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## New home for Arran Show

The Arran Show has found a new home.

On Wednesday 9 August the 170th Arran Farmers Society show will be held in the Castle Drive field in Brodict.

Lady chairman Dawn Murchie said: 'It will be a real challenge on a green field site but I am quite excited at the prospect.'

The society was founded 176 years ago in the Brodict Inn at Cladach on 30 January 1830 and is the oldest organisation on Arran.

Arran's annual show used to move around the villages but 58 years ago a storm in Shiskine blew away all the marquees.

From then it made its permanent home in Lamlash.

But building work on the new high school means that the show must move.

Up to now it has been held on the recreation park and high school field around Lamlash Community Centre. This area is now a building site.

After last year's show the society reluctantly decided that it had no choice but to look for a new showground.

A six-person sub-committee of Dawn Murchie, Alan Nicol, Robert Stewart, Howard Driver Jim Bone and Jean Clarke was appointed to look into possible sites and examined eight possible locations in Lamlash, Brodict and Shiskine.

Finally, with police approval and agreement from the landlord Charles Fforde, tenant Alec Reid and the National Trust for

Scotland, the Castle Drive field was selected.

Now the task is to make it a successful show that will be able to generate enough income to meet the extra costs.

Dawn explained: 'Our expenses will be so much higher this year.

'We'll have to bring in marquees, toilets, water, electricity and pay rent for the field. I hope the Arran people will back us in keeping the show going.

'There will be extra attractions to entertain the public. For example we are bringing over the Prestwick and District Dog Agility and Flyball Team and Janice Murchie will give a demonstration of carriage driving.

'We have a wonderful large flat field for the main show and car parking. It's like a blank sheet of paper to plan the showground layout.

'The horse events will be held in the Deer Park on the other side of the Castle Drive. Entrance to the showground will be via the drive to Murchie Sand and Gravel, opposite Duchess Court and Arran Haulage yard.'

Dawn added that the society hoped to negotiate with Stagecoach buses for extra services from Brodict pier to the showground.

She stressed: 'I would urge all members of the society to make extra efforts to bring forward livestock exhibits this year. The committee needs your support to make this a better show than ever.'



Lady chairman of Arran Farmers Society Dawn Murchie at the entrance to the new 2006 Arran showground in Brodict. b21sho1



Pauline's  
passion



Screen man Ian



Baroness  
Heather

## Emma aims for Miss Scotland 2006 crown

A girl with Arran connections has reached the last 20 of a Miss Scotland competition run by a national newspaper.

Emma Steel, granddaughter of John and Frances Steel of Bungalow Road, Lamlash, appears in a blue swimming costume and readers are asked to vote for their favourite by telephone.

All 20 girls are shown in the same style of costume and the overall winner will pick up the Miss Scotland 2006 crown and a cheque for £10,000.

John told the *Banner*: 'Emma is 19 years old and at Glasgow University studying for a science degree. She has done some modelling and works part-time

in a restaurant in Pollockshields.

'Someone saw her there and suggested she enter the competition.'

Her parents, Andrew and Wendy Steel, have a holiday caravan at Ardlui, Kings Cross and Emma goes there several times a year.

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# Emily plays at the McAlpine

Emily Ross of Brodick has been accepted into the prestigious Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (RSAMD) in Glasgow.

Emily plays the clarsach and hopes to build a career as a full-time musician. She starts the four-year BA traditional music course in September.

She will be the first Arran student to attend the Academy since Gillian Frame, fiddler and vocalist with successful group *Back of the Moon*, eight years ago.

Emily told the *Banner* that she will be playing in the ballroom at the McAlpine Hotel this Saturday 27 May with various other artists at a charity gig. Any profit raised will go towards buying a

Mark Norris harp for Emily.

She explained that this is a hand-crafted clarsach made at Mark Norris's workshop in Perthshire and is vital for her course.

'It's just gorgeous,' she said. 'A Mark Norris is hand-made and individual. They cost about £4,500 each.'

In February Emily played in the flagship concert at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow and found herself announcing the numbers to the audience.

She has previously played in the Bar Eden in Whiting Bay and Ormidale Hotel glasshouse and hopes that a good crowd will turn up for the concert and ceilidh in the McAlpine on Saturday.

# Footpath challenge for oil workers

The National Trust for Scotland's (NTS) Brodick Country Park hosted a team-building challenge last week.

Britannia Operator, who manage the North Sea Britannia Field on behalf of Conoco-Chevron, dispatched their Reservoir Prediction team to Arran to tackle a Footpath Repair Corporate Challenge.

The three-day residential Challenge was focussed on a 30 metre section of woodland trail, severely damaged by the ingress of surface water and the pounding of 11,000 pairs of boots per year.

The team of 10 re-established the pathline, dug out all mud and organic material and then back-filled with 4.5 tonnes of mineral base and surfacing material.

Water bars and drains were incorporated into the design to prevent future problems and steps were built to replace a steep eroded section of path.

The team had the satisfaction of transforming a muddy bog into a desirable pathline, and swapped the stress of managing Britannia's gas fields for the strain of shovelling gravel and digging turfs.

Thanks to the team's efforts the NTS rangers have been able to improve trails for the benefit of all the visitors to Brodick Country Park.

# Peaks race yacht rescue

Arran lifeboat *The Boys Brigade* was called out last Sunday night 21 May to a yacht in difficulties in the Clyde.

Local coastguards were alerted by a radio call from the vessel which was shipping water in heavy seas. They then co-ordinated the rescue with the Arran lifeboat service.

The 35 foot yacht, *Douphin*, had a crew of five on board and was taking part in the Scottish Islands Peaks Race.

Lifeboat *The Boys Brigade* was launched from Lamlash at 10.07pm and attended the *Douphin* some one and a half miles east of Holy Isle. The yacht was escorted back into Lamlash Bay and secured to a safe anchorage.

Coastguard leader David McKinnon said: 'They were happy to be back in the sheltered lee of Holy Isle.'

A lifeboat spokesman added: 'The lifeboat was back in the station by 11.05pm.'

# Field fire contained

A blaze in the Dyemill area of Lamlash resulted in a call out for Lamlash fire brigade.

The fire broke out in a field on Thursday 11 May when a local resident was burning weeds to the rear of their property and things took a turn for the worst.

Realising things were about to get out of control the resident raised the alarm.

## Quickly

Lamlash fire brigade was quickly on the scene and contained the blaze within minutes.

A spokesperson for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue confirmed the brigade attended a fire in a grass field in Lamlash.

Other call outs occurred on Monday 8 May when the brigade were called twice to Arran War Memorial Hospital after alarms sounded and on Wednesday 10 May when they were called to a refuse container fire at the Co-op.

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# A magical mystery tour



Pauline Corrigan, tour manager of Pride and Passion and looking to take Arran tourism operators on a magical mystery tour. b21pas1

Roll up, roll up for a magical mystery tour.

Arran's tourism operators are invited to join a mystery tour on Wednesday 7 June organised by the Pride and Passion movement.

Pauline Corrigan, tour manager told the *Banner*: 'It is on offer, free of charge, to anyone servicing the local tourism product. We will feed and water a coachload of 35 people and take them to a few attractions.'

She explained that it was part of the Scottish Tourism Week celebrations and is designed to visit Arran's hidden treasures, highlights and delights.

*The Banner* asked Pauline just what they hope to show Arran tourism operators about the Is-

land that they don't already know?

'The attractions may not be new to them,' she said. 'But it will be an opportunity to network and put themselves in the visitors' shoes.'

Pride and Passion is supported by the Scottish Executive and receives some public funding. It is designed to celebrate Scotland's cultural, historical and natural heritage.

A spokesman added: 'We want to make sure that every bit of a visitor's trip has the 'wow' factor, wherever they stay and whatever they do.'

The magical mystery tour will start from Bilslands Cafe in Brodick at 10am on Wednesday 7 June.

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# One year in the House for Katy Clark MP

Katy Clark was elected Westminster Member of Parliament for North Ayrshire and Arran just one year ago.

Last week she was on the Island for a surgery, a meeting with community councillors and an interview with the *Arran Banner*.

When she spoke with the *Banner* after her election Ms Clark identified ferries, roads, housing, employment and the environment as major Arran issues. So what has she achieved in these areas over the past 12 months?

Ms Clark explained that usually Monday to Thursday was spent in Westminster with Friday and Saturday in her constituency. She has two offices; one in Kilbirmie and one in Saltcoats.

She said: 'The office staff deal with domestic issues such as benefits and tax credits which have not been dealt with speedily. Our

role is not so much to give advice as to push where movement is not taking place'.

'We also address immigration problems in such cases where locals have married immigrants and are having difficulties with visas.'

Ms Clark said that her main achievement had been to hold a first adjournment debate in the House of Commons to raise employment rights.

'I am concerned at cheap foreign labour being brought in, particularly in the maritime sector. Some Filipinos are getting £2 an hour. I am looking at their rights and the rights of workers who could lose jobs because of this.'

When asked about current proposals for a wind farm and biomass plant in the southend of Arran, Ms Clark said: 'I am a strong supporter of renewable forms of energy and would look

at every proposal on its merits.'

*The Banner* asked her about the future of the nuclear power station at Hunterston which is so close to Arran.

'We have used up so much of the world's resources,' she said. 'There are only 40 to 60 years worth of available uranium left so we have to look elsewhere.'

But what about Hunterston B power station which is due for decommissioning in 2011. Will it be replaced?

Ms Clark answered; 'If the technical advice is that the licence can be extended for another 10 years then it will be OK. It will be examined on the basis of safety, cost and waste disposal'.

'Nuclear waste disposal is a long-term issue as the product will be around for thousands of years.'

'There needs to be a public de-

bate because a large number of power plants, both conventional and nuclear, are coming to the end of their lives'.

'Under the energy review process Parliament will debate a White Paper in June that will determine whether there is to be a new generation of nuclear power stations'.

'If that decision is taken it is very likely that there will be a strong case for a new Hunterston C power station.'

However, Ms Clark did hold out hope of a rosy future in the long run for wind power and biomass plants.

As she left the *Banner* office to meet community councillors Ms Clark said: 'My door is always open and I do welcome people getting in touch. I hope I can do something that might make a difference.'

