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Speedy clean up in Brodick

Complaints about rubbish on Brodick beach have been speedily dealt with by North Ayrshire Council (NAC).

Last Friday Murray Boal of Brodick Improvements Committee pointed out a layer of jetsam and general rubbish washed up from the sea along the line of the high tide mark.

'We've asked NAC for a tractor-driven beach-cleaning machine because we believe there is a spare one on the mainland,' he said.

'They use one on Ayrshire beaches and it dodges around the stones. Why not here?'

Angela Elliot-Walker of the Glenartney Hotel told *The Banner* on Tuesday: 'I've just been down to the beach and I have never seen anything like the mess.'

'A lot of stuff has been washed up on the shore and further along there are empty beer cans just piled up in a nice heap.'

'Considering that this is a holiday island it looks awful. With the

couple up Market Road we now have a tip at both ends of Brodick.'

Angela added that she had spoken to the local NAC cleansing foreman about this.

Within half an hour of Angela's conversation with *The Banner* a team from NAC cleansing department had turned up in the car park behind Alldays.

Harry Davidson of Brodick Improvements was also on hand to check the extent of the litter.

By Wednesday morning all the litter had been removed and the beach was clean.

A council spokesman said: 'We responded immediately to complaints from the public about the state of Brodick beach. I believe that it is in perfect condition now.'

With the holiday season just starting, other villages are also concerned about the condition of Arran beaches.

There is a village self-help beach-clean in Kildonan on Saturday and in Lamlash on Sunday.



These three Lamlash lads take in a visit to the Holy Isle on Saturday. For more on this special once-a-year event see our feature on pages 10 and 11. b20hol2

Pirnmill residents prefer to be kept in the dark

Pirnmill residents would prefer to be kept in the dark.

A new development in the village of eight houses by Isle of Arran Homes has created a stir among residents. The houses seem perfectly acceptable but the perceived urbanisation that comes with them is not welcome. A petition against five street

lights at the new site is in the village shop and has already gained 100 signatures.

Marie Jeffrey of Beinn Bharrain told *The Banner*: 'I walked up to the new houses on Friday night and one of the workers said they were going to put up five street lights.'

'We've never had lights in

Pirnmill and nobody wants them. All the people have house lights and that is plenty. We were never told about this and everyone is up in arms.'

Marie and her neighbour Grace Stewart started the petition and it quickly took off. All the signatories are against light pollution and a change in character of

the village. Another aspect of the development which has upset residents is the new pavement.

'The pavement encroaches onto the road and two buses won't be able to pass now,' said Marie Jeffrey.

North Ayrshire Council (NAC) roads department is responsible

for the installation of footways and street lights.

An NAC spokesman indicated that there may yet be a possibility of changing the plans for street lights.

He said: 'We are aware of some anxieties about this development and are looking sympathetically at a number of options.'



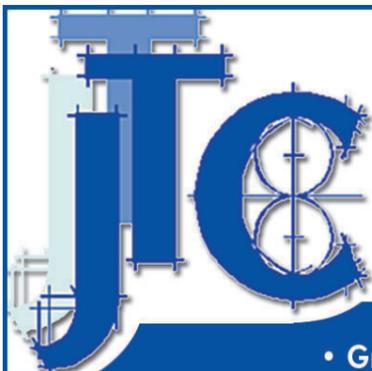
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Body found

A body found on the beach at Kildonan last Friday 12 May is believed by police to be that of a 65-year-old woman reported missing from the Stranraer area on Monday 1 May.

Local coastguard leader David McKinnon said: 'We were called out at 3.10pm after a person reported finding a body on the beach just north of the Silver Sands.'

Cammy quiz benefits kids



Liz Kennedy, treasurer of Whiting Bay Playgroup, receives a cheque for £500 on behalf of the group from Ross McKay and Kerry Sim of the Cameronia Hotel. The money was raised at the regular Monday night Cammy quiz. b20eam1

Planning decisions

An application for planning approval to reposition three of the 12 houses being built on land next to Auchrannie Country House Hotel was granted at the planning committee meeting of North Ayrshire Council (NAC) on Monday 8 May.

This will result in the houses being turned through 90 degrees so the front elevations face the street rather than the gable ends. Work on one of the three

houses had started prior to this application but was suspended pending the decision of the planning committee.

Outline planning permission was granted for a house at Tigh na Cachla, Shiskine at Monday's meeting.

This application had been recommended for refusal by planning officers as being contrary to the Isle of Arran Local Plan but was granted with conditions by

the committee on a vote of seven to six.

An application to build a house for an agricultural worker north of Drumaghinier was refused.

This is on the grounds that it would be contrary to the local plan and would establish an undesirable precedent for other similar developments in the countryside. On a division five councillors voted to grant the application but eight voted for refusal.

Ruts repaired at Ormidale Park

Members of Arran Sports Association have lodged complaints with North Ayrshire Council (NAC) following two cases of wheel ruts being made in the grassy area next to the path leading to the Brodick all-weather pitch and skateboard park.

Damage

This damage appeared to be done on Wednesday 3 May or Thursday 4 May by a council vehicle driving round the asphalt path to empty the litter bin next to the skateboard park.

Chris Marriott of Whiting Bay said: 'Instead of just walking the few yards to collect the litter they

have taken the lorry across to the pitch. In two places the wheels have come off the path and sunk into the grass.'

On Friday 12 May Mr Marriott said: 'NAC has admitted doing the damage but despite several phone calls nothing has been done yet.'

The Banner contacted NAC on Tuesday 16 May and a spokesman said: 'The damage has been repaired now and it has been dealt with on an operational level.'

Right: One of the ruts at Ormidale Park apparently caused by a council vehicle. b20wat1



Wind farm finds favour for southend site

Plans to build a wind farm in the southend of Arran have the support of 76 per cent of people taking part in community consultation.

Arran Wind Power Ltd held public consultations in Lamlash and Whiting Bay on 27 and 28 January. The company also knocked on doors and talked to

people in the streets. Only 13 per cent of participants were not in favour of a wind farm.

Open

Project manager Craig Potter said: 'We want to encourage debate and discussion around the opportunities created by this proposal and ensure all information is openly available.'

At the consultations people had the opportunity to see the potential sites for the wind farm and ask any questions.

Community Council chairman Campbell Laing said: 'The com-

munity council recognises the need for other sources of energy and, in principle, endorses the scheme as proposed by Arran Wind Power Ltd.'

A comprehensive 48-page document has been prepared with the results of comments and opinions given by members of the Arran public at the consultations.

Craig Potter added: 'We would like members of the public to have sight of this document. There will be copies on view in Brodick Library and the tourist office.'

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Late working halted at school site

Complaints about late working at the High School building site have been taken up by North Ayrshire Council (NAC).

As reported in last week's *Ban-*

ner, excavation work on the new £14 million Arran High School is under way with main contractors Barr Construction sub-contracting the foundation work to John

Thomson Construction of Lam-lash.

Complained

Local residents apparently complained about late working on the site last week.

One McKelvie Road man said: 'The crawler was clattering away until 9.20 pm. We had to turn up the television to be able to hear it.'

An NAC spokesman said: 'We have reminded the sub contractors that they are obliged to work within approved hours at the Arran High School site.'

'The planning condition states that no construction work shall be carried out outwith 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Thursday, 7.30am to 3.30pm on Fridays, 8am to 12.30pm on Saturdays and at any time on Sundays.'



Lorry driver John Allan takes away another load of topsoil from the high school building site, in the mid-morning sun. b20lor1

Kilmory school awarded top marks

Kilmory Primary School has been described as being 'consistently very good in its standards of learning and teaching' in a report published by H M Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) last week.

