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**Jane Suter - 42
years on holiday**



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Police officers on Brodick pier during a drug and knives campaign with Inspector Neil Kerr, right, and Sergeant Stephen Leary, second right. See Page 2 b22dog3

Challenge for Arran

More than 700 people, 500 bicycles and 65 canoes will arrive in Arran next Friday, June 9 to take part in the 2006 Microsoft Challenge.

Disembarking from the 8am ferry, two policemen on mountain bikes will lead competitors through Brodick to Ormidale Park.

From that base they will carry out three trials of running mountain biking and canoeing throughout the day.

They will be running up Goatfell, code-breaking in Corrie, cycling to Lamlash and canoeing in Lamlash Bay.

Most of the cycling will be off-road and the route to Lamlash will be on the new path above the road.

This path ends above the golf club and all cyclists will be joining the open road down into Lamlash pier which is currently single line traffic with roadworks planned for next Friday.

Local roads officer Richard Wright told *The Banner*: 'We will suspend work over Friday 9 June to make the road as safe as possible.'

There are 125 teams of seven people and the four-day event which is based in Ayrshire, is designed to test stamina, strength, intelligence and core team skills.

Jon Hazan, course director of Challenger World said: 'I realise that this is a big logistical operation and a burden to the infrastructure of the Island. However we have been meticulous in our planning and have sought the advice of many agencies to ensure that this event happens with the least aggravation to the local in-

habitants.'

Local police constable Bob McKay has been given the task of co-ordinating the event. He told the *Banner*: 'The duty of the police will be to keep roads clear and ensure the safety of competitors and public.'

'There will be three local police on duty, two mountain bike officers and a police marine unit in Lamlash Bay. They will be there to police waterway movement and not for rescue purposes.'

Full mountain rescue and coast-guard teams will be on duty all day. The local volunteers have decided it would be best to be on the ground ready for rescues. The lifeboat will not be in the water but crew are on standby for any 999 callouts.

Fifty marshalls are expected to arrive on Thursday morning to set up camp in Ormidale Park and will be accompanied by paramedics, a doctor and two ambulances.

On Friday, police will put no-parking cones on both sides of the road from the Book and Card Centre to Brodick Golf Club and from the Drift Inn to the PHT to make for safer passage for the cyclists.

A police spokesman said: 'It would be wiser for residents to avoid Brodick and Lamlash if possible. All competitors are expected leave on Friday's 4.40pm ferry from Brodick. A Caledonian MacBrayne spokesman said: 'Everybody has been warned that there may be disruption.'

Local councillor Margie Currie added: 'Any inconvenience on the day is outweighed by the good publicity for the Island.'

Second ferry to return

Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) have confirmed that Arran will have a second ferry this summer.

The news was issued to the local ferry committee by CalMac managing director Lawrie Sinclair during a meeting in Brodick on Wednesday.

The 29-year-old ferry *MV Saturn* will take up the additional Ardrossan-to-Brodick run from Monday 19 June for a 10 week period until Thursday 24 August.

A CalMac spokesman said that this is the last year that this particular vessel would be available

but that the company was hoping to find the resources for another second ferry. He also confirmed that the *MV Saturn* will back up the *MV Caledonian Isles* next Friday when heavy traffic is anticipated during to the Microsoft Challenge event.

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Questions unanswered over closure of coup

Questions still remain unanswered after last Thursday's meeting concerning the imminent closure of Brodick coup.

Issues surrounding volumes going into the new waste transfer station and whether or not it will be able to accept skips still appear to be grey areas.

Trevor Jones, operations and waste strategy manager for North Ayrshire Council (NAC) who was at the meeting reassured those there saying: 'We will take everything we have been taking up until now.'

There is also talk of the current landfill site having a three month extension on its closing date. NAC has applied to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, (SEPA) for this but no answer was forthcoming at the meeting.

Questions were posed to a panel consisting of representatives from SEPA, Caledonian University and NAC.

With the coup set to close at the end of August, local councillor Margie Currie organised the event to give those concerned about the disposal of non-domestic waste a chance to speak.

Mr Jones described those at the meeting as 'masters of their own destiny' in terms of inert waste disposal.

Cllr. Currie said: 'We can't turn back the clock. What is going to be is the issue, not what was. We haven't got all of the answers.'

The assembled group remained fairly silent and questions were thin on the ground but those that were asked did create some awkwardness for the panel to answer.

Ian Anderson of the Blackwaterfoot abattoir challenged the panel on what would happen with the disposal of butcher and abattoir waste. Currently there are systems in place for this.

This initially left the panel silent. Eventually Mr Jones responded by saying: 'This area needs explored.'

Local community councillor and contractor Neil Arthur posed many probing questions to the panel. He said: 'Arran is currently in the middle of a building boom with the new school, two health centres and other property development.'

'What will happen to waste from these and other projects?'

'Will the new waste transfer station cope with the volume?'

Mr Jones responded: 'We know

what is currently coming in to the landfill site. We have budgeted to handle that capacity, designed around the current tonnage.'

'The new site will take between 3,000 and 4,000 tonnes.'

But Mr Arthur still remains unconvinced.

Ian Thomson of John Thomson Construction asked the panel about provisions for accepting skips at the new bulking station.

This caused an initial period of awkward silence and Mr Thomson was then asked to expand on content and size of skips he would be bringing.

NAC Island Officer Gus McLeod eventually responded: 'We would look into accepting four to five skips per week.'

Mr Thomson mentioned he may be setting up a site on Arran to

accept inert waste and has stated others will be able to use this facility. The council has no statutory obligation for the collection of inert waste.

There are rumours around Arran that fly-tipping could become a big issue as time moves on.

Yvonne Irving from SEPA said: 'There has to be a co-ordinated approach to see what can be done with waste difficult to dispose of.'

'We don't want to come back to Arran in a few months time to find waste that has been dumped inappropriately. There is a duty of care.'

As the meeting came to a close Cllr Currie suggested that a further meeting could be held if people need to find out more.

Many left as puzzled as when they first arrived.

Police Files

Speeding drivers

Two Brodick drivers and one Shiskine driver were stopped and charged with speeding in the villages last week.

Over last weekend a further three drivers were stopped in Lamlash and two in Shiskine for speeding. They each received a £60 fixed fine and three penalty points on their driving licences.

Unmarked car

Two officers in an unmarked Strathclyde police traffic department car were active on the Island last week.

Five speeding motorists were reported and numerous warnings given out. Eleven drivers were found not wearing a seatbelt, each receiving a fixed £30 fine.

One driver was charged with having no valid excise licence and another with having no insurance.

Fire callouts

Lochranza firefighters were alerted on Friday 26 May when a fire alarm was activated at the Isle of Arran Distillery.

The crew responded within 11 minutes and were backed up by retained crew and an appliance from Brodick. On arrival at the scene there was found to be no fire and the alarm had been activated by a system fault.

A fire alarm sounded at 11.59pm on Sunday 28 May at Arran War Memorial Hospital, Lamlash.

Retained crew and appliances from Brodick and Lamlash were called and the first one arrived on the scene within eight minutes.

There was no fire at the hospital but an in-house electrician was called to check the alarm system.

The family Von Trapp sing in Brodick Hall



The Sound of Music has been performed by the Arran Music and Drama Society all week in Brodick Hall. Our photo depicts the scene of the Von Trapp family singing at the Salzburg Folk Festival before having to flee from Austria's new German rulers who want Baron Von Trapp (right) back in military service. b22sou1

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New fish farm on horizon

Argyll-based fish farming company Lakeland Marine Farm Ltd proposes to develop two new cod farm sites in the Kilbrannan Sound.

Each site is planned to have 14 cages of 100 metres circumference with nets from 10 to 15 metres deep. The farms at Port Fada and Rubha Riabhach will be directly opposite Catacol and

Pirnmill. The company's environmental statement says that it may be necessary to use underwater lighting between November and May to control maturation of the cod.

It also indicates that anti-predator nets will be used and shooting of predators such as seals by a licensed marksman will only occur as a final resort.

Sites were originally considered around the north-east coast of Arran but were rejected following concerns raised by fishermen and the potential visual impact given the scenic nature and number of houses.

Concern about the possible impact this development might have on Arran was expressed at the Community Council meet-

ing on Tuesday 30 May.

Councillor John Inglis said: 'There isn't much time left. Arran residents should be aware that any written comments on this cod farm proposal should be made to Argyll and Bute Council, Ardrishaig by next Thursday 8 June.'

