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## Saturn fails the Challenge

There will be no relief ferry to cope with extra traffic and passengers generated by the Microsoft Challenge today, Friday 9 June.

A Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) spokesman said: 'The *Saturn* is not now available on Friday and it will be the *Caley Isles* on her own as the fleet is fully committed.'

As a result, 550 foot passengers who have taken part in the challenge have been booked on *MV Caledonian Isles* for the return 4.40pm sailing.

*MV Saturn* had been scheduled to help out on the Ardrossan to Brodick crossing for one day only. Unfortunately the vessel has broken down and is not now available.

The engine casing has apparently cracked and a CalMac spokesman confirmed that the *Saturn* was 'in bits.'

More than 700 Microsoft Challenge competitors, 500 bicycles and 65 canoes were expected to arrive on the 7am sailing from Ardrossan, take part in activities around the Island, and then leave on the 4.40pm boat which would be backed up by an extra sailing of the *Saturn*.

Ferry committee chairman Ken Thorburn said: 'When the committee heard that the *Saturn* had

### *MV Saturn* 'in bits'

broken down we hoped to bring *MV Isle of Arran* down.

'But there are no spare CalMac boats because of an outbreak of illness among crew members on the *MV Isle of Lewis*.'

*MV Isle of Lewis*, which operates between Stornaway and Ullapool, was temporarily withdrawn from service for specialist cleansing leaving the CalMac fleet at full stretch.

This appears to be a similar case to the one five weeks ago when the Arran ferry, *MV Caledonian Isles*, was taken out of service for disinfection after an outbreak of illness among the crew.

Lamlash relief police sergeant Stephen Leary said: 'I have spoken to CalMac and the *Saturn* has broken down and will not be going anywhere.'

'The people from Microsoft

Challenge now intend to split over two sailings of *MV Caledonian Isles*; the 4.40pm and the 7.20pm.'

He confirmed that 550 foot passengers from the challenge are booked and will be allowed on board the 4.40pm sailing before any queuing public.

'The decision was made by the ferry committee,' said Sergeant Leary.

'There might be some disgruntled Islanders who can't get off, but there are later sailings. It's a one-off event and we'll manage any traffic or public movement.'

He added that a police officer would be on the 4.40pm sailing and three, including himself, on the 7.20pm boat.

They are all returning home after relief duty.

Ken Thorburn said: 'We are trying to make as much space available as possible by spreading out the load. Cal Mac have been advising anyone that needs to get

off the Island to take the 1.50pm or 9.40pm sailings.'

A CalMac spokesman confirmed that the company expects *MV Saturn* to be repaired in time to take up her summer second-ferry stint on the Ardrossan to Brodick route on 19 June.

Jessie can now go further



New open champion



From New Zealand to Brodick



## Another milestone



Ruth and Alan Thompson at milestone number two on Brodick seafront. b23mil1

The old milestone opposite Billands store on Brodick seafront has been replaced.

This is stone number two of 55 which encircle Arran were laid more than 100 years ago by famous engineer Thomas Telford.

This one was replaced by North Ayrshire Council with the help of Ruth and Alan Thompson of Lamlash who have published a book on the milestones and renovated many of them.

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# Firefighters praised after hillside blaze



Volunteer firefighter Jamie Logan of Pirnmill tackles the fire on the hillside at Colliemore, Lochranza. b23fir1

A Lochranza resident has praised local fire crews after they were called on to deal with a hillside fire in the area on Monday.

Terry Crawley of Seabreeze West, Lochranza said: 'Too often we take these guys for granted and on this occasion I saw for myself how hard they work on our behalf.'

The blaze broke out in the Colliemore area behind Hill Crest at 3pm and a volunteer fire crew from Lochranza was quickly on

the scene. A crew from Brodick also attended but arrived to find the fire under control.

Using a mix of water from a high pressure hose reel jet from the Lochranza fire appliance and beaters the fire was quickly contained within 15 minutes.

Terry continued: 'Local firefighters made a timely arrival and dealt with the fire before any harm was done.'

'It was a very hot day for the firefighters even without the fire

- they were baked themselves by the finish.'

The cause of the fire is unknown and as fire crews set about putting it out it was spreading through dead bracken and moving into the rhododendrons.