## Annual plant sale



The Hospital Supporters League annual plant sale in Lamlash Community Centre last Sunday attracted the usual large crowd of eager gardeners. Maurice Deighton of the league said that their volunteers had brought 5,684 plants for sale and they were all laid out neatly in the hall. Due to parking constraints because of building work at the adjacent High School site some people were unable to get to the hall and quite a few plants were left. These will be for sale at the Whitsun fair in Whiting Bay Hall on Monday 29 May. All funds raised go towards extra medical provision for the Island. b21hos1

## Goatfell activity

Goatfell was the scene of much activity last weekend. At noon on Saturday 20 May 99 fell runners set off on the annual Goatfell Race.

Later that day, yachts on the Scottish Islands Peaks Race began arriving in Lamlash Bay on the third leg of the annual sailing and hill-running competition.

Fifty-one yachts set off from Oban the previous day, each with a five-man crew, usually two runners and three sailors.

They sailed to Mull, ran over Ben More, sailed to Jura, ran up the Paps and then sailed to Lamlash. The runners came ashore then had to run to Brodick, climb Goatfell, run back to Lamlash and set sail for the finishing line in Troon.

The runners could still be seen making their way to the summit of Goatfell with flickering lights in the darkness on Saturday night.

It was late on Sunday before the stragglers got back to Lamlash pier for the final leg of the race.

## Working hours extension for new high school

Barr Construction has asked North Ayrshire Council (NAC) for an extension of working hours specified in planning permission for the new Arran High School.

It was reported in last week's *Banner* that following complaints of late working on the Lamlash site NAC had reminded the subcontractor that they were obliged to work within approved hours.

However, on Monday 22 May Community Councillor Maureen Smith told the *Banner*: 'Due to the recent wet weather the foundation work for the new high school has fallen a little behind

the planned timetable.'

She added that NAC had apparently agreed with John Thomson Construction to extend working hours for a limited period to include Saturday and Sunday 8am to 6pm but possibly not all these would be worked.

Mrs Smith said: 'Machinery noise must be kept to a minimum to cause as little disturbance as possible. We have the assurance that this will be adhered to as far as possible.'

When the community councillor's comments were put to NAC on Wednesday 24 May Jim

Miller, chief development control officer replied: 'Work outside the permitted hours did take place a couple of weeks ago and we contacted the contractor to remind them of the authorised hours.'

'The contractors have in turn written to request permission to extend their operating hours for an eight week period'.

'This is being considered at the moment. If by granting the request it would enable the bulk of the heavy work to be completed before pupils return for the start of the new school year, then this would make sense.'

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The Working for Families Roadshow assembled on Brodick Pier following their successful session in Arran Learning Centre. b21ban1

## Helping families get back on the road

A roadshow designed at helping families who are unemployed, on low income or affected by health problems took place on Arran last week.

Working for Families (WfF) is an organisation funded by the Scottish Executive and has been set up to provide support and information and help parents get

back into work, education or training.

It was launched in 2004 by Communities Minister Malcolm Chisholm.

Kerry McGurie, initiative co-ordinator for WfF who led the event on Arran said: 'Our hope is to assist even more parents to access employment with the use of

our funding. We have been active on the Island for some time now, and are keen to reach as many parents as possible.'

Staff from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and representatives from various charity organisations accompanied Kerry and WfF who also spoke at the event. Many of these are geared toward providing funding access to assist in areas such as childminding

The WfF project says it can provide help with CVs, application forms, interviews, access to job

training and vacancies.

Local Councillor Margie Currie said: 'Working for Families provides excellent advice and support to parents who wish to return to training or employment, including help with childcare funding.'

Kerry concluded: 'We will be returning again on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 June.'

'Anyone wishing to discuss the opportunities available through Working for Families please do not hesitate to contact us on 01294 225169.'

## Tumblin' their Wilkies at the Cammy

For one night only in the Cameronia Hotel the Tumblin' Wilkies will stage their second annual 'homecoming' concert on Sunday 28 May.

The country duo consists of two half brothers, Darren Abbott Wilkie on vocals and rhythm guitar and Howe D Fox Wilkie on lead guitar and vocals. They are again joined by their cousin Dennis E Walts on bass fiddle. The band first visited the Island about 16 years ago, but their roots go back even further.

Howe explains: 'Our folks were born and raised on this beautiful Island. Our daddy 'Shifty' was a fiddle player and mom Sadie was a singer. They left in the 50s and set up home in Nashville Tennessee.'

Darren takes up the story: 'Yeah they opened up a liquor store right on the same street as the Grand Ole Opry. Many of the great stars of country music would frequent the store; people like George Jones and Johnny Cash, and Howe told me recently that he remembers we tumbled our wilkies (literally going head over heels) for Merle Haggard one night and he gave us a whole dollar.'

Howe concludes: 'I guess meeting all those famous stars rubbed off on us and got into our blood. Coming back to the Island is a real buzz. We haven't forgotten the taste of square sliced sausage or tatty scones, and whenever we are here our Scottish accents seem to appear again.'

The band will be joined by local artists. The Tumblin' Wilkies have a 'new' CD called the Whitey Album which they explain was actually recorded 15 years ago and thought to have been lost until recently the master tapes were discovered in Darren's attic.



Darren and Howe; the Tumblin' Wilkies.



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# Rotarians hear memories of going to the flicks

Do you remember going to the pictures or flicks more than half a century ago in Whiting Bay, Lamash or Brodick?

Do you remember the excitement and panic when the projector broke down and the lights came up to show a frantic projectionist standing in the middle of an ever increasing pile of celluloid?

In those days there was no modern mobile cinema on Arran, and no huge complexes with many films on at the one time in Scotland's towns and cities.

Yet the cinema or 'the pictures,' as we called it in Arran, was a very important feature in the social lives of most families and even more crucial to the young courting couple.

The shy young man didn't need to make conversation and the more daring could take his young lady to the back row of the stalls.

On Tuesday evening Tony Wall took Arran's Rotary club on a trip down memory lane.

His early career working in cinemas, culminating in the dizzy heights of Cinema Manager at such well known names as The Gaumont, The Odeon or The Picture House, brought back fond memories for older Rotarians and a flavour of the social history surrounding the cinema theatres for the younger ones.

To become a cinema manager Tony had to train at the Rank Training College in London. It took four years to qualify and every aspect of running these

huge organisations had not only to be learned but experienced.

In addition to the manager in the big cinemas, there were assistants, trainees, projectionists, apprentices, usherettes, cleaners and a fireman as well as ticket staff, doormen and cashiers.

Every morning there was a staff parade when the manager checked that clothes were tidy, hands were clean and welcoming smiles in place. Every aspect of the theatre was inspected each morning before the continuous programme opened in the afternoon with the news, the second feature, trailers and finally the big picture or main feature.

Tony kept Rotarians amused, entertained and informed. In the very early days all management



Jim Nichols gives an amusing vote of thanks to Tony Wall watched by George Drennan and John Corbett. b21rot1

staff had to wear evening dress and at lavish openings visited by the big screen stars, senior staff were required to wear tails.

In 1950 a manager was paid the equivalent of £6 per week and a ticket cost about 30p. There were other perks though, and Tony met many stars including Donald O'Connor, Anthony Newley and Tony Curtis.

The first film shown in Scotland was South Pacific which ran in Glasgow for 14 weeks.

Fire was a serious risk in cinemas as celluloid is very flammable and most people smoked in the 40s and 50s. Strict regulations were set for all theatres after many children died in a disaster in Paisley.

Before the war there were more than 1,000 cinemas in Britain, but by the mid 50s that had reduced to 250. Tony reminded us that in the early days of the talkies you could pay a shilling and have an evening's cinema entertainment,

sweets and ice-cream and listen to the organ playing the theme music.

Before Tony's time, silent films had just as enthusiastic an audience. People are now returning to what many used to describe as the best form of mass entertainment in the world.

Unfortunately much of the old excitement has gone as people become more and more sophisticated, but it was wonderful to be invited out to the pictures one more time.

## Osprey expert to visit Arran

The RSPB and Scottish Natural Heritage have announced that Roy Dennis, one of Scotland's most influential conservationists of the past 50 years will be attending the Arran Wildlife Festival on the 30 May at 7.30pm in

Kilmory Hall.

With a packed programme of events already planned from 27 to 31 May across the Island, Roy's evening visit to Kilmory Hall will provide an enthralling end to what it is hoped will be five days of amazing wildlife action and activities for everyone.

### Key figure

Currently leading the Highland Foundation for Wildlife, Mr Dennis was a key figure in the early days of Ospreys returning to the Scottish Highlands over 50 years ago, with both the Osprey and the 1980's west-coast Sea Eagle recovery projects some of the most pioneering conservation work ever undertaken in the UK.

Now a measure by which many other species introduction programmes are marked, Roy's presentation on Ospreys both at home and abroad will no doubt be an

engaging evening for all.

These two iconic species of Scottish wildlife are now thriving with over 200 pairs of Ospreys and around 35 pairs of Sea Eagles roaming the skies - with Sea Eagles also becoming the subject of the multi award-winning RSPB film 'The Eagle Odyssey'.

### Highly acclaimed

This highly acclaimed full-length feature will be shown on Monday 29 May, also at Kilmory Hall.

Roy's appearance comes just two years after receiving RSPB Scotland's highest accolade at their Centenary Awards for the most important contribution by an individual to species conservation in Scotland.



An osprey perched on a tree.

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# High School News

## Sixth year's party

Once again the time of year has come for the sixth year pupils to leave our numbers and to commemorate their leave.

The school held a formal dinner in Brambles Restaurant on the evening of Tuesday 9 May. Toggled up in their best clothes, all the leavers had a posh dinner followed by an evening of dancing and music, to which a guest could be invited, if requested.

The meal was attended by al-

most all teachers though the event was organised by the sixth years themselves who invited the staff of their own accord.

The night was enjoyed by all, the particular highlight of the evening being the after-party that was held in honour of the ex-pupils, which was somewhat more 'rowdy' than the formal dinner.

The next day a lunch was held in the staff room, though as a result of the night before some of the pupils were still slightly 'withdrawn'. We wish the sixth years good luck in their future pursuits and success in later life.  
**Amy Middleton S3**

## Towers trip to thrill

This week 80 very lucky children received their consent forms for the school trip to Alton Towers.

They will leave on an evening ferry on Wednesday in order to catch a coach for a hefty bus ride down south, apparently with many toilet stops.

The students have been split up into gender groups of three to share a room. Staff hope that this will prevent any nonsense and hopefully mean they will get a good night's sleep. The hotel they are staying at is in the resort and is themed to be like a beach which has a very nice swimming pool.

The teachers supervising the students are Mr Barr, Mr Earle, Mr McLaughlin, Miss Gibson, Miss Whiteford, Ms Mullen, Mrs MacLean, Mr Stewart, and of course Mrs Taylor.