Norman Bond, owner of Catacol Bay Hotel, said on Wednesday:

'Having sat down and talked about it, we are not unduly worried now. But noise does carry across the Kilbrannan Sound and that could be a nuisance.'

'You won't see much of the cages, but I think the feed hoppers will be obtrusive.'

The company statement concludes: 'Lakeland recognises

that there are areas of uncertainty associated with the cultivation of an emerging aquaculture species, and are committed to implementing new best practice as they are identified through ongoing research to reduce any environmental impact of their activities.'

A lifelong love affair with Arran

Jane and Duncan Suter of Bradford have been coming on holiday to Arran every summer for 42 years.

Duncan first came to the Island in 1949 and stayed with Henry and Marion Steels at Oakbank Guest House in Auchrannie Road.

'It was October and everywhere was shut,' he said. 'But Mrs Steel made the most beautiful sweets and we always got an extra big bowl'

This visit was enough to sow the seed and in 1965 they returned here with their daughter Elizabeth. Neither of the couple drive so they are happy to rely on public transport.

'Arran buses were different in those days,' explained Duncan. 'Some had hardboard in the windows and things were tied up with string. Now they are first class and run to time as well.'

They love the great outdoors and used to climb all the high peaks but stick to more sedate walks now. 'I celebrated my 90th birthday last September and I'm beginning to feel it,' said Jane.

And what was the attraction of Arran compared to their native Yorkshire?

Duncan answered: 'It's safer and more peaceful. You don't feel you have to barricade yourself in your own home.'

At some time in the future they intend to move to the Island permanently. Duncan said that they have paid North Ayrshire Council for three burial plots in Brodick cemetery. The first two will be for Duncan and Jane, the third, hopefully at a much later date, for Elizabeth.

Jane added: 'Come the day, I'll be able to just look up at the hills for ever and think, we used to go there.'



Duncan and Jane Suter in *The Banner* office with *Banner* dog Murphy. b22dun1

Children miss the boat

Two coachloads of Arran schoolchildren were left behind at Ardrossan pier last Friday evening as *MV Caledonian Isles* set sail for Brodick.

The party of 100 children and teachers left Arran on Wednesday for a trip to Alton Towers theme park in Staffordshire returning on Friday to catch the ferry home.

The coaches were apparently delayed by heavy traffic and running late for the 6pm sailing.

Robbie Brown, Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) area manager said: 'We got a call at 5.55pm to ask if we would hold the boat as the two coaches were in Kilmarnock which is about 25 minutes away.'

'The ship was running slightly late but when they arrived the gangway had been disconnected. If we had put the gangway back on it would have been after 6.30pm before she left.'

'With 'hours of rest' rules for the crew that could have serious implications for Saturday sailings.'

He explained that the car deck was full and it would have been difficult for the youngsters to make their way through the tightly-packed cars.

Mr Brown said: 'The responsibility to not further delay the ferry lies with me. I am not however to blame for a party of schoolchildren not being at Ardrossan harbour at 5.30pm.'

The party of children and teachers got home safely on the 8.30pm late Friday boat.

Arran High School headteacher Douglas Auld told the *Banner*: 'It was a very successful school trip. The plan was to meet the 6pm ferry but there was always a contingency with the late 8.30pm boat.'

'I would like to think that CalMac would have been more inclined to hold the boat if it had been the last sailing.'

ArCaS hope for more support

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 14 June at 7.30pm in the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot and anyone interested in the work of ArCaS or assisting in the shop is invited to attend.

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Taste of the Orient for Arran's gardening club

An extremely well attended meeting of the Garden Club took place at the Brodick Castle Ranger Centre last Thursday.

Members were held in interest and wonder by an excellent presentation by Sam Youd, head gardener of Tatton Park in Cheshire.

Expert enthusiast

The club felt it was indeed both a privilege and a pleasure to have such an expert enthusiast amongst them sharing his deep knowledge, understanding and wide experience of gardens in the Orient.

Hands-on

As well as being an obvious hands-on gardener Sam evidenced that he was quite a photographer, something of a phi-

losopher and an entertaining humorist.

To have such a celebrity come to Arran straight from the Chelsea Flower Show was an honour and an accolade for the club.

World renowned

Sam Youd is world renowned and has charge of about 50 acres of formal gardens at Tatton Hall near Knutsford where his Italian garden, Japanese garden, Rose Garden and Orchid garden are well visited examples of excellence.

The garden is rated by the Japanese themselves as the best Japanese garden outside their own country.

Influences

Speaking to accompany his projected photographs Sam showed

how the incredibly beautiful landscape of China had influenced garden design and, in turn, had influenced the design of gardens in Japan.

In both countries the gardens were largely connected with religious establishments and were places of retreat, meditation and ceremony.

Bonsai is a common practice in both countries and we were shown many pictures of many beautiful artistic creations all similar to the gardens, being landscape based but in miniature.

Observations

Club members were also shown something of the way of life in both countries accompanied by observations from Mr Youd who

is clearly a student and lover of the Orient and in particular China. Full, generous, spontaneous applause expressed the grateful appreciation of all present.

Later the meeting included a 12-prize raffle for club funds and a 'Gardeners Question Time' providing answers to members questions from Sam Youd and the club's own Lochranza gardening enthusiast, Jim Jack, both kindly being the experts for the evening.

All in all yet another happy and successful Garden Club meeting.

Members now look forward to next month's occasion on June 29 which will be a social evening to be held at 'Claveron' in Lamlash at which everyone will be welcome.



Emily Ross with her clarsach before her concert last Saturday night in the newly re-opened McAlpine Hotel in Brodick. She has gained a place at the RSAMD in Glasgow b22emi1

Beginning of rainbow for Shiskine group



Eight years ago the first Shiskine Rainbows were disbanded. 'We just ran out of girls,' said former guider Alice Anderson.

But now they are back in business and with numbers on the rise the group has been reformed by Jacqui Lennox and recently nine young ladies made their Rainbow Promise at a Promise Party held at Shiskine Hall.

The Shiskine Rainbows are a pre-brownies group for primary one schoolgirls. They are to the brownies what beavers are to the cubs.

Right: Rainbow Guiders Mairi Duff (left) and Jacqui Lennox with Kirsty, Lucy, Katie, Robyn, Rachel, Zoe, Alison, Anne and Sarah.

Council announces roadworks ahead

North Ayrshire Council (NAC) roads department has confirmed the initial programme of resurfacing and upgrading of Arran roads this year.

Local roads officer Richard Wright told *The Arran Banner* the budget for this work was over £500,000.

One kilometre will be resurfaced from the junction of the B880 String Road with the A841 at Blackwaterfoot, south towards Kilpatrick.

Lamlash hill and footpath will be resurfaced from the golf club down to the shore.

Half a kilometre of the B880

String Road at Glenloig is also due for resurfacing. Surface dressings will be applied to three kilometres of the A841 at High Kildonan and one kilometre of the A841 from Kings Cave carpark north towards Machrie.

Richard Wright said: 'In addition to this, NAC is currently carrying out a £50,000 patching contract on the A841 and B880 along with £50,000 of screeding upgrading secondary roads Brodick, Lamlash and Lochranza.

'We apologise for any inconvenience to the public during these works which should be completed by the end of June.'

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9 June 2006	(1-3pm)	Bellsbank Community Centre, Dalmellington
9 June 2006	(6-8pm)	Town Hall, Cumnock
12 June 2006	(1-3pm)	Town Hall, Saltcoats
12 June 2006	(6-8pm)	Vikingar, Largs
13 June 2006	(6-8pm)	Walker Hall, Kilbirnie
14 June 2006	(1-3pm)	Town Hall, Maybole
14 June 2006	(6-8pm)	Community Centre, Girvan
15 June 2006	(1-3pm)	Morton Hall, Newmilns
15 June 2006	(6-8pm)	Community Centre, Stewarton
16 June 2006	(2-4pm)	Brodick Hall, Brodick

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Staff step out in style



Brodick Co-op staff dress up for work. b22cop1

Staff at Brodick Co-op were dressed a little smarter than usual last Friday.

It was part of a 'dressing up for work' campaign by the Scottish Co-op to raise money for local charities across Scotland. This campaign aims to raise a total of £50,000 by October.

'Our money will help fund the invaluable work carried out by Arran Cancer Support (ArCaS) and we will be pulling out all the stops to raise as much money as we can,' said manager Brian Edmiston.

