twos David Brown x 1, Colin Muir x 1, Donald Logan x 2.

Arran Ladies golf union

The annual delegates meeting

will be held at Whiting Bay Golf Club on Monday 15 May at 8pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Saturday 13 May, 2nd round Q/club championships and scratch cup. Also two best nett scores for nett qualifiers cup.

Sunday 14 May, Arran Golf Association spring handicap at Lamlash, late entries accepted.



WIN

£800

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Spot The BALL

Competition

All you have to do
We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact

centre of the ball.
Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.
If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter
Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 (note not coin) per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of

Arran, KA27 8AJ by 4pm on Wednesday.
You may hand it into The Arran Banner Office in Brodick by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules
No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.
The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.
In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.
The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time.
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LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE . . .



This week's two near misses who each receive £25 are: Mrs A Allsop, Glenside, Sannox and Gill Wetherill, Felmeris Guest House, Corrie

I enclose £1 (note) for 10 crosses (tick box) The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 10, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish.
No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules.
How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. Crosses must not overlap

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Northend and Southend fall in Haulage Cup

The Arran football season kicked off last weekend with the first match of the Arran Haulage Cup competition.

Lamlash beat Northend by three goals to nil at the Hay's stadium next to Lochranza distillery.

A first half penalty by Donald 'Adi' Adamson was followed up by second half goals from Jamie Duncan and Alistair Lockhart.

The Northend team had cleared the sheep and most of the sheep droppings from their splendid

new field named after the late Bill Hay, but could do little to stop the men in black from Lamlash.

First in four

This is the first time in four years that the village of Lamlash has been able to field a team and many familiar faces such as Alan Miller, Calum 'Joe' Rae and Adi Adamson once again pulled on the all-black strip sponsored by the Drift Inn.

Southend played Shiskine in another cup tie at Sandbraes rollercoaster stadium on Monday evening.

Shiskine netted twice in the first half with goals from James Turnbull and an unfortunate own goal by Sam Marriott who lobbed the ball neatly over his own keeper Alex McDonald.

Fightback

The reds went further ahead af-



Lamlash football team with Charlene Little, manager of team sponsors The Drift Inn. b19lam1

ter the break with another fine effort from James Turnbull but a late fightback by Southend caused some jitters in the Shiskine defence.

Goals by Murray Picken and Stevie Lumsden made for a nervous last 10 minutes but Shiskine ran out worthy winners by three goals to two.

They were due to play homeless Brodick at the John Robertson stadium in the next

round on Thursday night with the winners going on to face Lamlash in the Arran Haulage Cup Final at 3pm this Saturday 13 May.

Without grounds

Both Brodick and Lamlash are without home grounds this season.

The Ormidale Park in Brodick is still recovering after remedial

work following the over-zealous application of weedkiller during white-lining.

Lamlash Recreation Field which has been home to the local football team for generations has been converted into a replacement sports field for the High School with a running track already marked out in white paint.



Northend centre-half David Jeffrey clears the ball under close attention from Lamlash strikers Paul Tinto and Jamie Sillars. b19fo01



Northend football team, sponsored by Lochranza Hotel. b19nor1



Neilie McKechnie of Southend challenges Shiskine's Hamza Gunaydi watched by James Turnbull and Murray Picken. b19soc2

Brodick Bowling Club

Winning rinks:

Saturday 29 April: N Thomson, skip, P Milligan.

Monday 1 May: A Hollingworth, skip, I Wilson, J A Murchie

Saturday 6 May: J McConnachie skip, G Duncan, I Wilson.

The club welcomes all and will help new players.

See page 10 for the first action from Sannox Cricket Club. More sport pages 11 and 19.



Goalmouth action as Shiskine press for a goal at Sandbraes stadium on Monday night. b19soc1

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