Key strengths

The report highlighted several areas of key strengths within the 35-pupil school including confident pupils with positive attitudes to learning and achievements across the curriculum. Also noted was the quality of teaching and

of pupils' learning experiences and the range of enriching experiences across the curriculum.

Strong commitment

Margaret Parker, head teacher, who was praised for her strong commitment to the school and the community, said: 'The report confirms that a very good education is experienced by all pupils at the school.'

'The Inspectors' praise is a testimony to the dedication and the professionalism of the staff and

all associated with the school. Pupils, parents, staff and the local community are all very proud of our school and this report.'

Very strong teamwork across all staff, ably supported by the headteacher was also noted.

The report highlighted one point for action saying there was a need to take forward plans for monitoring individual pupils' progress more closely, to ensure all achieved their maximum potential.

Specialist road policing officers to visit Island

Specialist Strathclyde Police road officers will be on Arran later this month to offer drivers advice on road safety.

This is thanks to the efforts of island police constable Wilson Nisbet who has helped organise the event and said: 'It is an opportunity not to be missed.'

An interactive presentation will

be held in the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot between 7pm and 9pm on Tuesday 30 May.

As well as offering advice on staying safe, the officers will also discuss the dangers of high speed driving. Also under the microscope will be the issue of driving under the influence of drink and drugs.

Constable Nisbet said: 'The police on the Island work closely with the Arran Car Club and we were both keen for the Traffic Education and Support Team (TEST) to visit the Island to share their knowledge.'

'The TEST officers will bring with them a wealth of driving experience.'

Luxury lord calls in at Lochranza Pier



The *Lord of the Glens* berthed at Lochranza pier with curious passengers about to set foot on Arran soil. b20gle1

The luxury cruiser *Lord of the Glens* called in at Lochranza last Wednesday 10 May.

She had 47 passengers on board and was doing a cruise from Inverness to Glasgow. The vessel was built in 2000 as a sea-going cruiser that would also be able to navigate some of Europe's most interesting inland waterways.

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Arran 'in with a shout' for community award



Donnie Munro, left, and Douglas Murray in sports jacket with representatives of Arran volunteer groups. b20rig1

Arran Community Council believes the Island is in with a shout of being crowned 'best of the best' in a special competition being run by Calor Gas.

Alison Prince, secretary for Arran Community Council said: 'Our competitors will have to pull out the stops to compete with us. We are in with a shout.'

Last Tuesday judges from the Calor Gas competition were on

the Island to watch as local volunteer groups conducted 20-minute displays demonstrating all they do for the Island.

Judges on the day were former Runrig frontman Donnie Munro and Douglas Murray. Douglas is secretary for the association of Scottish Community Councils and has worked as a judge since the inception of the competition in 1998. This will be Donnie's

third year of being involved. The competition finds all previous winners of the Calor Gas Community of the year award going head to head to celebrate 10 years of the awards scheme. Arran won the coveted title in 2003 and a total of seven Scottish Community Councils are in the running for the award.

Alison continued: 'This meeting gave the judges a chance to see the excellent work all our volunteer groups do on the island.

'There were some very impressive displays from each of the groups at the judging.'

Representatives from the coastguard, lifeboat, first responders,

and ARCO to name a few all demonstrated their work.

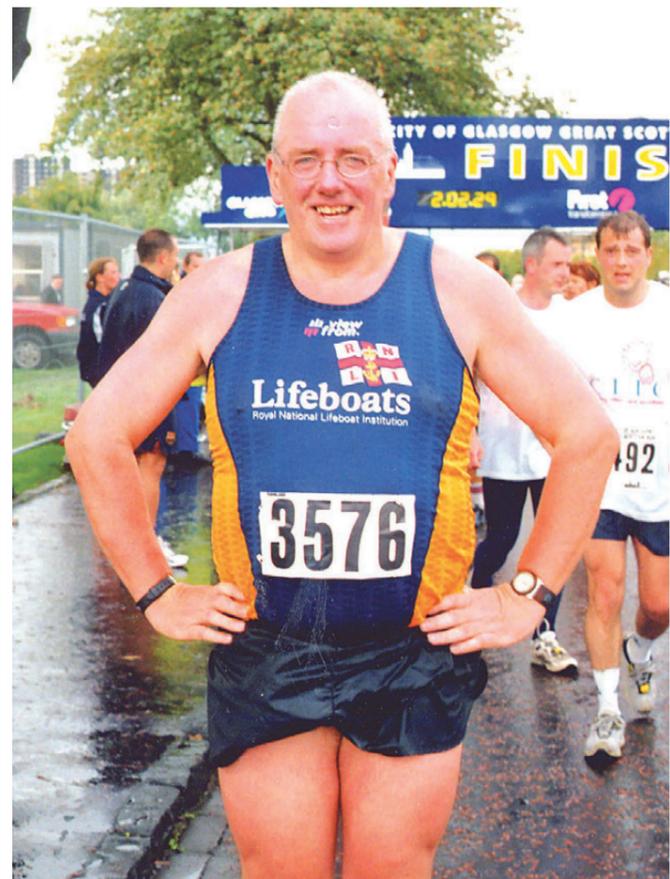
Broad spectrum

Mark Guest of the PR Partnership which is responsible for promoting the awards said: 'The judges were very impressed with the broad spectrum of volunteer services on offer around the Island.

'The judges left with a good feeling and empathised with the phrase 'Scotland in Miniature' in terms of the amount of work all the volunteer groups carry out.'

If Arran wins the Scottish title it will be in the running for the national title and prize money totalling £20,000.

Big man has big heart



Derek Shand at the finish line of the Great Scottish Run.

Runner Derek Shand of Brodick needs *Banner* readers help to raise £2500 for RNLI.

He will be running the Kintyre Half Marathon a week on Sunday to raise much needed funds for Lamlash and Campbeltown lifeboat crews.

Derek, business manager for The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) on Arran and Campbeltown is a familiar sight and is often seen running around Arran's roads in all weathers sporting the

Arran Runners attire.

He has labelled his run, 'The fat man runs again, again.' Derek has completed 75 half marathons, seven full marathons and many other races. In 2002, Derek raised over £2000 for Lamlash RNLI.

He said: 'If I get £1000 the RBS will put in another. I enjoy running.'

If anyone would like to sponsor Derek, forms can be found at the Royal Bank offices in Brodick.

Taking Stock - a fishing catastrophe

Ever wondered just how it was possible to exhaust the world's richest and most fantastic fishing grounds in just 50 years?

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The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) will screen *Taking Stock* filmed by the National Film Board of Canada, in 1994, documenting just how the impossible happened.

The comparison between Newfoundland and the Clyde fisheries are startling.

The screening will take place at COAST's AGM in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion on Tuesday 23 May at 7.30pm.

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Open top experience for castle visitors

Sun seekers are in for a treat on Arran now a new open top experience is taking place.

Following the start of a joint business venture between Stagecoach Buses and the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) an open-top double-decker bus will be operating on the popular bus service to Brodick Castle run.

Stagecoach unveiled the double-decker bus last Wednesday. Painted in purple and complete with bold graphics of Brodick the bus states: 'Take a return trip to the 13th century'

Sun worshippers will be able to take advantage of the open upper deck enjoying the views en-route between the bus terminal and castle. Passengers will be able to jump on and off as they please at the museum or Duchess Court.

Ken Thorburn, property manager at Brodick Castle, is thrilled with the new bus: 'At the NTS we have been talking about doing something more than we had been doing.'

'The previous veteran coach

was coming to the end of its servicable life and then we got a sudden proposal from Stagecoach about getting a new vehicle on the run.

'The double-decker bus is terrific, they have done a brilliant job on the livery.'