In the coming months, Scottish Co-op staff will be involved in a massive range of fundraising activity from football matches and trolley dashes to car boot sales and karaoke days and they will be inviting customers to join in.

'With the tremendous enthusiasm and commitment of our staff I am sure we can hit our total fundraising target for local charities across Scotland,' said Scottish Co-op chief officer Ken MacKenzie.

Iain and Dan take Dougarie Open

The Open Spring Dougarie sheepdog trial was held on Friday 19 May at Kilpatrick Farm, Blackwaterfoot by kind permission of Mr and Mrs N Henderson.

The committee would like to thank Neil and Kate Henderson for the use of the field, Jack Murchie for the sheep, Alec Miller, for judging, Donnie Robertson for clerking, Duncan Robertson for chauffeuring the handlers, Susie Currie and Helen Thomson for running the bar and tombola.

Also thanks to Shiskine Rainbow Guides for the catering as well as the many individuals and local businesses who provided support, sponsorship and assistance in a variety of ways.

A total of 36 dogs competed of which 10 were local (confined).

Open

1 Iain McConnell, Fort William

with Dan 98 points.

2 Alec McCuish, Skipness with Mirk 93 points

3 David Shennan, Girvan with Jill 92 points.

4 Angie McDiarmid, Cairndow with Hemp 91 points.

5 John Casey, Campbeltown with Bill 90 points (time).

6 Bobby Howatson, Fairlie with Spike 90 points (time).

Confined

1 Jack Murchie, Blackwaterfoot with Rob 74 points.

2 John Clarke, Torbeg with Moss 66 points.

3 Willie McConnell, Lamslash with Wisp 57 points.

4 Liz Robertson, Machrie with Kyle 54 points.

5 Liz Robertson, Machrie with Wick 52 points.

Trophies

Dougarie Cup, open winner

Iain McConnell.

Learig Cup, confined winner Jack Murchie.

Baldy Craig Rose Bowl, outrun/lift/pen (confined) Jack Murchie.

Kinloch Hotel Shield outrun/lift/pen (open) Iain McConnell.

Chairman's Shield, female winner Liz Robertson.

Charlie Weir Memorial Shield, two dogs (aggregate) Alec McCuish.

Harbour View Cup, best drive(confined) Richmond Murphy.

Machrie Farmers' Cup, fetch/shed (confined) Jack Murchie.

Shiskine Farmers' Cup, drive (open) Iain McConnell.

The Glaister Shield, Arran bred, Iain McConnell.

High School News

Final football showdown

Arran High School staff played a friendly football game against the sixth year pupils who will no longer grace Arran High on May 19.

As predicted the pupils defeated the staff 3-1 with two goals coming from Donald Murchie and another from Sam Wheeler. Ian McLaren scored for the staff into an empty net after a quick pass from Mr Earl which left the goalie off the line and at a bad angle to save the shot.

Admittedly the staff were short of players with Archie McNicole in goal for the staff. Mr Auld's presence on the football team was sorely missed as he was held up in a meeting. Mr Garraway and Mr Earl both agreed that, 'Mr Auld was missed for his grace of game, as exemplified by Boris Johnston in last week's celebrity international football games.'

The staff led out a strong team with such stars as Mr McEachren, Mr Stewart, Mr Wedge, Mr Earl, Mr Garraway, Mr Evans and last but not least Mr McLaren. Perhaps a little worrying, some of the younger staff such as Mr Robertson and Mr Barr were unable to play.

Alas for the teachers, the goals for Donald and Sam put the game

out of their grasp.

Patrick McMaster S3

The Crucible trip

Last Thursday pupils from S3 attended a school trip to The Magnum Theatre in Irvine to watch a production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*.

There were mixed opinions of the performance and the general production. Many enjoyed it, but there were a few weary-eyed pupils by the end of it.

A few chosen pupils were asked to be interviewed at the end of the show for a special DVD by The National Theatre of Scotland, who hosted the play. Thankfully, they were very diplomatic in their answers.

The teachers who supervised the S3s were Mrs MacLean, Miss Gibson, Mrs Pennycott and of course Mr Kelly who was reluctant to be interviewed for this article. He later said: 'I thought the set, lighting and sound effects were very good but some of the performances lacked emotion.'

Overall, he was a little disappointed in the production. As an enthusiastic theatre-goer he expected a higher standard of performance and atmosphere from the National Theatre Company.

Mr Kelly's main concern was that the pupils would be discouraged to return to another live

theatre performance. He added that he strongly approved of the idea of involving schools and communities in live theatre and was very grateful towards the National Theatre of Scotland and TAG Theatre for including our school as we are usually unrepresented in these areas.

Despite this, S3 pupils had an enjoyable day and they will hopefully return to the theatre again. All the staff on the trip felt that the S3s behaved very well throughout the day.

Aimee Middleton

Heritage Project

The Arran Heritage Project has once again started for S1.

This year the system for running 'The Gathering' has been altered, to suit the new circumstances. Instead of being organised by village, pupils are now organised by a subject which they have chosen. Another change this year is that members of S1 and S2 have been included in the Arran Heritage community group to help inject new blood into its council.

This should help the heritage project adapt to suit the pupils and it should help provide a different angle for the council.

This year at The Gathering, over 60 senior citizens turned up, and provided photos, stories and other information about their projects.

A nice part of this year's meeting, was that in the past, the children would leave just before the tea and biscuits came. This year though, both the kids and adults dined together. This gave them a much-needed chance to make connections with each other.

Mrs Stewart, who is one of the main contributors to the project, said: 'We are very grateful to all the long-standing residents who dedicated so much of their time and effort to assist the pupils with their projects.'

Zoe Tomalin and John Tilbury S2



Some of the enthusiasts taking part in the highly acclaimed musical 'West Side Story'. See advert on page 11 for full details.

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Commer Commando coach at Brodick Pier awaiting passengers for Brodick Castle. The picture shows the Brodick Castle destination board sign in the left hand corner of the coach's front window.

Brodick Castle's first-ever tour bus remembered

Lamlash resident and bus historian Bernie Mitchell-Luker approached *The Banner* to tell us of the first-ever coach used to serve Brodick Castle.

This follows on from our article in *Banner* edition 1544 about the launch of the new open top double decker that has now inherited the run and Bernie thought readers may like to see where it all started.

Bernie told *The Banner*: 'The coach pictured started running to the castle on the first day of open-

ing to the public and ran on most days during every season from then until 1965/6.

'It is a Commer Commando fitted - as most of them were - with a Humber (car) petrol engine and a 29-seat body by Scottish Aviation.'

McMillan of Pirnmill

Bernie explained that the vehicle belonged to McMillan of Pirnmill and the driver was George 'Biffo' Munro and it was sub-contracted to Ribbeck of Brodick who had the licenses but

insufficient buses to operate the castle run.

This bus was eventually sold to Lennox of Whiting Bay before going to a mainland buyer.

Bernie concluded: 'Most of the coach is still intact and is now in England.'

'Four of us are working on it and it is currently being restored to original condition.'

'We are all experts in different fields.'

'Who knows,' said Bernie, 'It may well be back on Arran yet.'

Elsbeth Attwooll - letter from Strasbourg

Last month I wrote about how a negotiating team from the Parliament was working hard to get some changes made in the deal on the EU Budget that governments reached last December.

This month I can report some success - with a reverse in the cuts to the numbers of Erasmus students, enough money to carry out all (or at least most) of the health programme and an increase in the funding available for co-operation between different parts of the EU.

Just which strand of such co-operation the extra sum shall go to is still under discussion.

It is worth mentioning though that there is to be a new cross-border strand which opens up all sorts of possibilities for joint activities between organisations on the west coast of Scotland and in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Besides issues to do with the amount of funding, the Parliament has been negotiating on the rules for its use.

At the moment we are concentrating on four main issues. We are seeking much more emphasis on accessibility for disabled people and on protection of the environment.

Equally, we also want to strengthen the role of local people in the decision-making process. And we are pushing for a system that will allow money that has not been spent in time to be reallocated to programmes that would make good use of it.

Avian Flu

Of course, we have also dealt with lots of other matters over the last month, from support mechanisms for farmers whose businesses are affected by avian flu through the role of inshore fisheries to action in relation to floods and other natural disasters.

And, on the immediate agenda, as I write, are eco labelling for

fisheries products and improvements in road safety.

As well as what has been going on in the Parliament, there have been my usual travels round Scotland.