The students and teachers are going to be arriving at Alton Towers at 7am and then waiting until 9.30 to get inside. They will have the whole day to do as they please in the park and then at the end of the day they will all meet up and will head to the hotel.

The next morning the exhausted pupils and teachers will have to endure a bonny bus ride home.

Pupils are already buzzing with excitement and are getting ready to climb on board the spinning and furiously fast rides and well, I suppose some of the teachers are too! **Eilidh Kerr S3**

## Show sounds splendid

The curtains are going up, the set is on the way and the costumes for *West Side Story* are flying in.

The school show is just around the corner and rehearsals are in full swing with Mrs Gough, Mrs Hamilton, Ms Gibson, and accent coach Mr Shanky speeding the production along.

This year's show promises to be one of the biggest dates in the Arran calendar this year. With multi-talented cast members such as veteran actor Paul Tinto as Tony starring alongside Sabrina Beaton as Maria.

*West Side Story* is sure to be filled with mesmerising dance routines choreographed by none other than Shiskine's very own Fiona Rodriguez, accompanied by an astonishing musical score by composer Leonard Bernstein.

Keep watching this space to receive your first notification of ticket sales, which will no doubt become gold dust to Arran residents. **Calum Johnston and Jamie Cleland.**

## Lochranza gardens are now in bloom



The first cut at the new Lochranza Hall garden is taken by Douglas Coulter and Bill Scott. b211oe1

Lochranza Hall has a new garden.

The hall committee obtained a grant of £10,000 from the landfill tax through North Ayrshire Council and did some serious fund raising to make a substantial contribution from the village.

Armitage Groundworks did all the site preparation of digging and levelling.

At the moment work is in progress installing a water tap and an outside power point, and planting and digging is being done by work parties of volunteers every Friday.

A planting plan has been devised by local gardening experts Jim Jack and Doreen Cant and

plants have been ordered with more being donated from local gardeners.

The project has been supervised by a village hall sub committee headed up by Bill and Gail Scott.

Although not quite finished, the garden will be open at the Lochranza Open Gardens event on Friday 26 and Sunday 28 May 2006 along with a number of other local gardens.

Cream teas will be available at the village hall or perhaps in the new garden if weather permits.

Open gardens will be indicated by balloons on the gates and tickets, to include the cream tea, will be available at all gardens.

## Lamlash WRI at a close

The ladies finished their 2006 session with a lovely meal at Fairways restaurant and they would like to thank Andy and Lamlash Golf Club.

New office bearers: President Ann Miller, Vice-president Gill Butcher, Secretary Margaret Gray, Assistant Secretary Carol Davis, Treasurer Betty Huseyin, Press Secretary Margaret Murchie, Competition Secretary Helen MacGregor, Federation Representative Julie Hannah, Vivienne Haigh.

## Lost and found

A pair of prescription tinted bifocal glasses were lost in the vicinity of Brodick Co-op last week.

Please phone Mr Frost on 01505 872332.

Prescription sunglasses found on rough track to King's Caves. Phone Lesley 600431

## Lamlash Improvements Association

The next meeting will be held on Monday 29 May at 7.30pm in the ACVS room.

## Arran Horticultural Society

Coach trip to Gardening Scotland, Ingliston, Friday 2 June 2006. Leave on the 8.20am ferry and return on the 6pm ferry. A few places left, phone Gill.

## RNLI Shop

The Lifeboat Shop will be open this weekend 27 / 28 May from 2 - 4pm and every weekend at the same time until the end of August.

## Royal British Legion

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# 'Maybe not just a crow'

## Bird Notes by Jim Cassels

Crows are among the most intelligent of birds and can be found all over the world except southern South America, the Poles, and a few remote islands.

In the United Kingdom there are eight resident species of crow namely jay, magpie, chough, jackdaw, rook, carrion crow, hooded crow, and raven.

Of these four are resident breeders in Arran. These are the raven, jackdaw, carrion and hooded crow.

The raven is massive and bigger than a buzzard and in flight it shows a diamond-shaped tail. The jackdaw is the smallest, with its familiar chattering call.

These are closely related and in Arran interbreed so there are

birds, whose plumage is between the two illustrated.

As for the other four, the jay, magpie, chough, and rook, there are no breeding records in Arran for any of them this century or last century.

In the past 25 years there have been two sightings of jay, five sightings of magpie, and only one sighting of chough. All breed not far away with the chough's stronghold on Islay.

I have spoken with one person who remembers these black crows with the red hooked beak on Arran. On the other hand, magpies are very familiar birds to people living on or visiting the mainland.

What of the rook? With its grey-

ish white face and beak, peaked head, and ragged 'trousers', it is a very common bird on the adjacent Ayrshire mainland. Yet it is an uncommon winter visitor to Arran unless of course it is being overlooked.

The next time you see a big black crow, instead of thinking 'Just a crow' I encourage you to have another look. It may be a rook.

### Enjoy your birding.

Remember to 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.



Rook. b20nat1



Carrion crow. b20nat2



Hooded crow. b20nat3

## Arran Dancers wished the best

Arran Dancers would like to wish all the very best to the girls taking their Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) exams at the beginning of June.

These days also, RAD exams are formally recognised, alongside academic exams, towards each child's record of achievement.

### No dancing

The group's organiser Janet Primrose would like to remind everyone there will be no dancing at Brodick Primary School this Saturday 27 May as the school is holding its annual fete.

She is sure that all Arran Dancers would be welcome to come anyway and support the school.

The group's splendid new shed is now operational and they would like to thank the Arran Society and the Arran Rotary for their contributions and also for the materials supplied by Chris Gillson, plus the muscle of various fathers, in laying the foundations.

The fun performing side is equally as important as the technical exam aspect. The strength and grace that is gained through

ballet classes is of value in itself, and it is not necessary to take exams.

Newcomers from the ages of three to 18 are welcomed. A reminder that the senior theatre class is a mixed ability, stand alone class, for basically high school pupils.

Janet Primrose said: 'Maybe after the High School production of *West Side Story* some youngsters, having enjoyed the benefit of incorporating choreographed dance to their performance, would enjoy continuing that with us in our own show later this year.'



*Sound of Music* principals John Wilson, Heather Johnston, Fiona Rodriguez and Bob McLaren. b21sou1

## Wait over for *The Sound of Music*

At last the waiting is over. After weeks of winter rehearsals, the musical magic of *The Sound of Music* takes to the Arran stage.

### Popular

One of the most popular family musicals of our lifetime is set to captivate audiences of all ages in Brodick Hall from Mon 29 May to Sat 3 June.

As well as all the popular songs from the film, the Arran production contains songs from the original score which

were missing in the 1965 film, so make sure you get your tickets, now on sale to the public.

### Vivacious

The part of 'Maria' played by Julie Andrews in the 1965 film is taken by the vivacious Fiona Rodriguez, ex professional dancer who now lives in Shiskine.

'Captain Von Trapp' who was played by Christopher Plummer is filled by last year's 'Tevye' from *Fiddler on the Roof*, Bob McLaren,

who lives in Brodick and works with John Thomson Construction, Lamlash.

### Glamorous

The glamorous 'Baroness Elsa Schraeder' is played by the versatile and experienced Heather Johnston of Lamlash, and relative newcomer to the Arran stage, John Wilson, originally from Exeter plays the loveable rogue 'Max Detweiler' organiser of the Kaltzberg Festival Concert.

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'Remember that first piece you wrote about having a dog', somebody said to me last week. I'd written only one piece, but she was convinced I'd broached the subject more than once and was eager to speak about it. Indeed many people were, making me wonder if I'd touched a chord, at least among dog owners.

They form a sort of club of shared experience, and when they meet they talk about the lengths one goes to in looking after the dog. Remember, I didn't even like dogs. And many of the most awkward experiences centre around when the dog decides to do its business.

So conversation is about plastic bags and always having them ready. I suspect this is a fairly new phenomenon since public attitudes, and enforcement of the law, have changed radically these last few years. Time was, in my dog hating days, when dog owners just let dogs do it anywhere, and it was others who were mightily inconvenienced at the most unexpected times. A pair of shoes so tarnished never felt right for at least a couple of days.

Now the onus is on the dog owner and most take it seriously. Trouble is that, however careful the diet, and however many plastic bags in your pocket, one does not have full control. Dogs eat much more than just what you give to them. Myriad dead creatures on the beach are but a few of the horrors they will savour. And these can upset the equilibrium of their movements.

In Glen Rosa this matters little. But last week I took the dog to Glasgow to meet some guests. I went to Central Station early to check out parking and what did she do in the middle of the station? Yes, but I was equipped and went to work and made a fair job of clearing it up, thinking that was it done for the day. However she must have eaten something earlier. Before meeting my guests I had lunch with a young lady who had just decorated her flat. I was concerned when I heard the dog moaning, but then mortified to see she had done something on my friend's new carpet. Much of the poor girl's lunch hour was spent with the two of us getting buckets of hot water, and Dettol, and air fresheners and me pretending that it would soon be as good as new.

But the dog excelled herself when I parked the car in Bothwell Street for the station. Passing a busy bus stop, she stopped, bent over, and it was mostly liquid. Plastic bags were useless on a wet pavement with a very soft movement. I broke into a sweat of embarrassment, then made a big show of rustling my plastic bags, and pondered. Then I looked furtively all around to see who was looking, and in particular to check that no policemen were near, and then quickly walked away as if nothing had happened. Hopefully the rain would do my work.

Fortunately that was the end of it and she was back to her normal routine after that, although I remained worried as she was petted in the station. Nobody attacked me, however, as happened to a lady in Bristol recently. Out with her dog she was carrying two plastic bags of you-know-what when a mugger with a knife demanded the bags. She happily handed them over. The mugger got four years in jail.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."  
(Colossians 3:17)

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# Letters to the Editor



## Help sought

Sir,  
Arran Cancer Support Trust (ArCaS) has had another busy year.

Cancer patients have been transported to and from hospitals (free of charge) and donations of medical equipment have been made, mostly due to the income from the shop at the pierhead.

Unfortunately we have lost a few of our shop volunteers because of illness or leaving the Island.

If anyone is willing to give a few hours on a regular basis, or as a substitute when required, please either leave your name, address and telephone number in the shop or telephone 600289.

We require both counter help and sorters for the back shop.  
Yours,  
Betty McArthur, Secretary  
ArCaS, The Pier, Brodick

## Surprise thanks

Sir,  
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with my surprise 40th birthday party.