A spokesperson for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue said:

'It's important that these fires are dealt with quickly as they can very easily spread.'

'At this time of the year in particular we are dealing with fires

started by portable barbecues.

'People don't realise how much heat these generate and combined the dry weather it creates an ideal setting for a fire to start. When finished with the barbecue should be put up on rocks to help reduce the risk of fire.'

'We are also finding that people light small fires to help keep midges away and then forget about them.'

'We would urge everyone to take care and think about what they are doing.'

## Studios open their doors

This weekend craft makers and artists across Arran will be throwing open their doors to visitors.

The idea is to give visitors a unique opportunity to see artists and craft people at work in their workshop, home or studio.

Run by Develop Craft Ayrshire this event, dubbed Ayrshire Open Studios, is a first for the island and indeed all other participating areas across Ayrshire.

The event is being run over Saturday and Sunday and has been divided into four craft trails: Arran, South Ayrshire, East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire.

A total of 30 studios and workshops made up for six from across Arran will be open.

One participant is woodturner Ruth Mae of Southbank Farm, she said: 'I think the event is a really good thing and will help to raise the profile of what we do.'

'It is also an excellent opportunity for people to meet the person behind the creations.'

A glossy A5 size booklet has been produced to accompany the events containing details of the thirty different studios across the region.

It also features ideas for eating out close to and travel advice.

On Arran visitors will be able to view anything from weaving, through to hand turned wooden items and jewellery.

For further information or to find out which studios are involved log on to [www.craftayrshire.org](http://www.craftayrshire.org) or telephone 01563 554341.

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## Police and fire files

### Five bicycles stolen

Five bicycles were taken from outside two houses in Shiskine on Saturday night.

Two taken from one address were recovered nearby, but the owners of three taken from Harbourview were not so lucky.

One was retrieved from the sea in Brodick by local coast-guard Gary Wilson, and two are still missing. The bikes were removed between 9pm on Saturday 3 June and 8.30am the following day. They belonged to Graham Foreman and his family on holiday from Glasgow, and were left unsecured but out of sight.

Graham said that they were all quite valuable but distinctive. His own bike, worth over £2,000, was lifted from the sea at Brodick slipway at 11.20am and hosed down by Arran Adventure Company.

The other two are a specialist orange-coloured FSR worth about £600 and a black and burgundy Kona Stinky Primo hand-built by Graham's son and worth about £3,000.

'My son had just finished building the bike and it was its first time out,' said Graham. 'The bikes are both so distinctive that nobody could use them.'

Police are appealing for any information.

### Alleged shoplifting

A 12-year-old schoolboy was apprehended and charged with alleged shoplifting at Homestyles in Brodick on Monday 5 June.

A report has been sent to the children's reporter.

### Skip fire

Brodick Fire and Rescue service attended a blaze in a skip last Saturday night at 9.30pm close to the landfill site on Market Road, Brodick.

The fire was quickly dealt with.

# There's a scam about

Islanders have been warned to beware of two nationwide scams currently circulating on Arran.

Residents have reported receiving unsolicited telephone calls and mail which could possibly lead to them losing a lot of money.

Sergeant Stephen Leary at Lam-lash police station told the *Banner*: 'People should be very wary of these things. There are various scams going around and this is not something which is unique to Arran.'

Monica Tweeddale of Linkfield Cottage, Lam-lash had a peculiar telephone call last Sunday.

'I think I got one of those scam parcel phone calls,' said Monica. 'A man said his name was Ben from a company that I can't remember the name of.'

'He said there was a parcel for

me and I had to call a special number to have it delivered.'

Monica said that she smelled a rat and put the phone down straight away and then dialled 1471, but the caller had withheld their number.

Four weeks ago the *Banner* carried a similar story from Terry Crawley of Lochranza. He said that he was almost a victim of a postal scam had it not been for his son's warning.

He had also been called on a Sunday by someone claiming to have a parcel for delivery and asking him to ring a premium rate number when he would have been charged £15 straight away and then £1.50 per minute afterwards.

At the time Terry said: 'On no account should anyone call this number. I am concerned that peo-

ple are going to be ripped off by this parcel scam.'

Monica Tweeddale remembered this warning: 'Sunday afternoon is a very peculiar time to get a business call.'