Concerns

The time spent in Caithness and Sutherland was really useful for keeping me in touch with people's concerns. And, although my intended spell in the Borders is now taking place later in the year, I have still been kept busy - with activities ranging from a visit to a waste water treatment plant near Elgin to a talk for young European lawyers in Edinburgh.

On these or any other issues, please feel free to write to me: info@elsbethattwoollmep.org.uk or to Suite 5, 2nd Floor, Olympic House, 142 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3BU.

Elsbeth Attwooll MEP

Volunteers for befriending

Yesterday, Thursday June 1 saw the start of volunteer week in North Ayrshire.

The scheme is being promoted by North Ayrshire Volunteer Centre and co-ordinated by Sheridan Waldon of Lamlash.

It is particularly aimed at extending a befriending scheme for the elderly or people with disabilities.

'We are looking for volunteers to spend time with a matched person,' said Sheridan.

'They can have a coffee together,

take them out for a trip or to a concert. The befrienders will be complementary to the Contact the Elderly group.'

She explained that North Ayrshire Council Social Services were identifying suitable people for befriending and had indicated that they could come up with an endless stream of people.

Any willing volunteers can contact Sheridan Waldon via the Citizens Advice Centre in Park Terrace, Lamlash.



Elsbeth Attwooll MEP

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However uninterested one may be in football, it is impossible to be unaware that a World Cup is coming up. We are inundated with matters about which team one should support (given that Scotland did not qualify) or Wayne Rooney's scan. Undoubtedly a few people do enjoy watching football, and playing it is surely a lot of fun, but I suspect a considerable number find it rather a bore.

But they can't say so. For a politician to say football was boring would spell electoral death, or so they imagine. Gordon Brown, clearly not one of the lads, makes a big thing of supporting Dunfermline. Michael Howard, otherwise a fine party leader, claimed to support Liverpool. Now Jack McConnell is criticised for saying that he will not be supporting England in the World Cup.

Support, or not, for England is of course quite a different matter from interest, or not, in football. But, given whatever question was posed, one suspects that Mr McConnell quickly figured that he risked less by being accused an anti-English bigot, rather than not being seen as a man of the people who enjoys football. After all, the bigotry of anti-Englishness has been with us for ages and it is only recently voices, at least the more intelligent ones, are being raised against it.

Had Mr McConnell answered that he had no interest at all in the World Cup he would have been met with incredulity and would have been perceived to have alienated more than half the electorate. For all I know he may actually like football and belong to that majority of Scots (80 per cent) who would prefer anyone to win but England. Even Trinidad and Tobago for whom he claims he will be cheering.

I confess that I would have had a small pleasure, had they been part of it, were Scotland to do well. This would have been tempered by the expectation that they would not only do badly, but be humiliated. Yet I have sympathy for Mr McConnell in not supporting England. Often I have written of the mean mindedness of anti-Englishness, yet, if we had to support a team, I could not make it England. Well, if it was England v France I would support England, as I would if it were against some of the bigger football countries like Brazil or Spain. But put against Cameroon or Korea, even Trinidad and Tobago, who would not want to see the underdog come out on top? I cannot explain why, since in every other way the Scots chip on the shoulder against England is a most unifying element of our national character. Yet there's that ridiculous assumption again that we all support some team.

Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts said that football was a fine game but added, 'It is a vicious game when it draws crowds of lads away from playing the game themselves to be merely onlookers at a few paid performers.' He particularly detested the herd behaviour, 'all of them learning to be hysterical as they groan or cheer in panic unison with their neighbours - the worst sound of all being the hysterical scream of laughter that greets any little trip or fall of a player.' Absolutely. Who cares?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.

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**Letters to the Editor****Friends of the Gambian Organisation**

Sir,
Friends of Charlie and Elaine Wood, late of Midmar, are anxious to support them on a trip to Gambia to aid the Friends of the Gambian Organisation for the Visually Impaired.

We can help by collecting unwanted spectacles, old hearing aids and pens and notebooks.

If you feel you can be of help, please leave items at Blackwaterfoot Lodge (860202) or for more information contact Ann Whattam (860222) or Laura Murchie (860269). Looking forward to your support.

Yours,
Ann and Ian Relf
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Laura Murchie
Blackwaterfoot.

Hospital Supporters League

Sir,
May I, through *The Banner*, thank everybody involved with the plant sale held last Sunday in Lamlash Hall.

To those who donated plants and raffle prizes, to the Hospital Supporters League (HSL) committee members who worked so hard before, during and after the event, to everyone who came along for the day to help, and to anyone I have forgotten to mention many many thanks.

A special vote of thanks goes to Neil McLean who grew over 3,000 plants for us, and to Joe Perkins who made the barrows.

Thanks also to Alan Little who made us feel so welcome.

Finally thanks to everyone who came and supported us. We were blessed with good weather again this year and the support we had was incredible.

The amount raised so far, after all the expenses were deducted, is £1,500 and we believe there is a little more to come in.

We are sorry that there was some difficulty with parking due to the building work going on at the new school. However there is a second chance as there are still some plants available which will be sold next Monday at the Whitsun Fair in Whiting Bay Hall on Monday 29 May. (see advert

elsewhere in *The Banner*)

Thank you all, we'll be back next year.

In the meantime happy gardening.

Yours,
Sheila McLeod
HSL Secretary
Elleray
Whiting Bay

Shiskine Valley Sports

Sir,
This year Shiskine Valley Sports Day will take place on Saturday 8 July. There will be the usual fulfilled day and evening.

Would anyone or any organisation wishing to have a stall on the day please contact Karen Haggarty on 860246.

Looking forward to another successful year.

Yours
Liz Kerr
Shiskine
SVSD Committee
P.S. Good weather booked.

Pirnmill Mini Youth Club

Sir,
May I, through your column, thank everyone who supported Pirnmill Mini Youth Club's recent fundraising Quiz through which £70 was collected.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Joan Crawley of Lochranza was the winner of a £15 voucher very kindly donated to the Club by Brodick Nursery Gardens.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all those who supported our programme this session. The Mini Youth Club is administered by a small group of parents aided by a number of people and organisations across the Island who visit us and enlighten the children with their expertise whether it be creative, athletic, giving advice on keeping safe of just having fun.

Many thanks to all.
Yours,
Margaret McEachern
Secretary
Pirnmill

Left behind at Ardrossan

Sir,
On Friday 26 May two coaches with almost 100 schoolchildren and teachers left Alton Towers near Stoke-on-Trent to travel to

Ardrossan hoping to catch the 6pm ferry.

The ferry was sailing 20 minutes late and when we arrived at the Ardrossan terminal there were still cars to load but the gangway was down.

This was despite the terminal having been informed twice by telephone that we were on our way.

It is also very strange that the ferry was told that there were no more passengers to come when our imminent arrival was known.

The sub-manageress at Ardrossan terminal would not allow the children onto the boat, yet it was over 10 minutes before the ferry sailed.

Perhaps the person responsible may be able to explain to the parents why they would refuse to allow the children on board.

Why do most of the problems with our ferry service seem to emanate from Ardrossan? Perhaps some lessons in humanity could be transferred to them from Brodick.

Yours,
J Stewart
Tigh na Cachla
Blackwaterfoot

Plant thanks

Sir,
May I use your columns to thank everyone who donated plants to the Kilmory Plant Sale.

Thanks must also go to all those who helped out on the day in the kitchen and manning the stalls. The fantastic sum of £432 was raised. Well done Yvonne for all the organisation.

Yours,
Ann Rhead
Kilmory Hall

Open stage

Sir,
As part of the Lochranza Village Hall Committee I am arranging an evening to showcase local talent.

This will be in the form of an open stage, available to any bands from the Island who would wish to take part.

This evening is being scheduled to take place in mid to late July at the Lochranza Village Hall, and I am presently looking for any interested bands to contact me.

I hope that if this event is a success this year that it may become a regular opportunity for up and coming groups to perform in ven-

ues that may not ordinarily have been available to them.

Anyone who would be interested in performing and would like more information can write to me at home, e-mail me on jmilne3@hotmail.com or phone 830320.

Final dates will be confirmed soon, and I hope that both the participating bands and their supporters will help to make this night exciting and profitable, as all proceeds of the event will be distributed among local charities.

I wait with bated breath for the flood of responses!

Many thanks.
Yours,
Johanne Milne
Aveloch Cottage
Lochranza

Thanks

Sir,
I would like to thank all those who looked after me on Saturday 27 May.