I can't believe everyone kept it so quiet. I had a fantastic evening and I would also like to thank you for all my lovely gifts. Many, many thanks and I now no longer trust what anyone tells me.

Mrs Bone beware next year.  
Yours,  
Janet Ramage  
Clauchlands Farm Cottage,  
Lamlash

## Wanton vandalism

Sir,  
The report in *The Banner*, edition 1543 concerning the wanton vandalism to four of Arran's Stage-coach buses is both depressing and infuriating.

If ever there was a case for giving the culprits an Anti Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) not to visit Arran again, I don't know what is.

Mind you, one has to query whether the buses had any form of alarm system fitted and if not why not?

Then again, there have been other cases of vandalism on Arran in recent times and they would all seem to be the result of excessive alcohol consumption

which is something which should be reported to the police and not simply tolerated or ignored.

People who get drunk usually end up causing violence and/or damage on the roads - as we all know only too well.

Yours,  
Ginger Bright  
'Engine House'  
Dacre Banks  
Nr Harrogate  
North Yorkshire.

## Arran Car Club

Sir,  
Arran Car Club will be holding its annual dance in Shiskine Hall on Saturday 3 June.

This year as well as great music from The Queeves, there are tunes from Steve and the usual raffle. We will also be having a bar which will be strictly over 18s. There will be a separate juice bar for anyone not drinking. No alcohol will be allowed in or out of the hall.

The dance will start at 9.30pm and finish at 1am. We would urge that people attending the dance arrange transport to suit these times and do not hang about before or after.

Our aim is for everyone to have a good time and stay safe.  
Yours,  
Colin Cameron,  
Old Bank Cottage  
Blackwaterfoot

## Feis Arainn

Sir,  
Entrants are reminded that the closing date for the application forms for Feis Arainn is today, Friday 26 May.

Anyone still wishing to register should do so as quickly as possible direct to Aileen McLaughlin, Taigh an Dara, Whiting Bay, Tel: 700209.

Forms are available from the primary schools and from the office of Arran High School.

Yours,  
Aileen McLaughlin  
Taigh an Dara  
Whiting Bay

## Heritage project

Sir,  
On behalf of the staff and pupils of Arran High School I would like to thank all the people who have been kind enough to assist with this year's Heritage Project, both

with the Museum Visit and at the Gathering.

Particular thanks go to the committee members who set up the interviews and of course to all our friends who came along to answer the pupils' questions on the day of the Gathering.

In order to complete the project, I would ask committee members please to attend a meeting in the high school at 3pm on Thursday 15 June when we will review this year's events and hand over the completed projects.

Yours,  
Ian McLaren  
Arran High School

## Pick up litter

Sir,  
'We responded immediately to complaints from the public about the state of Brodick beach. I believe that it is in perfect condition now' - council spokesman reported in the *Arran Banner* 20 May 2006.

Presumably he has actually walked the length and breadth of the beach? I've just had a lovely weekend on Arran, staying with relatives, and I'm told the beach is far better than it was, but it's a long way from perfect.

Take a brief walk along the path from the golf course and scrubland and bushes are disappointingly still full of litter, cans and detritus.

Arran does a pretty good job. The provision of litter bins is far better than where I live in Cumbria, but unfortunately not everyone seems to know how to use this advanced technology.

It's an open question who is to blame. Is it the public who drop litter, councils who don't clear it up, or the junk food, confectionery and paper hanky manufacturers who foist us with more and more waste?

Whoever it is, it's a sign we don't appreciate nature, beauty and our natural landscapes enough.

When I go walking in Cumbria I usually carry a bag and pick up whatever trash I see, mindful that visitors want to see nature at its best. I did the same on Goat Fell and was actually pleased to find very little trash on the slopes, but far more on the roads at the bottom.

On a seaside walk from Lochranza to Corrie I was over-

whelmed by the amount of trash on the beaches. Even ignoring the plastic flotsam and jetsam, I had to stop collecting what was tourist litter such as bottles, cans and tissues, when I had a whole sackful.

Maybe we need to learn to love ourselves and our built and natural environments better. And maybe the tourist areas, which feed our love of nature and beauty, could set a good example with effective litter collecting initiatives.

This might be a good opportunity for young offenders to get closer to nature by cleaning it up. And once clean, maybe we could create a new countryside code encouraging people not just to not drop litter, but to pick it up when they see it.

Thanks for raising this important issue.

Yours,  
David Saunders  
Rusland  
Ulverston  
Cumbria

## Lamlash improvements

On behalf of Lamlash Improvements Association I write to thank the few volunteers who gave their time and effort to clean the beach last Sunday. Thanks also, once again to Donald Kerr for providing refreshments in the Old Pier Tea-room for the workers.

Yours,  
Carol Mitchell  
Lamlash Improvements  
Tigh-Na-Cuile  
Lamlash

## Thanks

Sir,  
Through your column, I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who sponsored me last Sunday when I successfully completed the 10k womens run in Glasgow.

Thank you also goes out to Steve Ford of Westcoast Finance for helping to collect sponsorship. Between us we have raised £520 which will be donated to the Scottish Huntingtons Association. Huntingtons Disease is a devastating neurological condition that affects whole families.

Approximately 700 adults and a small number of children live with the condition in Scotland. Several thousand individuals live at high risk of developing the disease.

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Anne Curtis  
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Married at Lamlash Register Office on 20 May were Irene Beggs and Jim McIntosh, both of Tullibody, Clackmannanshire. Jim had left his dress kilt at home so had to get married in shirt sleeves. Irene works for the Clydesdale Bank and Jim is a shopping centre manager. b21wed1



Married by registrar Susan Barr at Lamlash Register Office on Saturday 20 May were Richard, son of Christina and Patrick Burns and Catherine, daughter of Rosie and the late Kenny Ross. The couple both work at Montrose House and live in Brodick. b21wed4



Married at Kilbride Parish Church, Lamlash by Rev Elizabeth Watson on Saturday 13 May were Lynne, daughter of Jim and Brenda Stewart of Lamlash and Kenny Wonnacott of Edinburgh. Lynne is a teacher in Bridge of Weir and Kenny has retired from the Royal Marines. b21wed3



Lynne and Kenny Wonnacott's entire wedding party on the front green in Lamlash. b21wed2

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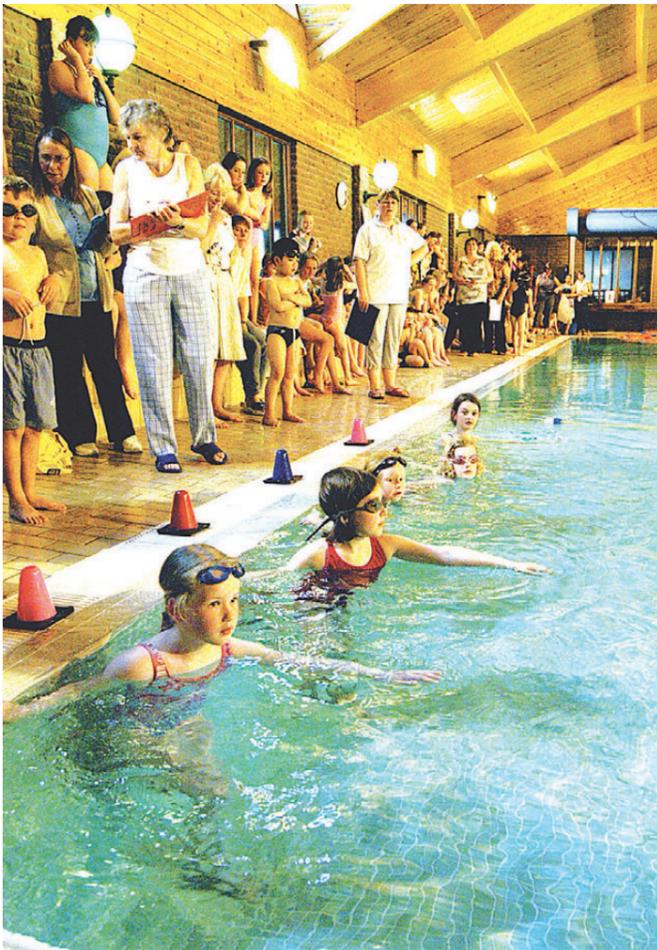


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# Arran Primary Schools Swimming Gala 2006



P2 girls prepare for one breadth of the pool; Ellis McK-elvie, Corrie, Katie Ross, Pirnmill, Fiona Bulger, Corrie, Isla Hill, Brodick and Katie Murchie, Shiskine. b21swm2

The annual Arran primary schools swimming gala had to find a new home this year after more than 20 years in the same location.

Owing to Kinloch Hotel pool being refurbished this popular event moved to the Auchrannie Hotel's pool where a record number of children took part in

the competition last Thursday.

Boys' champion was Connor Smith of Shiskine primary and girls' champion was Emma Hill of Brodick primary.

This is the reverse of last year when the girls' champion was a pupil from Shiskine and the boys' champion was from Brodick primary.



Natalie Innes of Pirnmill and Lynn Ramage power up the pool in the backstroke section of the girls' champions race. b21swm1



High School PE teacher Steve Evans makes sure the P2 boys know what to do in their race; Ali Sneddon, Bailey Robinson and Romney Soong b21 swm4

**Results**  
Key: S = Shiskine, P = Pirnmill, B = Brodick, L = Lamlash, W = Whiting Bay, C = Corrie

P1 girls 1length - 1 Lucy Crawford S, 2 Maili Beaton P, 3 Anne Meister S.

P1 boys 1length - 1 Trefor Goronwy C, 2 Ryan Wilson B.

P2 girls 1length - 1 Fiona Bulger C, 2 Katie Murchie S, 3 Katie Ross P.

P2 boys 1length - 1 Romney

Soong B, 2 Ali Sneddon P, 3 Bailey Robinson W.

P3 girls 1length - 1 Hannah Bone L, 2 DDMcAleer B, 3 Asha Simpson W.

P3 boys 1length - 1 Ben Leslie L, 2 Jamie McLaren C, 3 Harry Anderson B.

P4 girls 1length - 1 Erin Boal B, 2 Taylor Smith S.

P4 boys 1length - 1 Rory Hunter L, 2 Roy Soong B, 3 Fraser Blain C.

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The backstroke section of the boys' champions race; Gavin Gilbert of Whiting Bay, Harry Thomson, Lamlash and Connor Smith of Shiskine. b21swm3

  
The National Trust for Scotland  
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**Workshops and Guided Walks**  
Mon May 29th: Kildonan Shore Walk (book)  
Tues May 30th: Kilmory Shore Walk (book)  
Tues May 30th: Gardens Walk 2pm  
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# Garden Notes by Kathy Sayer

## Strong roots and firm stakes

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**Girls Champions race** - 1 Emma Hill B, 2 Lynn Ramage B, 3 Natalie Innes P.