Inside the bus has been kitted out in full Lothian tartan covers and the upper deck seats have been covered in a special waterproofing material for the inclement weather.

The canary yellow open top double-decker bus that used to travel between Brodick and Whiting Bay in the summer months will no longer be running.

Last Thursday a team travelled the route in the bus to cut overhanging branches to ensure a pleasant journey for future passengers.

Colin McCort, local Stagecoach manager said: 'We are looking forward to working in partnership with the NTS and are hopeful that this will the service will become very popular.'



Ken Thorburn and Colin McCort aboard the open top doubledecker. b20bus1



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Members of the ECO committee. Back row: Connor Smyth, Ross Paul, Kirsty Macleod, Neil Hunter. Front row: Johnnie Sloss, Gabrielle Alison, Craig Hamilton and Lauren Campbell with the mobile phones they have collected so far. b20mob1

Children go mobile to get green

The pupils of Lamlash Primary school have gone green in a bid to become an awarded ECO school.

Currently in the process of collecting old mobile phones, chargers and phone batteries they are hoping that *Banner* readers may be able to help them get more and achieve a bronze award.

For the school to become a member of ECO schools they have to complete a programme of seven elements working toward creating an all-round environ-

mentally friendly atmosphere in the school.

Head teacher Janice McGunnigle along with teacher Diana Riddell and janitor Robert Halliday are all working with the children on various eco-friendly activities.

Diana said: 'Robert is an invaluable member of our team. He understands all the technical aspects required for various tasks.'

The school signed up to the ECO schools project several months ago and if successful they

hope this bronze award will be the first of many. Ultimately the school is working toward a green flag award which is presented to schools that achieve top level criteria.

Kilmory Primary School has already lodged an application for a green flag award.

Diana concluded: 'If anyone has any old mobile phones lying around that they are no longer using could they please hand them in to the reception at Lamlash Primary School.'

'The project is already gathering momentum and we feel sure that it will grow over time.'

The Arran heritage project

The Arran High School Heritage Project is now in its 24th year.

First started in 1982, it is an opportunity for first year pupils to learn something of the history and cultural heritage of the Island from times gone by.

The Heritage Museum at Rosaburn has greatly assisted in this annual project, but perhaps most of all the older folk of Arran have been prepared to come forward and help the youngsters to get an idea of what life was like on the Island 60 or more years ago.

Last Thursday 32 such older folk made their way to Lamlash Community Centre to meet with the pupils of S1.

All children had prepared questions on a variety of topics and teachers had matched these topics with the specialised knowledge of the volunteer adults.

They were split into groups, and the question and answer session



Stewart Lambie with Emily Colwell and Jo McAleer

went on for almost an hour. Mary MacKenzie talked about

food, Stewart Lambie described the life of a farmer at West Glensherrraig in the early 20th century and Edna Picken spoke about wartime life on Arran.

Other residents were happy to pass on their own reminiscences of Arran's heritage.

At the end, all the youngsters served tea and cakes to their senior guests and one of the pupils, Grace Reeve, gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the school.



Edna Picken, Ian McMillan and Ian Hendry with a group of S1 heritage project pupils.

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Choir spring concert

The Lochranza Choir performed their Spring Concert in the village hall.

The Choir was conceived in 2001 by Betty and Iain Buchanan and having gone from strength to strength, its performances have become very popular and well attended events in the calendar of the island. Sunday's performance was no exception. The Choir presented a varied programme ranging from some intricate choral items to light hearted, even, comic items'. The programme was devised, rehearsed, and conducted by Betty Buchanan.

Concert review

They sing with joy and vigour; they give all of themselves, and

we are a privileged audience.

The village hall was full to capacity, many of us unable to resist clapping.

How does this all come about? There are some folk who don't make a large sound, can't read music, but love coming; there are some who have sung for years and wouldn't miss it; there are a few, blessedly, with exquisite solo-quality voices.

But the choir wouldn't have grown, and cohered as an entity, but for the extraordinary determination and driving energy of Betty Buchanan, with her organisational skills.

Sunday's programme had something for everybody; not only strong, robust singing in many

items, but delicate pianissimo in Schubert, and precision of diction, as needed in the Battle of Jericho.

There were trombone interludes by Daniel Richards; the native genius of Lorna Hallyburton, this time on her accordion; vocal items from Peter Chappel (what a sense of theatre there), Ian Buchanan (superb vocal quality but lugubrious words) and from Eileen McAllister and Aileen Wright (idyllic sounds); and a bar or two from Janette.

Congratulations to you all, not forgetting Lorna Ewing (concert accompanist); let us hope she may sometime be allowed to deploy her skills on a better instrument. **M.S.**



Arran Brass after their concert in Lamlash Church. This is the last time the band will wear white shirts as they plan to introduce black shirts and bow ties. **b20bra1**

Arran Brass entertain in Lamlash

On Saturday 13 May Arran Brass played their May concert in Lamlash Church Hall and a rather sparse audience was treated to a memorable concert of great variety and fine quality embracing pieces from the 16th - 20th century.

Panache

The first piece *Domine ad adiuvandum* from *Vespro Della Beata V virgine* was a classic piece by Claudio Monteverdi whose music was almost as complicated as it sounded and per-

formed with great panache by the musicians, and it set the tone for the entire evening.

Brass Monkey Quintet

All Through The Night was next, a fine arrangement followed by the *Brass Monkeys Quintet*, a piece of light relief; followed by Craig Masterton playing *Carrickfergus* on solo cornet.

Next was a blues number *Georgia On My Mind* and the first half closed with *Penny Lane* by Lennon/McCartney and *Something* by George Harrison.

The second half started with a bang, *All That Jazz* followed by *Blaydon Races* played by solo euphonium Eric Borland. Two fun numbers followed by the *Brass Monkeys* and *The Old Gumbie Cat* by the band.

A beautifully played *Amazing Grace* followed by *The Best of Bond* brought the concert to a close with a great ovation from the audience, all in all a great evenings music, pity the audience was so small.

Well done Arran Brass. **HR**

Old Blind Dogs head FeisFest

Arran is in for a musical feast in early June, when the Old Blind Dogs, Malinky, Flatville Aces and world champion piper Fred Morrison come as part of Arran FeisFest.

Fred Morrison's dazzling performances on the Highland pipes, Border pipes, uilleann pipes and low whistle have established him as one of Scotland's most unique and powerful artists.

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Fred is renowned across the world music scene for the quality of his musical connection with every audience, for his awesome piping technique and for the sheer power of his individual musical expression.

The concert will be followed by a dance with Cajun band The

Flatville Aces featuring the fiddle and vocal talents of Jock Tyldsley.

Fred plays Whiting Bay Hall on Friday 2 June 7.30pm.

The Old Blind Dogs high energy playing has made them one of Scotland's most popular contemporary Scottish Folk Groups and earned them the coveted Folk Band of the year award in 2004.

The repertoire ranges from subtle and hypnotic with the impressive vocal talents of Jim Malcom to all-out gutsy grooves from the soaring fiddle of Jonny Hardie.

Add to that Rory Cambell's stirring piping that has audiences dancing in the aisles. Dogs concert on Saturday 3 June in Whiting Bay Hall. Tickets from The Book and Card Shop or online www.thebooth.co.uk. Visit www.arranfeisfest.org.uk. Look out for future adverts in *The Banner*.



10th Ayrshire Shiskine Beavers after their sponsored beach clean at Blackwaterfoot. The youngsters raised over £300 for the Children with Leukemia Charity after spending more than a hour cleaning up. **b19bea1**

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ARRAN'S WEEKLY PAPER

Saturday 20 MAY, 2006

There was a poster attached to a lamppost at Brodick pier the other day which read, 'lots of stuff to keep bored kids happy.'