With special thanks to the hospital staff and apologies to all those inconvenienced by my antics.

Yours,
Ronnie McPherson,
Glen Place,
Brodick

Arran ferry tales**Calling all actors, readers, singers and players!**

Arran's own show is now written and ready for casting. The next workshop weekend - the final one before the July run-up week to the show itself - will be on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 June, at Kilmory Hall.

Saturday sessions will run through the afternoon and early evening (not morning and afternoon as previously), with an hour's break between them, and the Sunday session will be in the morning. The provision of an evening session on Saturday is hoped to make things easier for people who are working during the day.

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Sibling rivalries

The ruse works well until Herman invites them on a seaside trip where the strain of the presence and old sibling rivalries lead to a comically uncomfortable series of events.

Eccentric, touching and minutely observed, this film drips with dry humour.

Catch it at Corrie Hall on Sunday 4 June at 8.00pm. Bring a bottle to share if you wish.

Members and friends please remember to bring along suggestions for next year's programme to this meeting.

Kids go wild at Arran festival

Arran's first ever wildlife festival took place last week to packed audiences including many children - and it looks as if it may

become a regular annual event. Five days billed as: 'Providing an unrivalled opportunity to get closer to the wildlife of the Is-

land,' took place, mainly in the southend. The events were organised by The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scotland (RSPB), Destination Arran, and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

Tom Marshall public affairs officer for the RSPB said: 'Some of the wildlife experiences have been amazing with hen harrier 'food-passes' seen on almost every guided walk.'

'The family fun day on Sunday went down a storm with well over 200 people at Kilmory Hall to see a variety of island crafts and hear about Arran's spectacular seabirds and other wildlife.'

'The RSPB's Eagle Oydyssey film was a sell-out with Kilmory Hall turned into a big screen cinema for the evening.'

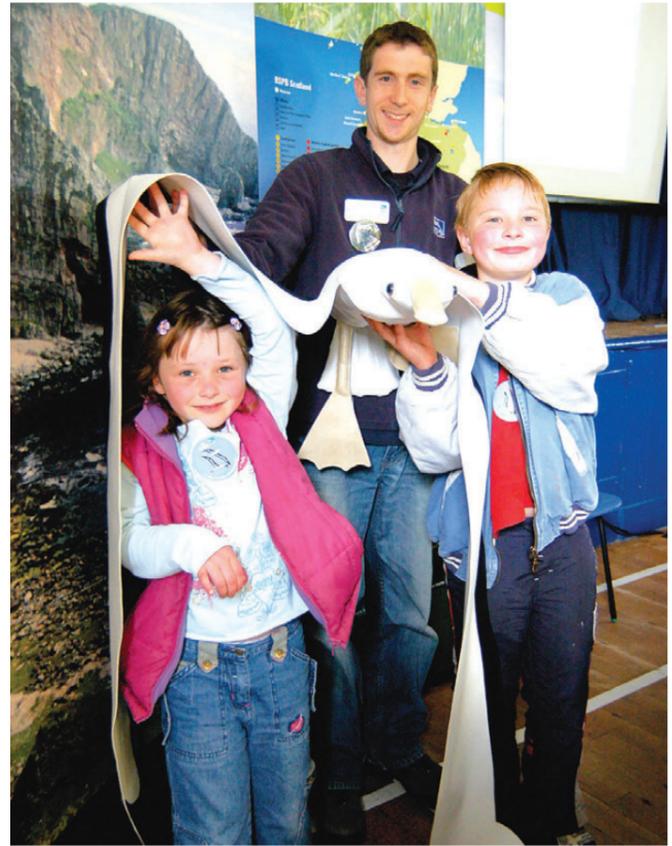
The detailed surveys carried out by SNH throughout the week will be used by the RSPB to ensure future festivals are even better.

Tom concluded: 'We are very grateful to all the organisations and island folk who helped to make it such a superb few days.'

'We would welcome any comments from islanders and visitors, who can contact the RSPB office on glasgow@rspb.org.uk hopefully some images from the festival will be on the website at www.arranwildlife.co.uk soon.'



Some of the children who enjoyed having their face painted at the family fun day. b22hen2



Tom Marshall with some children and an albatross at the family fun day. b22hen1

Youngster makes his Beaver Promise

The 11th Ayrshire Shiskine Beaver group gained a new member last week.

Five-year-old Cailean Robetson of Blackwaterfoot undertook his Beaver Promise last Sunday.

Beaver leader Eveline Thomson said: 'Once the children come along for four weeks they make their promise and are then made members of the group.'

'The are given their necktie, sweater and a first set of badges.'

This brings the total number in the group to 15.

Eveline continued: 'I don't think we could take anymore at the moment.'

Currently there is one boy waiting to join but he is still under the required joining age of five years and 10 months.

Keir Robertson will be taking his Beaver Promise next week.

After two years the youngsters make their way into the cubs and repeat the promise.



Beaver leaders Eveline Thomson and Kate Jenks stand with the 11th Ayrshire Shiskine Beavers. Cailean Robertson is seated on the right. b22hen3

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Four new ambassadors



Isle of Arran Distillery managing director Douglas Davidson receives a gift of 25-year-old balsamic vinegar from Roberto Gobbi of Osteria Del Viandante, Italy. b22dis3

The sun shone on Lochranza last Thursday as visitors from around the globe joined staff at the The Isle of Arran Distillery Visitor Centre to mark the appointment of four new Ambassadors of Arran.

The Ambassador appointments are made by Isle of Arran Distillers and are now in their third year.

The honours board in the visitor centre carries a list of previous and current nominees and states: 'The persons below have been honoured as Ambassadors of Arran for their consistent efforts to develop and promote sales of Arran products in their market.'

This year, three new markets were honoured with presentations made to representatives from Belgium, Japan and Italy.

Around 50 invited guests from various sectors of the Arran community gathered at the visitor centre.

They were given a guided tour of the distillery and were offered an opportunity to try two cocktails that had been specially created for the occasion using Arran 10 year-old Single Malt.

On a visit to the Whisky Live exhibition in Paris last year distillery managing director Douglas Davidson issued a challenge to some of the world's top whisky writers. Martine Nouet and Dave Broom accepted the challenge and two very different cocktails were created.

Dave called his *In a muddle*



Local farmers Neil Henderson and son David enjoy a couple of pre-lunch cocktails with whisky writers Martine Nouet and Dave Broom. b22dis2

with a smidgen and explained that his creation contained Peyclauds bitters, Mandarin Napoleon, orange and lemon peel and a hefty whack of Arran 10 year-old.

Food and spirits writer Martine, who described herself as 'the only spirits writer in France,' introduced her cocktail called *Arran whisper*, based on Gloss de Suze, a French cherry and ginger aperitif, a generous dash of malt and topped with a marshmallow.

She described it as sweet, subtle and floral:

'The whisky makes it more pungent; and there's a raspberry in the bottom, if you ever get to the

bottom of the glass.'

Guests voted for their favourite and Martine's *Arran Whisper* had to give way to Dave's *In a muddle with a smidgen*.

First to be honoured in this year's Ambassador appointments were brothers Erik and Walter D'Hoogh from Belgium who opened a restaurant together in 1983 in the heart of the historical city of Mechelen.

At the time they were awarded one Michelin Star and have retained this prestigious rating for over 23 years. In the mid-1990s the restaurant hosted the first ever tasting of Arran whisky outside

the UK, organised by distillery manager Gordon Mitchell.

Today, their restaurant stocks every known Arran product and recently hosted a whisky dinner to launch the Arran 10-year-old onto the Belgian market.

The next award was to Makoto Kikuchi from Japan.

Makoto is the buyer with Shinanoya Shokuhin who are major retailers in the Kanto area with stores in Tokyo and Yokohama.

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Stocking all of the major Arran product lines, they sell by the bottle or straight from the cask in their stores and hold Arran Fayres each year to further promote the products.

The fourth and final ambassador appointed was Roberto Gobbi from Osteria Del Viandante, a family-owned coaching inn run by the family of Dolores, Roberto's wife, since 1830.

Roberto and his wife run the restaurant which has built its reputation around speciality meats.

His first taste of Arran whisky came in 2004 and Roberto said that both he and his wife fell instantly in love with the malt.

Since then, he has allowed his restaurant to become a window for the Arran distillery portfolio,

and faithfully promotes the brand to both customers and colleagues alike.