**Boys Champions race** - 1 Connor Smith S, 2 Matthew Evans L, 3 John Murchie S.

**P5 girls - 2 lengths back crawl** - 1 Susie Mowatt W, 2 Sophie Marriott W, 3 Ceile Boyle B.

**P5 boys - 2 lengths back crawl** - 1 Drew Ashley W, 2 Connor Reid B.

**P6 girls - 2 lengths back crawl** - 1 Georgie Woods B, 2 Caledonia Gunn B.

**P6 boys - 2 lengths back crawl** - 1 Scott Barbour B.

**P7 girls - 2 lengths back crawl** - 1 Lynn Ramage B, 2 Rosie McCormack W, 3 Amy Wedge W.

**P7 boys - 2 lengths back crawl** - 1 Mathew Evans L, 2 Lewis Brennan W.

**P5 boys - 2 lengths breast stroke** - 1 Jordan Crawford S, 2 Elliot Morrison B.

**P6 girls - 2 lengths breast stroke** - 1 Lauren MacAlister S, 2 Gillian Anderson B, 3 Hollie Watkins B.

**P6 boys - 2 lengths breast stroke** - 1 Neil Hunter L, 2 Ewan Bulger C, 3 Colin MacKenzie W.

**P7 girls - 2 lengths breast stroke** - 1 Libby Raeburn B, Beth Hamilton (2=) S, Eilidh Macleod (2=) L.

**P7 boys - 2 lengths breast stroke** - 1 John Murchie S, 2 Harry Thomson L, 3 Lewis Brennan W.

**P5 girls - 2 lengths crawl** - 1 Shannon McAllister L, 2 Eilidh Black B, 3 Anna Hamilton S.

**P5 boys - 2 lengths front crawl** - 1 Euan Bone L, 2 Jordan Crawford S, 3 Hamish Hamilton S.

**P6 girls - 2 lengths front crawl** - 1 Georgie Woods B 2, Lauren MacAlister S, 3 Gillian Anderson B.

**P6 boys - 2L lengths front crawl**



Sheila Bayne receives a basket of flowers from boys' champion Connor Smith and girls' champion Emma Hill for her many years of organising the annual swimming gala. b21swm5

- 1 Neil Hunter L, 2 Ewan Bulger C, 3 Donald Park W.

**P7 girls - 2 lengths front crawl** - 1 Megan McAllister L, 2 Emma Hill B, 3 Rosie McCormack W.

**P7 boys - 2 lengths front crawl** - 1 Connor Smith S, 2 Mathew Evans L, 3 Peter Sell W.

**Medley relay** - 1 Pirrmill, 2 Corrie, 3 Kilmory.

**Medley relay** - 1 Shiskine, 2 Lamlash, 3 Whiting Bay.

**Freestyle relay** - 1 Corrie, 2 Kilmory.

**Freestyle relay** - 1 Lamlash, 2 Brodick, 3 Shiskine.

We may choose plants for our gardens because their foliage or flowers attract us but it is the hidden roots which are the most important part for the plants survival and growth.

Only with a microscope can you see the very extensive delicate root system that collects water and food needed for the plant to flourish.

Yet it is the roots which also hold the plant firmly in the soil. If the winds loosen the plant in the soil every time it rocks the part above ground it moves the rootball too and damages those very fragile root hairs.

So do take care when you plant a new purchase. To state the obvious, look at the plant in the pot and see where the surface of the compost is on the stem. Even if the compost falls away as you remove the pot make sure that you level the soil to the same depth.

If you plant it too deeply, the stem may rot away, if you don't plant it deep enough, then the roots will dry out and it may die.

Strawberry plants are most fussy about this. Of course there have to be exceptions. Clematis do best if planted an inch or so deeper than they were in their pots.

Firming the soil around a new plant helps to give the roots a good start but please don't overdo

this and compact the soil like concrete. For small plants like summer bedding use your fingers to press the earth but with a tree or shrub use your heel.

There are few gardens on Arran which are really sheltered and so you may need to give the new plant some support.

Bamboo canes, posts, purpose made metal links or twigs and branches from the hedgerow? Obviously for a young tree or substantial shrub a round wooden stake is best. The councils tend to use big stakes to deter vandalism as well as support the saplings.

In a garden, the current advice is to use a short stake at a 45 degree angle and to use a tree tie or old tights to tie the trunk securely.

Most importantly, check any tie around a plant at least twice a year in spring and autumn to see that it is not cutting into the bark.

How sad it is to see an expensive plant that is doing its best to grow and then it strangles itself on a tie that the slack gardener has not slackened off. Even sunflowers can outgrow their strings within a week!

So solid stakes or supports are needed to keep the roots steady for permanent plants such as trees.

But what about the lush growth of herbaceous perennials or veg-

etables?

Some folk like the regimented tidy look of masses of bamboo canes. I would only choose to use them for runner beans or lilies. For a more natural look for peas, poppies and most herbaceous plants try twiggy branches of hazel or silver birch.

The walled garden at the castle has some very well-made silver birch domes over astrantias etc. They are quite a challenge to make the first time but can look very good in their own right until the foliage comes up through and covers them.

I prefer natural jute string for use in the garden which soon blends in. If you leave it too late and the plants have been flattened by winds and rain, they rarely look their best even when you try and prop them up.

So the key is to keep the stakes and supports as unobtrusive as possible and let the plants be the focus of attention. **KS**

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## SATURDAY 27th May

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm  
Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am- noon  
Football coaching, Ormidale park, boys & girls 5-15, 9am  
Arran Dancers Brodick Primary School 11am - 4.15pm.  
Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club, Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm  
Karate Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am & 12.30pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm  
Brodick Bowling Club rink game 2pm  
Football Brodick v Shiskine Check time  
Football Northend v Southend Check time  
Ceilidh, Kilmory Hall, 7pm  
The Queeves, Lochranza & Catacol Hall, 9pm  
RNLI Lifeboat shop open, Lamlash Pier 2 - 4pm  
Spring Fayre BBQ, Brodick Primary 12-2pm  
Linda Muirhead at the Drift Inn 9.30pm

## SUNDAY 28th May

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm  
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  
Fun Dog Day, Mayish, Brodick, 11am  
Cricket Match Sannox v Doon Valley, Sannox Oval, 11.30am  
RNLI Lifeboat shop open, Lamlash Pier 2 - 4pm  
Hen harrier viewing launch Kilmory Hall, 2pm.  
Marine Wildlife evening, Kilmory Hall, 7pm

## MONDAY 29th May

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am - 5pm  
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am - 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, Brodick, 6pm  
Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Scottish Country Dancing, Whiting Bay School, 7.30pm  
Pilates, Auchrannie 7.30pm  
St Brides Ladies meeting, Brodick Church Hall 7.30pm  
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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  
Brodick Bowling Club rink game 6.30pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 6.30pm  
Hospital Supporters League AGM, Craigielea 7.30pm  
The Sound of Music, Brodick Hall, 8pm  
Guided Forest Adventure Walk, from Kilmory Hall, 10am  
Guided Hen harrier walk, from Kilmory Hall, 2pm  
The Eagle Odyssey Filmshow, Kilmory Hall 7.30pm  
Kildonan WRI coffee morning, Kilmory Hall, 10.30am

## TUESDAY 30th May

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am - 5pm  
Shiskine Brownies, shiskine primary 6.45 - 8.15pm  
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am - 12.05pm  
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am  
Brodick Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am - noon  
Lochranza Swimming Club, Kinloch, 11am - noon  
Pirmill Guild Meeting - Village Hall 2pm  
Legs, Bums & Tums, Auchrannie Spa, 6 - 6.45pm  
Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road, 7.30 - 9.30pm  
Open Darts night, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 8pm  
Scottish Country Dancing, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Citizens Advice open 10am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm appointment only  
Carpet Bowls, Kilmory Hall 2.30pm & 7pm  
Art Group, Kilmory hall 2 - 4pm  
Pop quiz, Ormidale Hotel 10pm  
Lochranza & Catacol Coffee morning, Hall 10am - 12pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous 'drop-in' Hospital Bungalow 6.30pm - 8pm  
Rotary Club, Auchrannie Spa, 7.15pm  
Senior Fitness Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am & 10.45am  
The Sound of Music, Brodick Hall, 8pm  
Illustrated Talk with Roy Dennis, Kilmory Hall, 7.30pm

## WEDNESDAY 31st 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  
Whiting Bay Parents & Toddlers, Church Hall, 10.30am - noon  
Coffee morning, Lamlash Church Hall, All welcome 10.30am - noon.  
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Gym, Brodick, 6pm - 7.15pm  
Mixed Indoor Hockey, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm - 8pm  
Arran Runners, meet NTS Castle Car Park, 7.15pm  
Youth Club, youth centre Lamlash 7pm - 9pm  
Aerobics class, High School 8pm - 9pm  
Jnr Rugby Training, S1 - U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm  
Shiskine Beavers, Shiskine Hall 6pm - 7.15pm  
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am

Hockey, Auchrannie Hall, 7pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm  
Brodick Bowling Club rink game 2pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 6.30pm  
The Sound of Music, Brodick Hall, 8pm