Can you make bored kids happy, or does contentment not come from within and is best learned at an early age? Or, does giving bored kids 'stuff' to make them happy, merely temporarily alleviate boredom, but stoke up unhappiness for the future?

There was a speaker at a schoolteachers' conference recently whose theme was that one of the worst things about schools today was that children were never allowed to be bored, and thus never learned to handle boredom. She was loudly applauded, yet many of those clapping would have spent hours, weeks, terms, entertaining, cajoling, humouring, doing everything they could to prevent boredom in their charges the minute it showed signs of raising its head.

Lessons, and studying, were often quite boring but it was only when you got to grips with the dull bits that you began to see the light and began to enjoy it. Now the dull bits are seen to be bad, even unnecessary and those who insist on them are seen as boring. And what could be worse than being called boring? Perhaps our society rates only two crimes more heinous than boring; being tight-fisted and lacking a sense of humour.

We have all met children who have never been allowed to be bored. Constantly given new toys and gadgets, they never stop ginning. No sooner do they have a new distraction than it loses its lustre and they want something else. Yet children who are allowed to be bored for a spell invariably turn a period of inactivity into setting up new ploys and entertaining themselves in a way that teaches them how to use their time right into adulthood.

The ginning doesn't stop when they grow up, it only changes its character. Bored adults, like bored kids, are never satisfied. But the gimmicks to satisfy their never-ending need for the new, get more expensive. New cars, new jobs, new spouses, with constant moving pictures on a screen always available whenever they find themselves left alone with their own thoughts. Boredom has been virtually outlawed, and yet it feeds on itself. The less opportunity one has for being bored the more one is likely to find oneself bored.

There is a marked difference between a short period of boredom and long spells of ennui, a deep nothingness which can spur you on, after a spell of doing nothing, to real achievement. Perhaps a task you've been putting off, or writing a long letter to somebody you have not been in touch with for a while, or something on a grander scale. There are so many things which might be done if one's 'boredom' was not so easily kept at bay by a flick of the television switch or browsing half heartedly through a magazine.

Then, of course, there are bores, which are quite a different matter. The crashing bores you meet at the proverbial party with the stream of awful jokes. Some people think the answer is to put them all together but I am reliably informed that it wouldn't work, because bores bore bores.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call on Him while He is near. *Isaiah 55:6*

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Letters to the Editor**British Red Cross**

Sir,
Grace Bleakley organised an excellent morning at her home in aid of the British Red Cross Transport and Escort Service and a total of £957 was raised.

The baking was superlative and we are very grateful to the Bleakleys for organising such a wonderful event.

Yours,
Lavinia Gibbs,
Dougairie Lodge

Seniors Day at the museum

Sir,
On Sunday 14 May Contact the Elderly and residents of Montrose House joined many others at the Heritage Museum for the annual 'Seniors Day'.

Sadly the fine weather we have been having turned wet but the warm welcome we received amply compensated for this.

We were served a delicious tea, - the meringues were gorgeous - and pretty girls were at hand to find us seats and keep us supplied with warming tea and coffee.

Entertainment was provided with a lively repertoire from members of Arran Brass and we also sang along to popular favourites played by Jim Arnold on accordion which ended with a rousing rendition of *I belong to Glasgow*.

On behalf of our members, many thanks to the museum committee and their helpers for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Yours,
Jean Peacock
Meadowside
Brodick

Hammer horror

Sir,
Thank you for making me feel like a celebrity with two photos in *The Banner* this year already.

OK the second time was a mistake. It was supposed to be a Yellow Wagtail, who makes an odd appearance in Arran every 20 years or so.

Instead your readers were treated to another lovely photo of me - rufous rump and all.

Thank you
Yours,
'Posh' Yellowhammer
c/o 62 Nethercliffe Avenue
Netherlee
Glasgow

Calamity in Cleat

Sir,
I am upset and disappointed by our reception in Arran.

My family does not visit the Island very often and we were saddened by what has happened.

As a special treat we left Africa last week to spend our summer holidays in Arran. My family have talked about making this journey for the last 20 years.

They said that the food and mild climate were legendary and I was so looking forward to this new experience.

They also said the natives were friendly and intelligent.

When we visited Cleat we were spotted by what appeared to be the local paparazzo. He was taking dozens of photos of us and some other celebrities.

We were flattered by this attention and hoped that our pictures would appear in *The Banner*, particularly as we were looking so good in the sunshine.

We were so disappointed when we saw to our horror that our visit to Arran had been noticed and recorded.

But our photographs did not appear.

Instead there was a picture of a yellow hammer in last week's Bird Notes column and not me nor my mate.

Please note, we birds are yellow wagtails not yellowhammers.
Yours,
Willy Wagtail,
c/o Freewaters
The Avenue
Lamlash

Kits for Kids

Sir,
Arran High School and Arran Junior Football Club would like to thank all of those who responded to our appeal and sent or handed in 'Kits for Kids' tokens.

We collected over 3,000 and an order has been placed for new strips and track suits for our players. We expect to take delivery of these in August.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours,
Ian McLaren
c/o Arran High School
Lamlash

Update on alternative ferry

Sir,
We are now very close to putting on an Arran ferry service this year.

We have agreed terms on the ship and have secured facilities for offices, cars and marshalling at Brodick terminal.

What I really want to avoid is raising the expectations of anyone on Arran only to have them dashed again.

There are still several serious hurdles to overcome, each of which could prove fatal to this year's effort to bring this competitive service about.

Whilst the *MV Claymore* is fully Class 11a certified for the Pentland route and she has been on the Arran service in 1996, we don't have the current Ardrossan to Brodick certificates sorted out yet.

Until I literally have the ship steaming round the Mull of Kintyre, I don't want to be guilty of making a false start.

Maintaining a low profile on the topic until we are sure we can appear with the actual ship at Brodick pier is the best way of avoiding disappointment for the good folk of Arran.

Yours,
Russ McLean
The Old Cooperage,
Coopers Lane
Campbeltown

Fiddle memories

Sir,
Does anyone out there have information about old fiddle music on Arran.

As a member of the Arran Fiddle Club I often think that it would be good to play music relevant to the Island. But my efforts to find such music have mostly drawn a blank.

I know of a handful of more recent tunes relating to the Island,

but that is all. In the same way that other areas such as Shetland, Skye and the Western Isles have music specific to them, there must have been a repertoire played by fiddlers here.

From a chance conversation I understand there was a fiddle-maker on the Island, which suggests there must have been a good number of players at one time.

If you can help, with tunes or personal recollections; in fact anything that point me in the right direction please contact me.

Yours,
Alistair Paul
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Heartfelt thanks

Sir,
May I through your letters page pass on my heartfelt thank you to the following: the ambulance crew, the local policemen, all the doctors, nurses and catering staff of Arran War Memorial Hospital, the medic and helicopter crew, all staff at Crosshouse Hospital intensive care unit, the AA members and finally my friends.

Thank you for your care, attention, understanding and support during my recent illness.

I will always remember what you have done for me. With kind regards.

Yours,
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Sir,
I would like to thank my family, friends and neighbours for gifts, cards and flowers on the occasion of my birthday.

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Yours,
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A green future ahead for Brodick primary

Brodick primary school's 150th anniversary celebrations continued in glorious sunshine last Saturday when 15 new trees in the school grounds were officially planted.

The two oldest former pupils, Christine Duncan and Sandy Kerr who were at the school in the 1920s and were joined by the school's current youngest pupil, five year-old Sam Hirshfield at the ceremony.