Mike Pierce, chairman of Isle of Arran Distillers, offered his thanks to all distributors and staff for their continued hard work.

'It has been a great achievement and a great year for the company.

'We are going to be a diamond in the industry, not just another distillery,' he said.

Mr Pierce also congratulated managing director Douglas Davidson who was celebrating his birthday that day.

Speeches over, the stage was set for Robin Laing to entertain with a selection of songs related to both Scotland and, in particular, whisky and the day was rounded off with Arran sunshine greeting the guests and ambassadors as they headed home.



Isle of Arran Distillers sales director Euan Mitchell with Junichi Midorikawa and Makoto Kikuchi who both work for the Shinanoya food and drink department chain store in Japan. b22whi. Photo Matt Edwards



Managing director Douglas Davidson with ambassadors Makoto Kikuchi, Roberto Gobbi, Erik and Walter D'Hoogh and chairman Mike Pierce outside the distillery. b22dis1

Save The Children AGM

Once again Auchrannie generously provided the venue for the Annual General Meeting of Save The Children on Monday 22 May.

In her report chairperson Claire Underdown remarked on another extremely successful year. She was particularly indebted to her committee, especially the office bearers, for their tireless efforts on behalf of Save The Children. She also thanked the general public for their continuing support of fundraising events. During the year the magnificent sum of £11,179 was raised of which £2,366 came from the house to house collection.

As one of three area volunteer representatives, Claire had found it very beneficial to liaise with other groups sharing ideas and information. She also realised how fortunate we are in Arran to have such a large committee.

The following officebearers were unanimously re-elected for next year.

Chair - Claire Underdown, secretary - Margaret Shaw, treasurer - Myrna Boal. The office of vice-chair was introduced and this has been accepted by Kath Turner.

During the year, Janet Redfean and Margaret Bradshaw were unfortunately unable to continue. They were thanked by Claire for their dedication and hard work. The committee were therefore delighted to welcome Rosemary Bickerton and Margaret Auld.

Following the business two very moving DVDs were shown highlighting the work of Save The Children among children in Sri Lanka, China and parts of Africa. It was a timely reminder of the importance of the fundraising efforts!

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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
RNLI Lifeboat shop open, Lamlash Pier, 2 - 4pm
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 7pm
Stone Carving with Tim Pomeroy, Ranger Centre.
Drift Inn, A. Little Disco/Karaoke 9.30pm
Councillor Currie, Surgery, Brodick Library, 1-2pm
The Sound of Music 8pm. Brodick Hall. Final Performance

SUNDAY 4th June

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
RNLI Lifeboat shop open, Lamlash Pier 2 - 4pm
Stone Carving with Tim Pomeroy, Ranger Centre

MONDAY 5th June

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, Brodick, 6pm
Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Scottish Country Dancing, W. Bay School, 7.30pm
Pilates, Auchrannie 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
Brodick Bowling Club rink game 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 7pm

TUESDAY 6th June

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
Scottish Country Dancing, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm 4 - 6pm by appointment only
Carpet Bowls, Kilmory Hall 2.30pm and 7pm
Art Group, Kilmory hall 2 - 4pm
Pop quiz, Ormidale Hotel 10pm
Loch & Cat Coffee morning, hall 10am - 12pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Alcoholics Anonymous 'drop-in' Hospital Bungalow 6.30pm - 8pm
Rotary Club 7.15pm Auchrannie Spa
Senior Fitness 9.30am&10.45am, Auchrannie Gym
Presbytery Guild Summer Rally, Lamlash Church, 2pm
Coastal Way Work Party, meet Brodick school, 9am

WEDNESDAY 7th June

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
Advocacy service, drop in session, ACVS office, Lamlash 11am-1pm
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm
W Bay Parents & Toddlers, Church Hall, 10.30am-noon
Coffee morning, Lamlash Church Hall, 1030am-noon. All welcome.
Circuit Training, Auchrannie Gym, Brodick, 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
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 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 7pm
Felting Masterclass, Rangers Centre, 10.30am

THURSDAY 8th June

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
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
Spinning Demonstration Whiting Bay Hall 11am-2pm
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Brodick Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm
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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
Lochranza Craft Club, Hall 2pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am & 1.45pm
Only abs, Auchrannie Studio, 5.30pm
Outdoor run, Auchrannie, 6pm
Lamlash Beavers 6-7pm Cubs 6.15-8pm Scouts 7.30-9pm
Cricket Practice, Sannox Oval, 6pm

FRIDAY 9th 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
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
Terracotta Workshop with Tim Pomeroy, Ranger Centre

SATURDAY 10th June (non regulars)

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Haluch back

At the committee meeting of the tourist board on Tuesday evening Mr Jim Haluch reconsidered his decision to resign and decided to remain on the committee as vice-chairman of the board. The committee decided not to make a statement about the issue.

Goatfell records

Two records were broken in the Goatfell race last Saturday. The entry of 128 runners was the highest ever and the weather was deemed to be the wettest ever. First local home was Andrew McNiven of Whiting Bay.

Puffin opens

The Puffin Eating House opened in Brodick last Wednesday under the direction of Lyn Williams and Peter McCulloch. The third partner, Alasdair Dunn, died in February but his name lives on in the Puffin, taken from one of his porcelain models.

Licensing hours

Applications for extension of licensing hours were made to Cunninghame District Council by Alasdair MacLeod, Blenheim

Lounge Bar; William Butler, Pierhead Tavern; Graham Watson, The Moorings; and Francis Kerr, Cameronia Hotel.

Riding Club

Arran Riding Club cross country results:- Handy pony, 1 Jennifer Tod, 2 Anne Bilsland, 3 Anna Birch. Junior cross country, 1 Kirsty Duncan, 2 Julie Duncan, 3 Susie Bilsland, 4 Nina Bridge. Open cross country, 1 Shona Turnbull, 2 Donna Crisp, 3 Wendy Birch, 4 Angela McGill.

Right: Susan Whitehead, whose parents own Cooper Angus Caravan Park, has taken over the running of The Old Pier Craft Centre in Whiting Bay. b22tw63



Nursery trip for children

Lamlash childminder Ninna Crisp took a group of children on a trip to Kirkend Nursery in Whiting Bay last week. Owner Diane Lewis showed the children round and they enjoyed seeing all the different varieties of fruit growing and even got to taste the delicious strawberries. At the end of the day all the youngsters were given two strawberry plants each to grow in their gardens at home.



Diane Lewis and some of the children at Kirkend Nursery. b21kir1

Livestock sales at Ayr Auction Mart

Craig Wilson Ltd sold 364 grazing cattle from the Island at their various Spring sales. A large number of buyers from as far afield as north Yorkshire in the south to Huntly in the north resulted in prices being achieved well in excess of sellers' expectations. Principal prices:- Simmental bullocks: £650 Seaview, £640, £588 Clachaig. Simmental bullock calves: £515, £500, £480 Clachaig, £458 Bellview, Blackwaterfoot, £455 Birchburn. Simmental heifer

calves: £425 Clachaig, £400 Bellview, Blackwaterfoot. Charolais bullocks: £638, £570 Braehead, £615, £580 Cairnhouse. Charolais heifers: £568 Braehead. Charolais bullock calves: £535, £522 Drumaghinier, £535 Auchenhew, £478 Moor. Charolais heifer calves: £460 Auchenhew. Saller bullocks: £632 Braehead. Belgian Blue bullocks: £540 Bellview, Sliddery. Belgian Blue bullock calves: £532

Craigraineach. Belgian Blue heifer calves: £390 Craigraineach. Luing bullocks: £540, £528 Altgolath. Limousin bullocks: £550, £535 Bellview, Sliddery, £515 Strathwillan. Limousin heifers: £452 Altgolath. Angus bullocks: £502 Bellview, Sliddery. Angus heifers: £550 Moor, £460 Mayfield. Jersey heifers: £600, £550 Heathcote. Pence per kilo:- Simmental bullock calves: 160.9 Birchburn, 156.1, 154.8 Clachaig, 145.2

Bellview, Blackwaterfoot. Simmental heifer calves: 130.3 Clachaig, 128.6 Bellview, Blackwaterfoot, 126.4 Birchburn. Charolais bullock calves: 149.1 Drumaghinier, 147.7 Auchenhew, 147 Moor. Charolais heifer calves: 143.7 Auchenhew. Belgian Blue bullocks: 147.7 Craigraineach. Limousin bullocks: 151.1 Lavencorrach. 144.5 Bellview, Sliddery. Angus bullocks: 160.4 Mayfield. Angus heifers: 135.7 Mayfield.