## THURSDAY 1st June

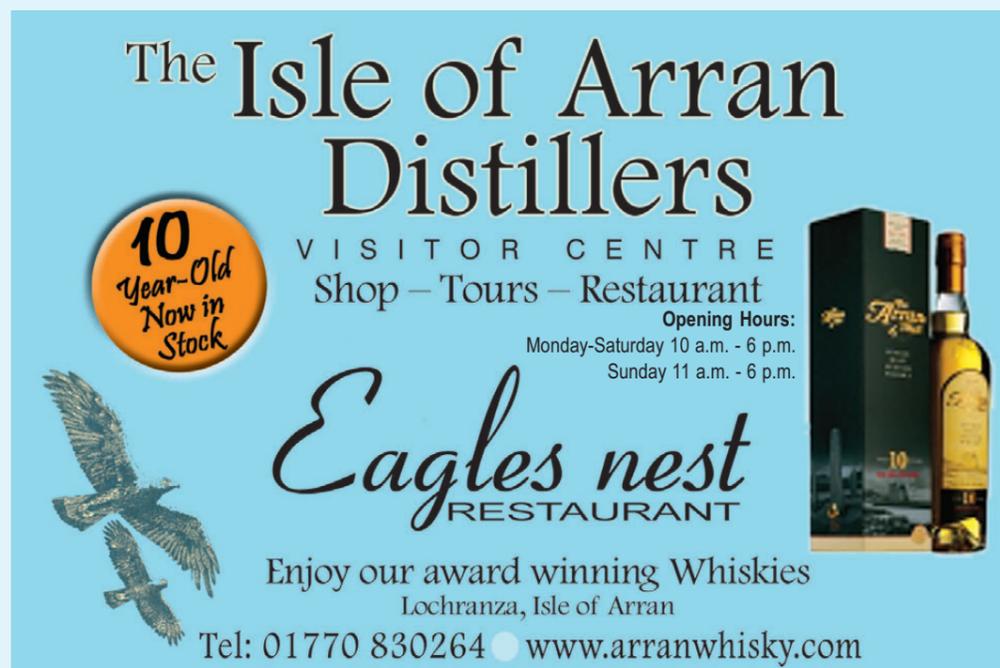
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Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am - 12.05pm  
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am  
Brodick Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am  
Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm  
General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale, Brodick, 10pm  
Pub Quiz, Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 9pm  
Spinning Demonstration Whiting Bay Hall 11am - 2pm  
Rock school, youth centre, Lamlash 7pm - 9pm  
Brodick Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm  
Coffee Morning St Molios church, Shiskine 10.30 - noon  
Citizens Advice open 10am - 2pm  
Badminton, Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30pm-7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm  
Arran Junior Singers choir practice, W/Bay school 6.45pm  
Lochranza Craft Club, Village Hall 2pm  
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am & 1.45pm  
Only abs, Auchrannie Studio, 5.30pm  
Outdoor run, Auchrannie, 6pm  
Lamlash Beavers 6pm - 7pm Cubs 6.15pm - 8pm Scouts 7.30-9pm  
Arran Torch Players Club Night, 7.30pm Lamlash Church Hall  
Cricket Practise, Sannox Oval, 6pm  
The Sound of Music, Brodick Hall, 8pm

## FRIDAY 2nd June

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am - 5pm  
Shiskine Toddlers, Shiskine Hall, 10am - noon  
Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.00pm  
Citizens Advice open 10am - 2pm  
Lochranza & Catacol 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  
Aranfeis, Fred Morrison, Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm  
Needle Felting 10.30am Ranger Centre  
The Sound of Music, Brodick Hall, 8pm

## SATURDAY 3rd June (non regulars)

Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 7pm  
Car Club Dance, Shiskine Hall, 9.30pm  
The Sound of Music, Brodick Hall, 8pm  
Aranfeis, Old Blind Dogs, Brodick



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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday 28 May 1986

## Haluch resigns

Mr Jim Haluch of the Douglas Hotel has resigned from the com-

mittee of Arran Tourist Board after eight years.

For six of those years he has been chairman and vice chairman.



Jean Bowden of the Isle of Arran Gilbert and Sullivan Society in one of her roles in Yeomen of the Guard, painting their cardboard cut-out in the window of Ardgowan, Brodick. b20twe2

## Puffin opening

The new craftsmen's premises by Kames Cottage in Brodick will open next Wednesday as The Puffin Eating House.

Partners Lynn Williams and Peter McCulloch naming it in memory of the late Alasdair Dunn whose pottery puffin figures are synonymous with Arran.

## Gala go-ahead

With continued industrial action by Island teachers the annual swimming gala is going ahead at the Kinloch Hotel pool on a limited basis.

Joe Rae has arranged for volunteer teachers to come in and help run the gala.



Clare Hendry of Brodick and a lady shooter from the Bearsden Gun Club at the clay pigeon shoot at Balnacoole. b20twe3

## Second Shiskine Sports day

The second Shiskine Valley Sports Day will be held on Saturday 12 July and this year will include a half-marathon to Machrie and back.

Last year was the first such event and proved a success having one of the few sunny Saturdays of the summer.

## Haggis eggs

Sheila Kerr of Cloyburn Riding Stables has started a new business selling haggis eggs. Sheila said that the eggs, which appear to be small round stones, lie dormant in a petrified form for 46 years and 10 days before hatching.

She added that they are an ideal gift for holidaymakers to take home.

## Susan homes in

Mrs Susan Gibson has finally moved back into her house at Lagg. Seventy-eight year-old Mrs Gibson was moved out for six weeks last year while her cottage was refurbished by the council.

The repairs actually took 11 months and she was beginning to wonder if she would ever get back.

## Yeomen in Brodick

The Isle of Arran Gilbert and Sullivan Society will be presenting The Yeomen of the Guard for six nights next week in Brodick Hall.



Her family help to celebrate as Mrs Susan Gibson returns to her refurbished cottage at Lagg. b20twe1

Tickets are priced at £2.50 balcony, £2.00 stalls.

## Beach cleaner

Seasonal vacancy for Leisure Worker/Beach Leader with Cunninghame District Council. Weekly wage rate: £61.96 to £92.31.

## Cricket challenge

A cricket team from the Island is to take up a challenge from a

team coming on holiday from Durham. The match will take place on Saturday 17 May and funds raised will go to the Hospital Supporters League.

## Nuclear power

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## NORTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1976

Applications to be considered at the Meeting of the above Licensing Board to be held within the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CUNNINGHAME HOUSE, IRVINE on 19 June 2006 at 10 am.

### FOR REGULAR EXTENSION OF PERMITTED HOURS

Name, designation and address of applicant or names, designation and addresses of both persons named in the application	Address of Premises	Type of Licence	Nature of Extension Applied For
Iain Johnston Auchranie Country House Hotel Broddick Isle of Arran	Auchranie Country House Hotel Broddick Isle of Arran	HOTEL	Sun to Wed 11pm - midnight Thurs to Sat 11pm - 1am Sun 11am - 12.30pm and 2.30 - 6.30pm
William McLaren McLaren Hotel Broddick Isle of Arran	McLaren Hotel Broddick Isle of Arran	HOTEL	Sun to Wed 11pm - midnight Thurs to Sat 11pm - 1am Sun 11am - 12.30pm and 2.30 - 6.30pm
Thomas Gilmore Ormidale Hotel Broddick Isle of Arran	Ormidale Hotel Broddick Isle of Arran	HOTEL	Sun to Wed 11pm - midnight Thurs to Sat 11pm - 1am Sun 11am - 12.30pm and 2.30 - 6.30pm
Jonathan Gwynn Hill & Zoe Caroline Hill t/a Bilstands and Jonathan Gwynn Hill c/o Bilstands Shore Road Broddick Isle of Arran	Bilstands Shore Road Broddick Isle of Arran	PUBLIC HOUSE	Mon to Sat 9am - 11am Sun 2.30 - 6.30pm
National Trust for Scotland and Kenneth Thorburn c/o Anderson Strathern Solicitors 1 Rutland Court Edinburgh	Broddick Castle Restaurant Broddick Isle of Arran	RESTAURANT	Sun 11am - 12.30pm and 2.30 - 6.30pm
James Nichols 8 Hillview Place Broddick Isle of Arran (Secretary)	Broddick Golf Club Broddick Isle of Arran	CLUB	Mon to Sat 9am - 11am and 11pm - 1am Sun 9am - 12.30pm; 2.30 - 6.30pm and 11pm - 1am
Norman Christopher Bond Miannoch House Catacol Isle of Arran	Catacol Bay Hotel Catacol Isle of Arran	HOTEL	Sun to Wed 11pm - midnight Thurs to Sat 11pm - 1am Sun 11am - 12.30pm and 2.30 - 6.30pm
Gavin Lowe & Joan Preston Partners and Trustees of the Firm of the Glenisle Hotel and Gavin Lowe c/o Messrs. MacPhee & Partners Airs House An Aird	Glenisle Hotel Lamlash Isle of Arran	HOTEL	Sun to Wed 11pm - midnight Thurs to Sat 11pm - 1am Sun 2.30 - 6.30pm
DFK (Arran) Limited and Sharlene Little c/o Brunton Miller Herbert House 22 Herbert Street Glasgow	Drift Inn Lamlash Isle of Arran	PUBLIC HOUSE	Sun to Wed 11pm - midnight Thurs to Sat 11pm - 1am Mon to Sat 9am - 11am Sun 2.30 - 6.30pm
Norman MacIntyre Pierhead Tavern Lamlash Isle of Arran	Pierhead Tavern Lamlash Isle of Arran	PUBLIC HOUSE	Sun to Wed 11pm - midnight Thurs to Sat 11pm - 1am Mon to Sat 9am - 11am Sun 2.30 - 6.30pm
James Henderson Eilean Leodhais Lamlash Isle of Arran (Secretary)	Lamlash Golf Club Lamlash Isle of Arran	CLUB	Mon to Sat 10am - 11am and 11pm - 1am Sun 10am - 12.30pm; 2.30 - 6.30pm and 11pm - 1am
Isle of Arran Distillers Limited Lochranza Isle of Arran and Gordon Mitchell Millend Lochranza Isle of Arran	Isle of Arran Distillery & Visitors Centre Lochranza Isle of Arran	PUBLIC HOUSE	Sun to Wed 11pm - midnight Thurs to Sat 11pm - 1am Mon to Sat 9am - 11am Sun 2.30 - 6.30pm
Stephen Wood Sannox Bay Hotel Sannox Isle of Arran	Sannox Bay Hotel Sannox Isle of Arran	HOTEL	Sun to Wed 11pm - midnight Thurs to Sat 11pm - 1am Sun 2.30 - 6.30pm
Ross McKay Cameronia Hotel Whiting Bay Isle of Arran	Cameronia Hotel Shore Road Whiting Bay Isle of Arran	HOTEL	Sun to Wed 11pm - midnight Thurs to Sat 11pm - 1am Sun 2.30 - 6.30pm
Victoria McAllister Eden Lodge Hotel Whiting Bay Isle of Arran	Eden Lodge Hotel Whiting Bay Isle of Arran	HOTEL	Sun to Wed 11pm - midnight Thurs to Sat 11pm - 1am Sun and 2.30 - 6.30pm
Golden Dragon (Arran) Limited and Diane Armstrong c/o The Golden Dragon Whiting Bay Isle of Arran	The Golden Dragon Whiting Bay Isle of Arran	RESTAURANT	Mon to Wed 11pm - midnight Thurs to Sat 11pm - 1am Sun 2.30 - 6.30pm
Margaret Auld Woodburn, Dippin Whiting Bay Isle of Arran (Secretary)	Whiting Bay Golf Club Golf Course Road Whiting Bay Isle of Arran	CLUB	Mon to Sun 11pm - 1am Sun 11am - 12.30pm & 2.30 - 6.30pm