Lady Jean Fforde was also at the ceremony and was delighted

to have been called on to say a few words and scatter some soil on the tree beds. Her great-grandfather, the 11th Duke of Hamilton, was responsible for building the school and a statue of him stands in the school grounds. His daughter Lady Mary married HSH Prince Albert I of Monaco.

The Lady Jean said: 'It was very nice to join in the anniversary celebrations.

'Many people do not get the chance to join in an event marking something their ancestors

have been involved with.'

The trees have been planted to help make the school grounds much greener and over time help to camouflage the fence around the school.

Brodick headteacher Angie Fisher is delighted with how the project has turned out.

Tom Armstrong, countryside officer for North Ayrshire Council (NAC), was very much involved in the practical side of things. He is described as 'the tree man' by the staff at the school.

He said: 'The trees we have planted are indigenous to the area and very hardy.

'There are whitebeams, and members of the rowan family.

'All will grow to a good height and won't create problems by over-hanging the road or their roots breaking up the playground.'



The entire group assembled after the ceremony on the steps of the school. b20bro3

'The trees will burst into balls of colour in the summer months and some will provide berries for

the birds to enjoy.

'There has been no negativity from anyone on this project.'

The pupils too were involved with the tree planting and Tom joked that no-one got too wet during this period.

Local council employee Bunyan was thanked for his efforts and was described as 'an all round good guy.'

Lady Jean suggested that it may be interesting for the pupils to research the history of the school.



From back: Councillor Peter McNamara, joint oldest former pupil Sandy Kerr. Kneeling: Headteacher Angie Fisher, joint oldest former pupil Christine Duncan and youngest pupil Sam Hirschfield placing soil on one of the new trees. b20bro1



Standing: Rev Angus Adamson, NAC countryside officer Tom Armstrong. Seated: Councillor McNamara, Lady Jean Fforde, Sandy Kerr, Christine Duncan and Sam Hirschfield. b20bro2

Tree Council grant for Brodick school

Brodick primary's trees were planted thanks to a grant received from the Tree Council.

They were one of only four schools in Scotland to get the money.

The organisation offered grants to 103 schools including Brodick to help them celebrate the 30th anniversary of National Tree Week held between 23 November and 4 December last year.

The school's 11 trees were planted during that week.

Pauline Buchanan Black, Director-General of the Tree Council said: 'We were particularly impressed by the imaginative plans for transforming neglected public open spaces, barren Tarmac playgrounds or tree-less playing fields.'

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Record crowd turnout for Holy Isle open day

A record number of nearly 300 people made their way to Holy Isle for the annual open day on Saturday 13 May.

The Buddhists of Samye Ling acquired Holy Isle in Lamlash Bay 14 years ago. After much fundraising and hard work they gradually renovated the lighthouse buildings at the southend.

This was followed by the striking new building clearly visible from Lamlash at the northend. This multi-purpose facility is the Centre for World Peace and Health and is based around the framework of the old farmhouse.

On Saturday ferryman Tom Sheldon had two boats running back and forward all day from

Lamlash pier and transported 284 people safely across the bay.

Added to this number were those who made their own way there such as Jon and Alison Hollingworth of Whiting Bay who took their yacht and dropped anchor opposite the boathouse.

Welcoming guests

John Mallon was on hand to welcome guests as they stepped ashore and explain the layout of Holy Isle.

He pointed out the attractions, where to get a cup of tea and which parts to avoid such as the dangerous eastern shore and crevasses near the summit.

John explained that he came from London, Brighton and Edinburgh. 'I get a job wherever I can, then come here to do voluntary work until the money runs out. But with no shops or pub there isn't much chance to spend money.'

Lama Yeshe Losal Rinpoche, director of the Holy Isle Project, was leaning over the garden wall, clad in bright yellow and maroon, waiting to greet visitors.

Holy Isle has had two previous open days; one in 2003 and one in 2004, but last year's was cancelled due to adverse weather.

The Banner asked Lama Yeshe how the Centre was progressing, in particular the ecologically-friendly sewerage and water systems.

'The reed beds are absolutely perfect,' he said. 'They cope well with all materials and there is no smell. But water supply can be a problem.'

'Last year we had a big group from Holland staying at the Centre and they all wanted a long shower every day. We had trouble coping.'

Making bore holes

What plans did they have for improving the supply?

'We always knew that water might be a problem, so we may have to make bore holes,' said the Lama Yeshe.

'However,' he said with a twinkle in his eye, 'there is still the very famous holy healing spring

water from St Molaise cave.'

The lighthouse buildings at the southend are designed for long term retreat. At what stage is the retreat?

'It has just finished a three and a half year retreat,' said Lama Yeshe. 'Twelve women went in and 12 came out. They are all very definitely better for the experience.'

'If they can succeed in a pressurised situation like that it will make them better people.'

We asked how the new long-term retreat centre for men was progressing on the Ross Road at the former site of Glenscorrodale.

'Samye Dechen Shing is one of the most beautiful places,' he said. 'Of the 21 men on four-year retreat two will have to come out because of family problems.'

'To the men who are still there I say, if you have been pursuing a goal all your life and not finding fulfilment why not try something else like this.'

'This retreat is one of the big-

gest challenges; it tests tolerance and discipline.'

He explained that the men at Samye Dechen Shing rise at 3.45am for prayers, meditation and exercise. 'People who get up late miss the best time of their life,' laughed Lama Yeshe.

Tea and cakes

Elsewhere, the open day visitors were enjoying hospitality with tea and cakes in the refectory. In front of the Centre a splendid vegetarian buffet was being laid out on tables in the open air as guests were invited to help themselves.

Many people were taking the opportunity to wander around the 60-bed guest accommodation and the Peace Hall which can seat up to 100 people.

Lodro Dorje is manager of the Samye Ling Rokpa Trust Centre at Eskdalemuir and was on hand to answer questions.

He used to be a teacher in Dalkeith but said he was very contented with his new role.

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Lodro Dorje and Lama Yeshe Losal Rinpoche in front of the Centre for World Peace and Health. b20ho11



John Mallon welcomes visitors to Holy Isle and points out pathways and things to see. b20lam3



Lama Yeshe watches another boatload of visitors arrive at the Holy Isle jetty. b20lam1

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Maid of the loch

On Monday, Leslie Brown of Glasgow, entertained the Society members and visitors with an account of *Maid of the Loch*.

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The *Maid of the Loch* was built in Glasgow, taken apart, transported by train to Balloch and re-assembled on the slipway. The engines are the same as in the *PS Waverley* and manufactured by the same company.

She had many royal visitors, including the Queen, Prince Philip and Princess Anne, and in 1953 Queen Salote of Tonga sailed in her.

Countess of Breadalbane

In 1981 she was taken out of service and replaced by a smaller vessel, the *Countess of Breadalbane*, the *Maid* went through various hands until the local council bought her in 1993 and with help from volunteers restoration began; a tremendous task.

At the moment she is used as a cafe/bar, restaurant and function suite and takes 10 to 12 wedding receptions every year. As soon as the slipway is renovated and repaired she will be back in service.

Leslie Brown was another enthusiast sharing his love of a ship with the antiquarians and illustrated the talk with loads of slides. What a wonderful way to spend a wet afternoon.



Sarah Norton, full-time volunteer gardener on a silence vigil, quietly reading a book in the Mandala garden.

slugs are not a problem. I try to grow more than we need so that there is enough for the slugs as well,' he said.

Many of the 300 visitors last Saturday took the opportunity to walk along the coastal path to the lighthouse buildings or clamber up to the top of Mullach Mor.

After such a perfect sunny day the Centre is once again closed to the public until next year, although people are still free to take the ferry and wander along marked paths.

denier and he has been working in the Mandala garden for six years.

We reminded him that his picture appeared in *The Banner* nine years ago when he had helped to build a Naga Tibetan offering house in the front field at Glenscorrodale.