'I thought I should alert people to the fact that this is still going on.'

Betty Huseyin of McKelvie Road, Lam-lash received a letter from Spain last Saturday.

It brought the good news that she had won a large sum of money on an international lottery. All she had to do was fill in a complex form with all her bank details to receive the money. 'It practically asks what you had for your dinner,' she said.

Betty said that she had another one five months ago and both her daughters in St Albans and Boreham Wood had received them.

'It's a scam, but it looks so official,' she said. 'Obviously English isn't their first language and there are wee mistakes here and there.'

Police officer Jim Dougall of Strathclyde Community Safety said: 'Our advice is, never give your personal or financial details out over the phone or internet on the request of a cold call.'

'The determined criminal will use any means to steal your bank details. Be careful who you are speaking to and destroy any paper traces of personal and financial details.'

'Never disclose your Personal Identification Number (PIN) to anyone.'

The message to Arran residents is clear; be very wary when dealing with strange phone calls and letters.

## Tots and teds big day out in Brodick

The tots and teds big day out took place in Brodick Hall last Friday and over 60 excited children turned up.

All children from nursery to pre-school age were invited and

it was organised by North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) children's outreach services.

It provided the youngsters with a summer day out in a fun and friendly environment.

As an extra for the children NAC brought the 'tadpole' over from the mainland.

This is a large vehicle trailer that unfolds to provide a play area with chutes and other activities

for the children to enjoy.

Shelia Gilmore, children's outreach officer said: 'It was a great day out for everyone.'

'Even the parents had a lot of fun and the weather was superb.'

Marion Colman and her daughter Alex, Claire Johnston and Nina Hamilton were working at the event.

Activities were held inside and outside the hall for the children with the bouncy castle proving very popular.

Sheila concluded: 'We are all looking forward to the tenth tots and teds big day out next year.'



Some children play in the tadpole outside Brodick Hall at last Friday's Tots and Teds big day out. b23tot1

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# Montrose house residents go further



Montrose House residents Jessie Ferguson (left) and Nan Wilson (right) enjoy the delights of being able to travel further thanks to the purchase of new electric power packs for their wheelchairs by the Friends of Montrose House. This was made possible because of readers response to the groups headline article in last November's *Banner* edition 1519 and a £500 award from the Co-op Dividend Fund bringing the total funds to £2,500. Standing with the ladies are from left: Fiona Gilmour, Co-op store supervisor, Social Care Worker David Napier, Alex and Liz Lawrie, Friends of Montrose House. b23dis1



A paraglider high above the north Arran hills last Sunday. b23fly1

# Flying free as a bird

The skies above Arran hills were awash with colourful canopies last weekend as 31 paragliders took part in a round of the Scottish Paragliding National Championships.

On Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 June competitors came to the Island from all over Britain to race in the skies over Arran's peaks.

Zabdi Keen of Arran's Flying Fever company said: 'On Saturday we were flying in a west wind at Shiskine. The task was to round some turnpoints, the crossroads and the Machrie standing stones and then to race to Brodict, landing by the

beach. 'Unfortunately, no-one could make it to the standing stones as there was too much of a headwind.

'On the Sunday we were flying round at Catacol with turnpoints around the valley and an open cross-country race to see how far people could get.

'Some fliers landed up on the Boguillie whilst another pilot, Dave Thomson, current leader of the British cross country league with 400 km logged so far this year, landed at Dougarie Lodge.

'Not all his distance was counted for the race as he had to land and walk a little bit

higher up the hill on one of the valley crossings above Corrie-an-lochan.

Zabdi explained that Dave had learnt to paraglide with Arrans paragliding school, Flying Fever, several years ago.

She added: 'The competitions were at the same time as the Feis Fest, and we enjoyed the good music of the pipes and the cajun band on Friday.

'We were based in the newly re-opened McAlpine Hotel for the Saturday and enjoyed a feast at the Ormidale.

'Thanks to the Kilmory com-

munity minibus for helping with the transport. You never know how many people will come to a competition due to the weather.

'Four people had pre-booked and about 40 including partners showed up. The weather allowed us some fantastic flying and showed Arran up to it's best.'