Applicants are reminded that they should attend personally or be represented at the meeting

Any objections, in terms of Section 16 of the Act, should be lodged with the undersigned and a copy of the objection sent to the applicant concerned in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 no later than Friday 9 June 2006. OBJECTORS MUST SPECIFY THE GROUND(S) OF THEIR OBJECTION. An information leaflet may be obtained from the Board Office containing guidance for any person wishing to object to any application. A.A.Fraser, Clerk to the Licensing Board

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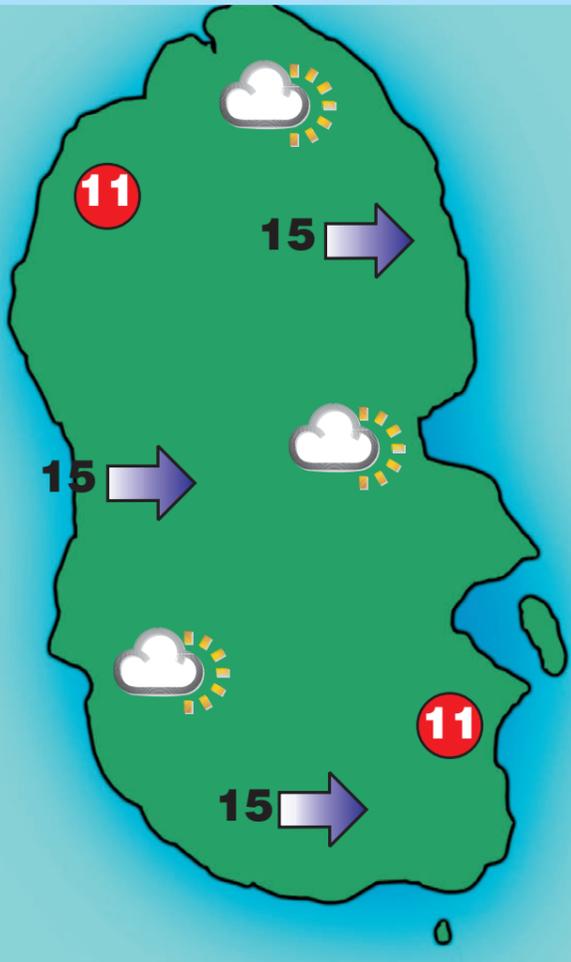
# Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, May 27 2006** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am			pm				
Sat	05.20	0.3	12.11	3.1	17.46	0.3	** ** *	**
Sun	00.24	3.1	06.04	0.2	12.54	3.1	18.28	0.4
Mon	01.01	3.2	06.43	0.2	13.36	3.0	19.11	0.5
Tues	01.37	3.3	07.24	0.3	14.17	2.9	19.55	0.6
Wed	02.13	3.3	08.05	0.4	14.58	2.8	20.38	0.8
Thur	02.50	3.2	08.50	0.5	15.40	2.7	24.24	0.9
Fri	03.28	3.1	09.38	0.7	16.26	2.6	22.11	1.0

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

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



## Saturday, May 27

Light showers and a fresh breeze throughout the day  
Temperature 11°C.

## Sunday, May 28

Dry with good sunny spells  
Temperatures around 11°C.

## Monday and Tuesday

Long sunny spells. A settled few days  
11°C

## Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate

Claonaig/ Lochranza - Moderate

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHURCH NEWS

### Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 28 May  
Shiskine 11am.  
Brodick 7pm.  
Reverend David Karoon.  
All welcome.

### Lamlash Church

Sunday 28 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.  
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### Church of Scotland

The parish of North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine  
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Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times.  
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Lochranza Church, 9.30am Revd. Dr. Ian MacLeod.  
Pirnmill Churches, 10.45am, Revd. Dr. Ian MacLeod.  
Shiskine Church, noon, Revd. Dr. Ian MacLeod

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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 28 May: Holy Communion, 11.00 am. Rev Dr Hector Soga, Dollar. Coffee after service.  
Wednesday 31 May: 12.00 noon, Holy Communion.  
All Welcome.

### Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 28 May at 11 a.m. in the Free Church building, Brodick (beside the Post Office).  
Peter Lee.  
'The Young in Action'  
(1) The Prelude - Ascension and Promise. Acts 1: 1-11  
Everyone warmly invited.

### Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 28 May,  
Trust Housing Lounge, Brodick 11am,  
Evening Service, 7pm.  
5 Glen Road, Brodick, 7pm  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 31 May 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



Screen Machine projectionist Iain MacColl draws Jan Kelso's name out of the bag. b21ser1

The mobile cinema came to Arran again last week in the form of the Screen Machine mark two.

Cinemoagoers had the opportunity of seeing three films screened over four days in the car park of the Ormidale Park.

Projectionist and lorry driver Iain MacColl was kind enough to draw the May winner of Brodick Improvements Committee 200 club and the lucky name out of the bag was Jan Kelso who receives £50.

### Summer rally

Presbytery Guild Summer Rally to be held in Lamlash Church on Tuesday 6 June at 2pm.  
Everyone welcome.

### Club night

The next Arran Torch Players Club Night will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 1 June in Lamlash Church Hall.

Bring a favourite poem (or other passage) to share. All welcome, including friends and new members.

### Royal British Legion

There will be no social meeting on June 1.

# PERSONALS

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### WHYTE

The family of the late John (Chalky) would like to thank friends and colleagues on Arran for their kind expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement.

## DEATH

### JOHN H BEATTIE (DECD)

The family and I thank most sincerely our many friends on the island for their support in prayer, for cards, letters, visits, phone calls, gift of flowers and attendance at John's funeral. We have been overwhelmed too by the generous offering of £596 which has been divided between Scripture Union and Cancer Research UK.  
Special thanks to the Doctors and District Nurses who cared for John so lovingly in his all too short period at home, to the nurses who tended to John at Lamlash Hospital in his last few hours, to Rev Angus Adamson and Brodick Church of Scotland for their gracious provision of their facilities, to Mr Hendry for funeral arrangements and the Auchrannie Spa Resort staff for catering  
Margaret

## BIRTHDAY

*William Poole*

*Happy 50th Birthday*

*Love Morag x*

## MISSING

**Missing!**  
**Tasha**

Part Siamese grey & white cat  
Kilmory area



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**Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...Golf...**

**Brodick Golf Club**

**Ladies:** Tuesday 16 May, second May medal, SSS 67 DSS 67, 27 Played.

First silver: S Anderson (19) 59, 2 P Reid (16) 65

First Bronze: M Saint Yves (23) 69, 2 E Bayne (21) 70. Scratch S Anderson 78

**Gents:** Club championship first round qualifier sweep, 32 played, css64

1 Donald McKinnie 12 60, 2 David Hendry 10 62, 3 Ewan McKinnon 3 63bih.

There were five magic twos, Jimmy Armit getting 2

Scratch was won by Ewan McKinnon with an excellent 66 back in 29. Beating Steven Bunyan on the better inward half Stevie also scoring 66.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Summer cup, Saturday 20 May  
1 A Napier 64-7=57, 2 E McKinnon 62-3=59 bih, 3 S Beardsley 70-11=59

Carradale Shield Monday 15 May  
Twenty-two members ventured to Carradale under threatening skies there Ian Buchanan produced a fine display winning both the shield and the nearest the pin prize.

Thanks to D Wilkinson for organising the trip and the weather which held off until we were homeward bound, to Carradale Hotel for their hospitality and to Carradale Golf Club for the course which is in superb condition for their centenary year.

1 I Buchanan 69-13=56, 2 J McGovern 69-7=62 bih, 3 D Wilkinson 78-16=62bih

**Fixtures:** Saturday 27 May, summer cup, tee off 9.30 and 1pm  
Monday 29 May, Juniors 5.30pm  
Wednesday 31 May, Wednesday medal, tee off from 5pm.

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Thursday 18 May, summer cup, 32 played, CSS64

Sweep: 1 Russell Adams 70-10=60 bih by -2, 2 Ian Grant 84-24=70, 3 Sam McAlla 75-12=63

Best scratch: Russell Adams 70-10=60. Magic twos, Russell Adams 70.

Friday 19 May, congratulations to Whiting Bay Golf Club on winning seniors bowl.

Saturday 20 May: Club championship, first round, D McFarlane, beat J Murchie by one hole at 19th N Young, beat I Bremner at 19th. R McGunnigle beat R Adams 5 & 3. J Murchie beat E Evans 5 & 4.

Sunday 21 May, grouse foursome 20 played

1 I Murchie & M Crawford 74-10=64, 2 J Henderson & E Evans 75-10=564-5

First and second 60 through to island finals in October at Corrie, winners of Lamlash Grouse Trophy I Murchie & M Crawford

**Fixtures:** Saturday 27 May, club championship final, 36 holes at 1pm and 5pm

Sunday 28 May, Hastings cup, first round, stroke play, 9.30am and 1pm.

**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

Wednesday 17 May, Summer Trophy. 7 played in rather 'interesting' conditions - a canoe would have been of more use than a buggy!

1 Malcolm Pennycott 70-4=66, 2 Gordon Provan 83-16=67 (bih), 3 Jamie MacPherson 73-6=67. Sunday 21 May. Second round of McKelvie Cup. 27 played on a day of very low scoring! CSS-62. 1 Jim Hailey 77-23=54, 2 John Pennycott 67-10=57, 3 Ronnie Mann 70-12=58, 4th David Morrison 65-6=59.

David also won scratch with his 65 and Nicol Auld scored the only magic two of the day with a 'tap-in' at the 9th. Well done Jim on winning his first trophy at Whiting Bay - and in such style!

Commiserations to David Morrison whose total score over the 2 rounds of 120 matched Jim's, but lost out on the better second round score. Congratulations to Malcolm Pennycott for being selected to represent Ayrshire under 18s in their match against Glasgow. It is good to see Arran being represented in such competitions.

Congratulations to our Seniors Team of John Duncan, Tom Roberts, George McKechnie and Keith Kelsall on their victory in the Seniors Crystal Bowl on Friday when they defeated Lamlash by 5 holes to lift the trophy for Whiting Bay for the first time.

**Fixtures:** Sunday 28 May - Tor Alvey Greensome (yes, definitely a greensome!) one draw only at 11.00. Wednesday 31 May - J.C.

Reid trophy semi Finals and medal.