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Part Time Catering Assistants**

£5.5313 per hour (pro rata to hours worked annually) (pay award pending)

Ref 45/1239/AB - Corrie Primary School, Isle of Arran 7.5 hours per week

Ref 45/1309/AB - Lamash Primary, Isle of Arran 20 hours per week

You will assist in the provision of a quality catering service within this location. You will be enthusiastic and well motivated with good numeracy and literacy skills, the ability to work as part of a team and take and follow instruction and have a willingness to undertake training. Desirable criteria include experience in a similar capacity, an Elementary REHIS, Health and Safety Awareness and COSHH Regulations and the availability to work additional hours.

Part Time Cleaners**

£5.5313 per hour (pro rata to hours worked annually) (pay award pending)

Ref 45/1261/AB - Arran High 15 hours per week

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Ref 45/1275/AB - Whiting Bay Primary, Isle of Arran 12.5 hours per week

Ref 45/1299/AB - Lamash Primary, Isle of Arran 15 hours per week

You will provide a quality cleaning service within these locations. You will be enthusiastic, well motivated with the ability to take and follow instructions and work as part of a team. Good numeracy and literacy skills and a willingness to undertake training are essential. Similar experience, training to BICS standard, knowledge of Health and Safety, COSHH Regulations and the availability to work additional hours are desirable.

Refuse Driver#

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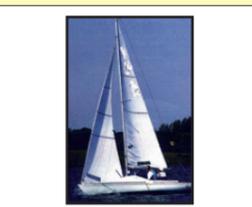


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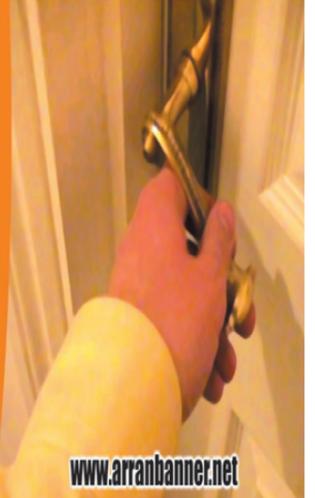
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Application No N/06/00447/PP Address 2 Brathwic Place, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8BN Proposed Development Formation of dormer extension to rear of semi-detached dwelling house

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Ian Snodgrass
Chief Executive
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Wednesday
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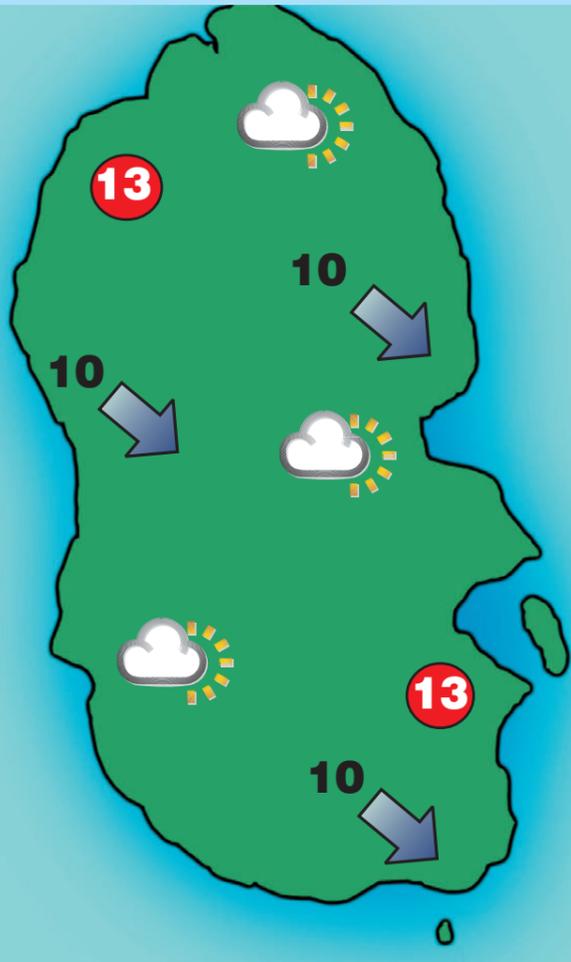
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Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, June 3 2006** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Sat	04.10 2.9 10.33 0.8 17.16 2.5 23.03 1.1	
Sun	04.59 2.8 11.37 0.8 18.13 2.5 ** ** *	
Mon	00.03 1.1 05.58 2.7 12.44 0.8 19.15 2.4	
Tues	01.10 1.1 07.02 2.6 13.43 0.8 20.22 2.5	
Wed	02.12 1.0 08.10 2.6 14.33 0.7 21.27 2.5	
Thur	03.06 0.9 09.13 2.7 15.19 0.6 22.20 2.6	
Fri	03.52 0.7 10.06 2.7 16.01 0.5 23.04 2.7	

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, June 3

Sunny intervals throughout the day. Moderate breeze. Max temp 13°C.

Sunday, June 4

Mainly dry day with low level white cloudy skies.

Temperatures around 15°C.

Monday and Tuesday

Settled few days with long sunny periods.

Temperatures rising to 18°C

Ferry Crossings / Sea States

Ardrossan / Brodick - Moderate
Claonaig / Lochranza - Moderate

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 4 June
Shiskine 11am.
Brodick 7pm.
Reverend David Karoon.
All welcome.

Lamlash Church

Sunday 4 June
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
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Sunday 4 June.
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times.

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Corrie Church, noon, Mrs Jean Hunter.
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Revd. Angus Adamson.
Pirmill Church, 10.45am, Revd. Angus Adamson.
Shiskine Church, noon, Revd. Angus Adamson

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 4 June
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and Coffee will be served after service.

There will be a service in Corriedoon at 2.30pm and in Craigielea at 3.15pm. The young persons group for all in S2 and upwards will meet in the Manse at 7pm All most welcome.

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Wednesday 7 June: 12.00 noon, Holy Communion. All Welcome.

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 4 June at 11 a.m. in the Free Church building, Brodick (beside the Post Office). Peter Lee.
'The Young church in Action'
(2) The Promise Fulfilled - Acts 2: 1-42 Everyone warmly invited.

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 4 June, Trust Housing Lounge, Brodick 11am, Evening Service, 5 Glen Road, Brodick, 7pm Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7 June 7pm
Rev D MacLeod.
All Welcome.

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

will hold a Meeting for Worship on Sunday 4 June at Bheinn Ard, N. Newton, Lochranza at 2.30pm (followed by a themed discussion) All are welcome. Enquiries to 302779



Golden Wedding

Cameron - Lawson

Richard (Dick) and Mary were married at St Brides Church, Lochranza, on 2nd June 1956 by Rev R C Carmichael. They are now living in Lamlash after many years spent elsewhere in the UK.

With love and many congratulations to you both from daughter Sue, son-in-law Phil and grandsons Richard and Stuart

Lost

Silver chain link bracelet probably between Brodick Castle and Brambles but could be anywhere on the island.

Belongs to young French exchange student. Please contact 600747 or hand in to Lamlash Police Station.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Eva Curwen

Jean and Richard would like to thank friends for their flowers, cards, phone calls and expressions of sympathy. They would also like to thank Colette Napier and the staff of Montrose House for their care during the fifteen months Eva lived there, Graham Tinto and the medical centre at Lamlash, Dr Ghosh and the wonderful nursing staff at Station 16 in Ayr Hospital and David Hendry for the funeral arrangements.

BIRTHDAY



Happy 50th Birthday

Donald (Dan)
7th June

Best wishes from all your family

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

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday 24 May, summer cup, 40 played, CSS64.

1 Jamie Duncan 6 62, 2 Greg McCrae 6 63, 3 Steve Bunyan 3 64. Scratch Steve Bunyan 67. There were 10 twos Greg McCrae getting two.

Sunday 28 May, club championship qualifier, second round, 30 played, CSS64.

Sweep: 1 Lenny Hartley 18 61, 2 Donald McKinnie 11 63 bih, 3 Billy Armit 8 63. Scratch Steve Bunyan 69. There were seven twos Calum McFadzean, Jamie Duncan and Steven Bunyan all getting 2 each.

McCarfrae trophy, club championship over 36 holes.

1 Steve Bunyan 135, 2 Ewan McKinnon 137, 3 Calum McFadzean 144, 4 Donald McKinnie 146. Congratulations to Stevie winning the McCarfrae trophy and to all 16 qualifiers.