Feeding guests

His job is to grow as much food as possible to feed guests and retreat Buddhists. How does he cope with the pests of slugs and rabbits?

'We don't have rabbits and

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He explained that building work was going ahead next to the Peace Hall for a new accommodation block to house volunteers.

Vow of silence

As visitors wandered about in the Mandala garden a young girl sat alone next to a pond, reading a book.

She politely told *The Banner* that she was a volunteer gardener and currently on a vow of silence, but happy to briefly speak to us as there was no-one else around.

Sidney Rout was the other gar-



Lama Yeshe explains his future plans to *Banner* senior reporter Howard Driver.



Gateway to the peaceful Mandala garden. There be fairies nearby.



Courtyard of the Holy Isle Centre showing the old farmhouse.

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Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am- noon
Brodict primary school, car boot sale 11am to 3pm
Football coaching, Ormidale park, boys & girls 5-15, 9am
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
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm
Working with Clay with Tim-Pomeroy, Ranger Centre
Brodict Bowling Club rink game 2pm
Kildonan Beach Clean, 10am- 12pm 2pm -4pm
Dawn Chorus & Breakfast, Ranger Centre 4am
Football Shiskine v Southend 6pm
Football Southend v Lamlash 6pm
Sunset Song, Lochranza Hall 2.30pm and 7.30pm

SUNDAY 21st 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
Kilmory Plant Sale, Kilmory Hall, from 12pm
HSL plant sale, Lamlash Community Centre, 2pm - 4pm
Lamlash Beach Clean, 2pm

MONDAY 22nd 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
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 6.30pm

TUESDAY 23rd 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
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WEDNESDAY 24th 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 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
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 6.30pm

THURSDAY 25th 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
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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
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
Arran Garden Club, Ranger Centre, 7.30pm
Coup Closure Waste Meeting. Ormidale Sports Pavillion 11am - 1pm

FRIDAY 26th 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
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am
Water Polo, Auchrannie Pool, 7.30pm

SATURDAY 27th May (non regulars)

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Sannox squeeze out Mid Argyll

Sunday's persistent rain did not deter the Sannox and Mid Argyll cricketers for their first league match of the season.

The ground was hard despite the rain, and Sannox losing the toss were put into bat.

Sannox openers of Haggarty and Pomeroy looked to better the start of the last match but ground conditions combined with very sound Mid Argyll bowling made runs difficult and risky to come by.

Jalpur and Brocklehurst kept the Sannox run rate pinned but it was Hemmings who took the lion's share of the wickets finishing

with an admirable four for 19.

Hackett highlight

After 20 overs Sannox only had 58 runs on the board. Chris Marriott again started to hit out against tight bowling but it was Dave Hackett batting at number six who was the highlight of the Arran batting.

He was finally bowled by Finlay for 19. Jonathan May distinguished himself again and made a flurry of 15 in the later order before being clean bowled by Shackleton.

Sannox's last man was run out in the 40th over at the total of 106. Despite the good bowling Mid

Argyll gave away 25 extras in slippery fielding conditions, a critical factor in the final outcome.

May bowls Lewis

Mid Argyll's openers of Lewis and Lyburn were always their most dangerous batsmen, so when Jonathan May bowled Matt Lewis for only 11 a collective sigh of relief went up.

What were difficult batting conditions for Sannox proved no less for Mid Argyll. The ball was rising sharply, occasionally shooting and the Sannox bowlers did well to keep the total to a slightly less run rate than their own in-

nings.

Opening bowlers Dunn (captain) and Brookes did not get the wickets they deserved but they did, as did all the Sannox bowlers, keep the run rate closed down.

Gordon Lyburn was always a threat but when he was bowled by Chris Marriott for 31 it all looked possible for Sannox.

Drinks break

Around the drinks break Tim Pomeroy was put on to bowl and an accurate spell of bowling locked down the Mid Argyll run rate dramatically.

But the Lochgilphead men had fight in them and were still putting on runs nibbling and clawing their way back up the rockface of the Sannox total.

The game was still very much in the balance. For the last half hour of the game, as one member put it 'we are having to fight for every ball, they're having to fight for every run.'

Nap hand for Pomeroy

The tension was breath-taking but slowly Pomeroy's victims one after another were trailing disconsolate bats back to the marquee. Pomeroy finished on bowling figures of five for 11.

Captain Dunn finished off the Argyll's number 11 Robin Finlay in the 36th over.

Final score: Sannox 106 Mid Argyll 84.

Next match at Sannox is against Doon Valley on Sunday 28 May.

Sannox practise every Thursday from 6pm and visitors are always welcome. More information from T Pomeroy on 600287.



The Sannox cricket team after defeating Mid Argyll. b20pim1



Representatives from all Arran primary schools. b20sp01

Silver Arran children

Arran primary schools have returned with a second place after taking part in a big mainland sports competition.

Twenty-four primary schools from across the district competed in the North Ayrshire Primary Schools' Sports Hall Athletics 2006 event earlier in the month.

Eight teams made it through to the final which was held in the Magnum Leisure Centre, Irvine.

Arran, with a total of 302 points, gained a comfortable second place with third placed Beith a good 20 points behind.

Winner

Winner for a sixth consecutive year were West Kilbride with 474 points.

Schools competed in teams of 10 boys and girls, with each competitor taking part in two track and two field events.

Arran Ferry Tales director gives voice workshop

Twenty singers, some experienced and some not, gathered last Saturday at Kilmory Hall for a workshop run by Virginia Rushton.

It was an immensely enjoyable day, with lots of laughter as well as a great richness of valuable advice on voice production.

Virginia, an experienced teacher of singing, is also the Project Director for *Arran Ferry Tales*, the story with music that is emerging from work by Arran people, and she brought with her two newly-composed numbers that will find their place in the show. Singing these was a thrill for all concerned, since they had never been performed before.

Next workshop

The next workshop weekend will be on June 10 and 11, when a fairly complete score for the entire show will be ready for casting and rehearsing. This is the last meeting before the run-



On the right is Virginia Rushton who led the voice workshop. The group is seen in recently refurbished Kilmory Hall. b20wor1

up week of July 8-15 that culminates in a Saturday performance, so this is the big chance to be part of this exciting home-

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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.

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

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

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

Application No: N/06/00430/LBC Address: Dippen Lodge, Dippen, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8RN Proposed Development: Alterations and extension to form dwelling house from 2 dwelling houses including installation of new doors and windows and internal alterations

TAXI FARES

Notice is hereby given that the Deputy Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area has upheld an appeal against the proposed maximum taxi fares for North Ayrshire effective from 14 December 2005.

Accordingly the Maximum Fares for the exclusive hire of a Taxi (fixed by the Deputy Traffic Commissioner) effective from 29 May 2006 are as follows:-

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For a distance not exceeding 3/4 of a mile (or waiting time not exceeding 10mins) £1.90

Each additional 1/4 of a mile (or additional waiting time of 50 seconds) 10p

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The above fares apply to journeys within North Ayrshire. Fares for journeys outwith the area should be agreed with the licence holder. No separate fee shall be charged to, or payable by each passenger under any circumstances. In respect of any journeys between zones, which incur additional charges, under Tariff 2 or Tariff 3, the driver must intimate this to the passengers before the commencement of the journey. Luggage shall be carried FREE provided it is of a size which can reasonably be accommodated in the car.