Thursday 1 June - Club Championships semi-finals.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

**Ladies:** Competition CCQ2, Thursday 18 May, CSS70, 43 played.

Silver, F Crawford 94-16=78, 2 P Adamson 95-16=79. Scratch F Crawford 94.

**Gents:** Gents CCQ2, Wednesday 17 May, CSS66, 30 played, 1 for handicap.

1 H Bannatyne 68-5-63 (bih), 2 J W Paton 69-6=63, 3 L Cawley 78-12=66. Scratch H Bannatyne 68. CCQ3, Sunday 21 May, CSS63, 30 played. 1 G Andrew 71-11=60, 2 A Johnston 73-11=62 (bih), 3 J S Kelso 70-8=52. Scratch D Tod 68.

**Fixtures:** Wednesday 31 May, Dr Adam Cup. Thursday 1 June, Mary Craig Trophy. Sunday 4 June, first round gents club championships.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

Tuesday 16 May Queen Mother's Cup in aid of Marie Currie Cancer Care. 1 Ian Buchanan 62, 2 Brian Sherwood 63, 3 David Price 65. Scratch Brian Sherwood 72

**Fixtures:** Tuesday 30 May Gents Club Championship tee off 12.30 and 5.30. Saturday 3 June Duncan Sillar's & 2nd Round of Gents Club Championship Tee off 1.00

**Arran Golfers Association**

Centenary seniors bowl, venue



Jim Henderson, secretary, (left), and Eddie Cannon president (right) present Russell Adams with the Guy Spiers Cup. b21gol1

Whiting Bay Golf Club, Friday fifth, twelfth and nineteenth. Team event 4 ball better ball on handicap qualifying age 55. Whiting Bay proudly lifts the Bowl. The competition hosted by Whiting Bay was played in dry conditions on each occasion but cold for this time of the year in the later stages of the matches.

On Friday 5 May Machrie Bay represented by B Sherwood, H McLelland, D Price and D Campbell lost out to Brodick by 2 holes. Represented by I McMillan, K

Robertson, L Keir and T Reside. Shiskine represented by J Kelso, D Henderson, W Kelso and G Stewart lost out to Lamlash by 5 holes. Represented by I Bremner, A Smith, John McGovern and J O'Sullivan.

Lochranza Castle represented by A Napier, A Cumming, P Moran and I Buchanan lost out to Corrie by three holes. Represented by A Winship, D Wilkinson, J McConnachie and S Cline.

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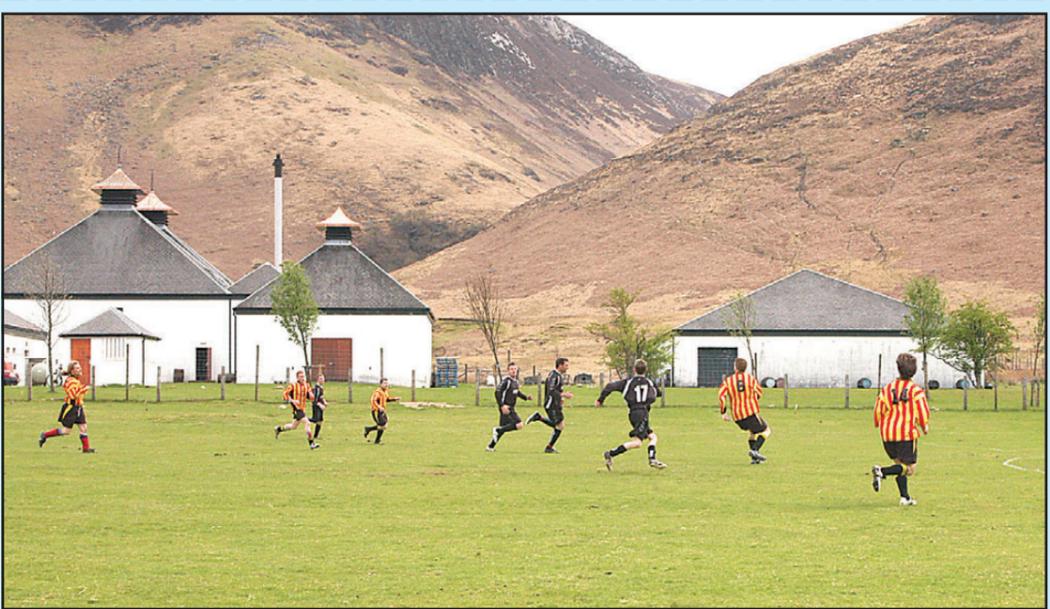
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## King of Goatfell

Brian Marshall of Haddington Pacemakers won last Saturday's Goatfell race in a time one second slower than his 2005 victory.

A field of 99 runners set off on this annual race, once again sponsored by Scottish Co-op.

The weather was mild and damp, with almost no wind; all-in-all fairly good running conditions. The top of the mountain was never out of the cloud, but hill runners can't afford to look at the view. Just a small lapse of concentration can lead to a nasty tumble.

In fact there were several nasty tumbles as the summit rocks were wet and slippery, and the first aid team from St Andrew's Ambulance Corps were kept busy patching up cut knees and elbows, and a few other spectacular gashes.

One competitor had to be escorted down by the Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) after falling and breaking an arm. After treatment at the War Memorial Hospital and Crosshouse, he finally got home to North Berwick on Monday afternoon, apologising for 'spoiling our day' and promising to come back and finish the race next year.

For the leading racers it was a race of two halves. Alasdair Anthony, a Goatfell debutant from Ochil Hill Runners, had a two minute lead at the top, from frequent Goatfell winner, Brian Marshall from Haddington (East Lothian) Pacemakers.

However on the descent, Brian quickly closed the gap and then set about building a three minute lead of his own by the time he reached the finish at the Ormidale Pavilion. Brian's time of 1:17:48 was a second slower than his 2005 winning time, and was sixth fastest of all time on the current course. Irvine's Billy Richardson, the current Ormidale 10K Champion and regular Arran Half Marathon winner used his flat speed to reach the summit in third place.

He quickly discovered that racing down rocky mountains requires a different approach and he wisely settled for a slow and cautious descent. Lochaber's John MacRae was the third runner home, taking the veteran's trophy, and leading his club Lochaber to the team prize again. The ladies race was dominated by current British Hill Running Champion, Jill Mykura from Carnethy. She too set the sixth fastest ever ladies time of 1:34:45 finishing in 16th place overall.

Second lady, Eilidh Wardlaw from Hunters Bog Trotters, was six minutes slower, and Westerlands' Christine Menhennet was third and first veteran, a further 13 minutes behind.

Gordon Allsop took the cup for first local, finishing in 14th place (1:33:30). Paul Emsley was second local (1:50:29) and Colin Turbett rounded off the Arran trio in 2:00:23.

As ever, all the runners thank the sponsors, marshals, First Aiders and AMRT for their continuing help and support. The next hill race on Arran is the Glen Rosa Horseshoe on 10 June. This year the race is part of the Scottish Hill Runners Championship, and the limit of 100 runners has already been reached. For the road runners, the half marathon is on 2 July.

Contact Paul Emsley for race information and entry forms.



The racers string out along the golf course with Arran runners' Gordon Allsop, number one, on the right. b21goa2



They're off. Ninety-nine runners set off from Ormidale Park on the 2006 Goatfell race. b21goa1

## Twenty goals in first two league games

The first two league matches of the Arran football season saw 20 goals scored in Whiting Bay and Shiskine.

Lamlash defeated Southend by eight goals to one at the Sandbraes rollercoaster stadium last Saturday night.

A very young Southend team was aided by the experience of veteran defender Neillie McKechnie and goalkeeper Chris Marriott but it was not enough to keep out the black tide of Drift Inn-sponsored Lamlash.

Three - nil up at half time, Lamlash went on score another five with just one in reply from Adam Kelso.

Lamlash scorers were Lee Little, Jamie Duncan (two), Alan

Miller, Adi Adamson (two), Jamie Sillars and Joe Rae.

In the new feature of teams se-

lecting a man of the match from the opposing side, Neillie McKechnie was picked as South-

end player and Jamie Duncan as Lamlash player.

Shiskine beat Northend by seven goals to four in an 11-goal thriller at the John Robertson stadium in Blackwaterfoot. Shiskine scorers were Fergus Judge (three), Jamie Kane (two), David Fowler and Alan Johnston.

Hitting the net for Northend were Scott Murdoch, Iain McDonald, Rory McLean and Martin Wallbank.

Shiskine player of the match was James Turnbull and Northend player was John Ferguson.

This week's fixtures for Saturday 27 May are Northend v Southend 2pm and Brodick v Shiskine 6pm.



Donald 'Adi' Adamson powers a header into the Southend net for Lamlash's second goal at Sandbraes last Saturday. b21lam1

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

### Arran Golfers Association

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Friday 12 May, Brodick team as before lost out to Whiting Bay by 2 holes. Represented by J Ducan, T Roberts, G McKechnie and K Kelsall. Corrie with one change C Pattenden lost out to Lamlash by 6 holes. One change to their team J Henderson.

Friday 19 May the final. Very few spectators turned out to witness this fine display of golf by the seniors. Ian Bremner of Lamlash was out in 33; despite this his pairing was never in front, the Whiting Bay team using their strokes to their best advantage.

The course was very presentable despite the rain all week, the pace of the greens testing the teams ability and patience.

The best team on the night overall were the rightful winners the host club Whiting Bay over their friends and neighbours Lamlash by 4 holes. Both games being 2 up.

Mr K Kelsall of Whiting Bay presented the Seniors Bowl to the association in the year 2000 this was the seventh competition and the first time Whiting Bay had contested the final. It was fitting that he was part of the winning team.

Centenary junior match play.

Eight boys qualified from the junior handicap held on Monday 1 May with 67 net or better.

In the first round Mathew beat his

elder brother Euan, Sam McCala beat the handicap champion Gary Adams and D Head beat last years winner R McGunnigle.

The final was played at Lamlash, Tuesday 16 May in very uncomfortable conditions for the boys especially during the front nine.

Danny Head playing off a handicap of 6 had a mountain to climb playing Mathew Evans with a handicap of 36. Despite the conditions Danny played well to being level 4's through ten with the match all square. Mathew was also performing well and holing some excellent distant putts making the

most of his stroke advantage.

The 11th was halved - a hole that Danny should have won then Mathew had a run of fours winning the next four holes with his strokes to record a win by 4+3.

Arran Golfers Association wish to thank Lamlash Golf Club for the courtesy of the course and to the few spectators who turned out despite the conditions.



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