Fixtures

First round to be played on Thursday 8 June. Arrange own times.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday 24 May. 1 E McKinnon 65-3=62, 2 A Napier 69-6=63

Saturday 27 May. 1 T Cotton 75-16=59, 2 C Pattenden 73-13=60bih, 3 J McGovern 67-7=60

Fixtures

Saturday 3 June, sweep tee off at 9.30am and 1pm.

Wednesday 7 June, Wednesday medal, tee off from 5pm

Friday 9 June, final of club cham-

pionship, tee off at 6pm. Spectators welcome.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 25 May, summer cup, 26 played, CSS64.

Sweep: 1 R Adams 70-9=61, 2 R McGunnigle 69-6=63, 3 A Pattison 74-10=64. Best scratch: R McGunnigle 69 bih over A Barclay 69. Magic twos, A Pattison at 5th, R McGunnigle at 14th.

Saturday 27 May, club championship, Robbie McGunnigle defeated Dougie McFarlane by nine over 36 holes. Congratulations to Robbie.

Sunday 28 May, Hastings Cup, first round, 25 played, CSS64.

Sweep: 1 Ian Bremner 68-6=62, 2 Andy Pattison 73-10=63bih, 3 Maurice Appleby 82-19=63. Best scratch Ian Bremner 68.

Magic twos: One at 5th A Pattison, M Appleby, one at 16th G Andrews, D Adams.

Championship 2006

The first round of the championship was played on Saturday 20 May from 4pm. The eight qualifiers experienced some pretty poor conditions due to rain for most of the front nine.

D MacFarlane beat J Murchie at the 19th hole finishing with a birdie 3. N Young beat I Bremner also at the 19th hole with a par. R McGunnigle beat R Adams and I Murchie beat E Evans.

The semi-finals were held on the evening of Tuesday 23 May, again conditions were rather wet for the front nine. Thanks to the efforts of

N Mitchell with the squeegee the greens were kept playable.

D MacFarlane beat N Young at the 18th and R McGunnigle beat I Murchie by four and three following a blistering start taking all of the first five holes to be out in 31.

The 36 hole final, Saturday 27 May, 1pm and 5pm. A new star comes of age. Dougie v Robbie.

Dougie who has won the championship on 17 occasions was hampered slightly with a damaged finger in his left hand, despite this he scored level fours for the 29 holes completed.

His opponent Robbie playing in his first final became inspired par figures for the first 4 holes put him two up and birdies at 8th and 9th - four up at the turn. By the 18th hole Robbie was six up after shooting his best ever figures at Lamlash with a 65 gross.

In the evening second round Dougie made a valiant effort to reduce the deficit but Robbie was playing a composed solid game of golf and increased his lead to win by nine and seven. Despite the conditions of the past week the course was tidy, although a bit wet underfoot in places, with the greens in excellent condition. Many thanks were expressed to the greens staff at the prize giving.

Fixtures

Sunday 4 June, Hamilton bowl, 9.30am and 1pm.

Ladies Section

Medal Flag Competition Thursday 25 May, CSS Score: 64

Legion golf game in Brodick



The Royal British Legion (Arran) Cup was competed for, Thursday 25 May at Brodick Golf Club. Kerr Robertson gained a hat trick of wins. Seated from left: Spud Taylor (Chairman), Sid Allen and Willie Innes. Standing from left: Gordon Rintoul, Alan Milligan, Kerr Robertson with the cup and Morag Gardner.

1 C McAdam 84-21=63, 2 S Murchie 92-12=80. Best Scratch: C McAdam 63

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 28 May. Tor Alvey Greensome, 18 played.

1 Gus MacLeod and Keith Kelsall 75-16.5=58.5, 2 Jamie MacPherson and Tom Roberts 72-13=59, 3

David Morrison and Malcolm Penncott 65-5=60. Scratch winners were Malcolm and David with 65 and John Duncan and Danny Head scored the only magic two.

Well done to Danny Head on reaching the final of the Island Junior Matchplay competition and losing out narrowly to Matthew Evans of Lamlash.

Fixtures

Sunday 4 June - Club Champion-

ship Final, J.C. Reid Final and Ladies Crystal Final.

Wednesday 7 June - Summer Trophy. Sunday 11 June - Eric Wood Memorial.

Ladies section

Montly medal
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2 Jean Davidson 98 - 27 = 71
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Largest 10k for Arran ladies

A record 15,000 ladies took part in the Resolution Asset Management Women's 10K Race held in Glasgow last month.

This is the highest ever amount of entrants this women-only race has had to date.

Among the runners were 30 Arran ladies who travelled to the city to put their training to the test and compete in this very popular event.

This Glasgow race is the largest women's 10k in the UK.

The route, which finishes in Bellahouston Park on the south side of Glasgow, passes through the Maxwell Park and Pollock Park areas making it one of the most scenic road races in the country.

All abilities

Over the last few months many Arran ladies of all ages and abilities, from complete novice to more experienced have been putting in a lot of

effort and training for the race. A great day was had by all and everyone successfully finished the race with times ranging from 45 minutes to two hours.

Runners

Arran runner Shonagh Murchie, who took part in the race said: 'I would like to make special mention to the following list of Arran's up and coming athletes: Lynn Boal, Shonagh Murchie, Shona Hume, Emma Popplewell, Kirstie Barton, Barbara Crawford, Tina Lawson, Carol Brown, Kirsty Watson, Catriona Bell, Lucy Urquhart-Dixon, Anne Curtis, Eveline Thomson, Liz Kerr, Jenni Turnbull, Kate Henderson, Elma Judge, Fiona Hamilton, Debbie Robertson, Carole Arthur, Claire McNiven, Pam Todd, Jacqui Dick, Vicky Currie, Janice Miller.'

Shonagh concluded: 'Well done to everyone who took part.'



Some of the Arran ladies who competed in the Resolution Asset Management 10k race.



Jamie Duncan of Brodick challenges Alan Johnston of Shiskine. Photo courtesy of Len Hartley.

Weekend football round up

Results of matches played, Saturday 27 May.

Brodick v Shiskine, 4 - 2. Goal scorers for Brodick: Ian Keen, Archie McNicol, Freddie Galbraith, Gordon Robertson. Goalscorers for Shiskine: Darren Thomson and Alan Johnston. Brodick player of the match,

Gregor Small and Shiskine player of the match, Stevie (Trevor) Crawford.

Northend v Southend, 2-4. Goalscorers for Northend: Mark Whelton, Martin Wallbank. Southend: Murray Picken (2), Euan Ingram (2).

Northend player of the match,

Jamie Wallace (Goalkeeper), Southend player of the match, Danny Head.

Lamlash -Bye.

Fixtures

Saturday 3 June: Lamlash v Brodick at Lamlash Community Centre. Southend v Shiskine.

All matches are at 6pm.

Doune done down by Sannox

After the last two home wins it might have been expected that Sannox, batting against Doune Valley, essentially a schoolboy team, would win hands down.

Quick and tricky

But cricket is a funny old game. Sannox lost the toss and went into bat on a drying wicket. Doune's opening bowlers were quick and tricky to play and Pomeroy, at number two, fell last ball of the first over which seemed to lay a template for the whole batting innings.

Wickets fell with regularity and at one point Sannox sat on 16 for four after 11 overs, more than half of these in extras. Mark Williams at number four was Sannox's best batsman making 14 not out and Steven Beardsley attempted a daring flurry at number seven making 11.

This must be remembered as Sannox's worst batting effort in living memory at 64 all out.

Only Doune's opening pair of

Rowan and McNair looked dangerous. Rowan was finally wicketed out with a lovely catch by Tony Brookes off his own bowling. Tight fielding and good bowling from the Arran men carried the day.

All out

Bowling laurels went to Tony Brookes finishing with five for 20 and Jonathan May on three for 11. Doune were all out for 50.

Sannox is proving a tight bowling and fielding team but will need to produce more in the batting department before their next league match against Bute, last year's league winners, at home in Sannox on 18 June.

Next friendly match is against local rivals Mid Argyll away at Dunnad Fort near Lochgilphead Sunday 4 June.

Sannox welcomes all new players, especially junior members.

Practise nights at Sannox Thursday 6pm Contact T. Pomeroy 600287 for more details.



Mark Williams of Sannox executes a perfect forward defensive stroke in the cricket match between Sannox and Doune last Sunday. b22erk1

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