Chief Legal Officer (Licensing and District Court), North Ayrshire Council, Town House, High Street, Irvine, KA12 0AZ.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 TAXI STANCES - BRODICK, ISLE OF ARRAN

Notice is hereby given by North Ayrshire Council that it proposes to appoint stances for taxis in Brodick, Isle of Arran in terms of its powers under Section 19 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

It is proposed to appoint two stances, each for four taxi vehicles, one of which will be situated at the Caledonian McBrayne ferry terminal, and the other which will be situated next to the putting green. Plans of the locations can be viewed on the North Ayrshire website (www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk) and at the Licensing Section, North Ayrshire Council, Town House, High Street, Irvine, KA12 0AZ. Any objections or representations in respect of the proposal must be submitted in writing no later than 16 June 2006 to the Licensing Section North Ayrshire Council, Town House, Irvine, KA12 0AZ.

Ian Snodgrass
Chief Executive
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(Location to be confirmed)

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12.5 hours per week

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*The successful candidates will be subject to vetting by Disclosure Scotland. These are childcare positions under the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003, which makes it an offence to apply if the applicant is on the Disqualified from Working with Children List.

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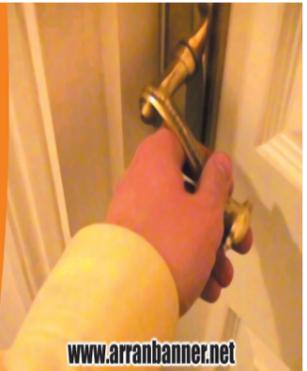
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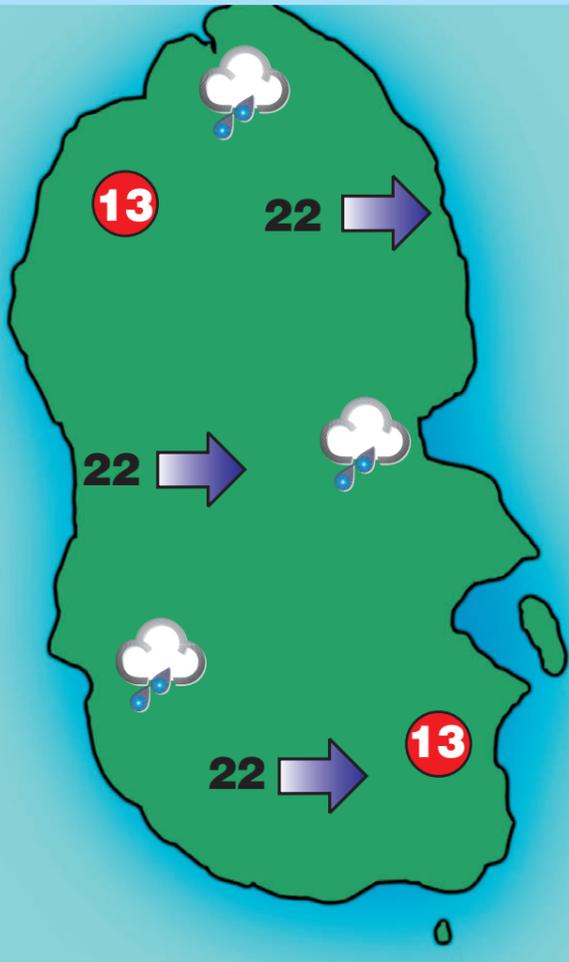
Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, May 20 2006** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm				
Sat	0424	2.8	11.02	0.5	17.29	2.5	23.16	0.9	
Sun	05.40	2.7	12.14	0.4	18.48	2.5	** ** *	** ** *	
Mon	00.26	0.9	07.14	2.7	13.25	0.3	20.06	2.6	
Tues	01.41	0.8	08.33	2.8	14.27	0.2	21.14	2.7	
Wed	02.48	0.7	09.36	3.0	15.22	0.1	22.10	2.8	
Thur	03.45	0.5	10.31	3.1	16.11	0.1	23.00	2.9	
Fri	04.35	0.3	11.23	3.1	16.59	0.2	23.45	3.0	

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

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



Saturday, May 20

Light showers throughout the day.

Temperature around 13°C.

Sunday, May 21

Fine dry day with long sunny spells

Temperatures around 13°C.

Monday and Tuesday

Showery with a risk of thunderstorms

Temperatures around 11°C

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate

Claonaig/ Lochranza - Moderate

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 21 May
Shiskine 11am.
Brodick 7pm.

Reverend David Karoon.
All welcome.

Lamlash Church

Sunday 21 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, Pirmill and Shiskine
Independent but working together.

Sunday 21 May.
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times.
All welcome.

Brodick Church, 10.30am, Mrs Jean Hunter.
Corrie Church, noon, Mrs Jean Hunter.
Lochranza & Pirmill Churches 9.30am, Rev A Adamson.
Shiskine Church Noon, Rev A Adamson.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the above times and there will be a service of Thanksgiving in Shiskine Church at 6.30pm

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 21 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 and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and cards. The Young People's Group for all in S2 and upwards will meet in the Manse at 7pm

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Rev John Webster, locum.

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Sunday morning mass 11am.

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

Sunday 21 May: Holy Communion, 11.30 am. Rev Donald Strachan, North Uist. Please note change of time. Coffee after service.

Wednesday 24 May: 12.00 noon, Holy Communion.
All Welcome.

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 21 May at 11 a.m. in the Free Church building, Brodick

(beside the Post Office).
Tom Hutchison.
David Christison
'The Great Deliverance'
Exodus chapter 14
Everyone very welcome

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 21 May,
Trust Housing Lounge,
Brodick 11am,
Evening Service, 7pm.
5 Glen Road, Brodick, 7pm
Rev D MacLeod.
All Welcome.

Celtic Cairns

'You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood' (Peter 2:5 (NKJV))

Come along to Kilmory Hall, Saturday 27 May and hear Elizabeth Jensen, First Nations American with a prophetic calling to Scotland.
2.30pm and 4.30pm. Teaching, ministry and encouragement. Followed in the evening by a Celtic ceilidh 7pm to 9pm.

Perth wedding



Married recently in the Huntingtower Hotel, Perth were Allison Lorna, younger daughter of Helen and Stewart Cunningham, Kilbride Road, Lamlash and David Patterson. Both work with large insurance companies in Glasgow and will make their home in Busby, Renfrewshire. b20wed1

PERSONALS

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DEATH

WHYTE - Suddenly on Saturday 13th May 2006. John (Chalky) aged 37 years. Beloved husband of Susan, loving father of Sam and Adam, much loved son of Jeanette and the late Ian and brother of Jim and Janette. For funeral details please contact Templehill Funeral Services Tel 01292 316164. Sadly missed by all.

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

Shiskine Golf Club

Results for centenary putter:
1 Pat Adamson, Jamie Stewart 22+25= 47bih, 2 Pat Adamson, Willie Kelso 22+25=47, 3 Fiona Crawford, Graham Martlew 22+23=45.

LGU medal CCQ1 played 11 May, CSS 67, 13 played.

Silver: 1 Liz Kerr 82-17=65, 2 Pat Adamson 88-16=72. Scratch Liz Kerr 82.

Bronze: 1 Alice Anderson 93-24=69, 2 Denise Sherwood 96-22=74.

Fixtures

Gents: Saturday 21 May, Gents CCQ3, Wednesday 31 May, Dr. Adam Cup.

Ladies: Thursday 25 May CCQ3.

Thursday 1 June: Mary Craig trophy

Whiting Bay Golf

Gents

Wednesday 10 May. Summer Trophy round four.

1 Malcolm Pennycott 63-4=59, 2 Douglas Graham 76-14=62(bih), 3 Danny Head 69-7=62 (bih).

Malcolm won scratch with another excellent 63 and there were magic twos by Euan Ingram, Malcolm Pennycott, Sandy Pringle and David Morrison.

Fixtures

Sunday 21 May, McKelvie Cup Round two. Wednesday 24 May - J.C. Reid Trophy quarter finals and medal.

Thursday 25 May - Club championship quarter finals.

Ladies:

Sunday 14 May Thistle Brooch: 1 Gigi Kroner 95 - 35 - 60, 2 Mary Dick 102 - 36 - 66. Scratch Margaret Auld 88 - 18 - 70.

Fixtures

Sunday 21 May. Qualifying round for Crystal Trophy, tee-off noon.

Brodick Golf Club

Ladies

Tuesday 9 May St. Elmo Cup SSS 67 CSS 69, 28 played. Winner E Sinclair (13) 65, 2 S Anderson (19) 69, 3 J Beattie (14) 70. Scratch E Sinclair 78.

Arran Golfers Association

Centenary Spring Handicap to be played at Lamlash Golf Club on Wednesday 14 June

The inaugural event of the Association was held at Lochranza Golf Course on the 20 October 1906.

Twenty-one gents competed from all parts of the Island, five

played off scratch, seven between seven and 12 with seven between 13 and 18 of a handicap. The winner a Mr Douglas Cook from Lenamore Golf Course Kilmory with 87 - 18 - 69 net.

47 gents competed at Lamlash, 34 in first with 13 in second class, a mixture of scoring was recorded with only three within the CSS of 64 and 10 in the buffer of 66.

Eight presented non-returns and a large number returned high scores. Following a week of excellent weather the conditions changed with the early starters having the best of the day and the afternoon brigade experiencing Scotch mist and rain.

At the presentation of prizes the company were generous in their appreciation of the choice of prizes, bag tags, condition of the course and hospitality given by the new club steward and staff.

Scratch Winner D Macfarlane 66

J C Reid award for those aged 55+ Jimmy Armit 71-7-64

Spiers trophy winner Russell Adams 72-10-62 his two nines were 43 + 29.

Magic twos one only N.McKechnie with an eagle at the 18th hole.

Prize presented by E.I. Cannon for nearest the pin at the 16th won by D.Logan.

Second Class 0 to 12: 1 R.Adams 72-10-62, 2 N.McKechnie 71-8-63, 3 J.Armit 71-7-64

Thomson Cup - qualifying score 68.

First round to be played by Sunday 28 May, Second by Sunday 4 June.

Semi and final on Saturday 10 June at 1pm and 5.30pm.

G.Andrew v R.Adams, N.McKechnie v G Tinto, J.Armit v E.Evans, J.Pennycott v A.Smith, N.Young v J.O'Sullivan, D.MacFarlane v K.Robertson, I.Bremner v B.Jenkins and J.McGovern v R.McGunnigle.

Fixtures

Senior Bowl Friday 19 May final at Whiting Bay.

Junior Kelso Cup at Machrie Bay on Friday 2 and Wednesday 7 June.

First round Lamlash v Brodick and Whiting Bay v Shiskine.

Hope Cup at Machrie Bay Saturday 17 and Saturday 24 June.

Lamlash Golf Club

Gents

Thursday 4 May, Summer Cup, scores cancelled due to weather in afternoon and evening as course was unplayable.

Sunday 7 May: First round Q/Club championships also first round of Jamieson Cup, 22



Kerr Robertson (Captain) presents Bobby McCrae (left) with the Brodick Club trophy. Photograph courtesy Len Hartley

played. Sweep: 1 G Adams 78-15=63, 2 R Adams 74-10=64 bih, 3 J Murchie 67-3=64 bih over I Murchie. Best scratch, J Murchie 67.

Thursday 11 May, 32 played, CSS 64.

Sweep 1 E Evans 70-10-60, 2 I Bremner 67-5-62, 3 I Frew 79-17-62.

Best scratch I Bremner 67

Magic twos P McKay, I Murchie, J Thomson.

Saturday 13 May, Scratch cup CSS 64.

Sweep 1 R McGunnigle 66-6-

60, 2 D Macfarlane 64-1-63, 3 E Evans 73-9-64. Best scratch D Macfarlane 64

Sunday 14 May. Congratulations to Russell Adams on winning Guy Spiers. Also well done to Graham Tinto on winning second class and to Lamlash Golf Club on reaching the final of the seniors at Whiting Bay.

Ladies

Ann Cook Tray - Medal 10 May

1. Sheena Murchie 79-12 = 67 bih, 2. Ellie Jones 78-11 = 67,

3. Shonagh Murchie 96-28 = 68. Best Scratch Ellie Jones 78.



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Lamlash drift in to victory

While the Scottish Cup final was being played at Hampden last Saturday Arran football teams met for their own cup final at Sandbraes Stadium in Whiting Bay.

Lamlash met Brodick in the final of the Arran Haulage Cup and lifted the coveted cup winning by one goal to nil.

Affectionately referred to as the 'rollercoaster stadium' there were plenty of thrills and spills for the assembled throng of spectators who had gone along to watch the clash on this undulating pitch.

This is the first team Lamlash have had in four years and they have just acquired a home ground at Lamlash recreation field. Local council employee Stevie Bunyan has white lined the field but it looks as if Lamlash football team are going to have to pay North Ayrshire Council for the work.

Lamlash sponsor and joint team manager Sharlene Little of the

Drift Inn said: 'It was a fantastic game and it's really great to see a lot of younger players coming through.'

The first half of the match found both teams settling into the game and both created several chances on goal but as the half time whistle blew they were still to score.

Into the second half Lamlash were looking stronger and with more experienced players on their side they played solidly. Lamlash player Ewan Evans was substituted by Jamie Duncan who went on to score the only goal of the match.

Brodick fought hard but couldn't get one in the net past the men in black's keeper Robert Simpson and Lamlash drifted to victory.

There were celebrations after the match with a jubilant Lamlash savouring the moment.

The teams have come up with the novel idea of nominating the opposite sides man of the match.



The men in black, Lamlash football team before their cup final clash with Brodick at Sandbraes. b20win1

Brodick nominated Lamlash striker Paul Tinto who played a strong game and Lamlash nominated Brodick keeper Kyle

Barbour.

The league officially gets underway this Saturday when Lamlash meet Southend at Sand-

braes and Shiskine play Northend at Shiskine. Both matches kick off at 6pm. Sharlene said: 'As a committee we have decided on

three points for the winners of the games and one for a draw - it used to be two for a win but we thought we should move with the times!'



Brodick's Barry Wilson makes a well-timed header while marked by Lamlash's Keith McDowall. b20fot2



Donald 'Adi' Adamson is challenged by Brodick's Ian Keen and Robbie McDonald b20fot4



Brodick football team, sponsored by Skelf and Len, the jingly jangly men, ready for action. b20fot1

Arran girls get marathon fever

Three local Arran ladies took part in two of the world's greatest marathons last month.

Shonagh Murchie and Lynn Boal ran in the London Marathon for the second time; both girls finished the race with personal bests, Lynn ran 4hours19minutes and Shonagh 4hours44minutes.

Amazing atmosphere

The girls travelled to London along with their supporters and everyone enjoyed the amazing at-

mosphere of the race with nearly 40,000 runners and over half a million spectators.

Earlier in the month Leigh Kelly of Lamlash ran in the 30th anniversary Paris Marathon. This race had more than 30,000 runners and probably one of the most spectacular starts by running down the Champs d'Elysees.

Running partner

Anyone interested in starting jogging or just wanting someone

to run with could go along to Auchrannie Spa on a Thursday evening at 6pm for a 30minute outdoor run.

These runs are for people of all levels of fitness and experience.

Leigh said: 'I'd like to wish good luck to the 30 or more Arran ladies taking part in the Bri-

tannic Asset Ladies 10k in Glasgow this Sunday.

'Enjoy!'

More sport on pages 13 and 19.

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