Zabdi said anyone wanting to fly and to see Arran from the skies can try a days paragliding by phoning 01770 303899 or contacting [www.flyingfever.net](http://www.flyingfever.net)

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# Last summer for *MV Saturn*

This is the last year that *MV Saturn* will be available as a second summer ferry and the Isle of Arran ferry committee has told CalMac that an alternative must be found.

As reported in last week's *Banner*, relief ferry *MV Saturn* will be coming into service as a second Arran boat for 10 weeks this summer.

But this will be the last year that she is available. CalMac managing director Lawrie Sinclair told the Isle of Arran ferry committee last week that it will not be possible to supplement the normal service with the *Saturn* in future.

Isle of Arran ferry committee chairman Ken Thorburn told the *Banner*: 'The committee welcomes CalMac's confirmation that

*MV Saturn* is again being deployed this summer. But we have been informed that it will not be possible to have the use of this vessel in 2007.

'The ferry committee has made the company aware that an alternative solution to the vehicle pressure at this time of year must be found.'

*MV Saturn* will come on station on Monday 19 June and be berthed overnight at Brodick. She will do three return crossings on weekdays and two on Sundays.

The first sailing will leave Brodick at 7.15am from Monday to Friday and at 10.30am on Saturday and Sunday. The 29-year-old vessel has served the Wemyss Bay to Rothesay cross-

ing for many years and can carry 40 cars and 510 passengers.

This run is now being served by the Polish-built *MV Bute* with another new vessel, *MV Argyle*, due to join her from the Gdansk shipyard later this year.

On announcing the additional sailings to Arran this summer Lawrie Sinclair said: 'I am delighted that we are once again in a position to deploy *MV Saturn* on the Arran service.'

'I know that the additional capacity brought to the route during the summer months last year was greatly appreciated.

'However, it will not be possible in future years to supplement the normal service by deploying a staker such as *MV Saturn*.

'The reason is that one of Cal-

Mac's three streakers will be surplus to requirements once *MV Argyle* joins *MV Bute* on the Wemyss Bay to Rothesay route.

'Cal Mac is still considering whether other measures may be possible to ease peak season capacity pressures in 2007 and beyond.'

Ken Thorburn added: 'Clearly, if a second ship cannot be deployed in 2007 and beyond, it is incumbent on the committee and CalMac to find an alternative solution to peak season capacity pressures.

'We will obviously work together to produce the best possible solutions.'

Mr Sinclair also confirmed that CalMac will provide additional information to the Scottish Ex-



*MV Saturn* unloading at Brodick Pier last season.

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ecutive about ways in which capacity issues on the Ardrossan to Brodick route could be addressed in time for inclusion in the final

tender specification for Clyde and Hebrides services which is due to be published soon.



The travellers site at Merkland. Each family lived in its own caravan while the small buildings housed essential services. b23mer1

## New houses for travellers' site

Money raised by the increase in council tax on second or holiday homes could be used to fund a low-cost housing development at Merkland.

The travelling persons' site at Merkland outside Brodick was opened in 1982. The concept was proposed at a community council meeting in December 1977 by the late Donald McNiven.

It worked but, having no more resident travellers, it closed in April this year. Now North Ayr-

shire Council (NAC) proposes to build, in conjunction with Arran Homes and the National Trust for Scotland (NTS), a mix of general-needs housing for rent and temporary accommodation for incoming workers at Brodick Castle and letting to the wider community.

If new housing is of interest, the closure of the hard-won travellers site is also a landmark.

When the site came there were a few teething problems but, by and large it worked well. Now,

with an unused site, NAC is proposing to use monies gained by the recent increase in council tax on second homes from 50 per cent to 90 per cent to re-develop the site where there are currently eight unused brick-built units and several caravans.

At a meeting of the NAC property services committee on Tuesday 6 June it was agreed to consider low-cost housing on the site with half the properties for Arran Homes and half for NTS work-

ers on non-secure tenancies. Tom Orr, corporate director, property services said: 'The development of the Merkland site will provide an opportunity to work with partners to provide much needed accommodation in line with the council's local housing strategy.'

It is considered to be a dark site and well outside the village of Brodick and it remains to be seen if this is a viable location for low-cost and seasonal workers' housing.

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## Bird Notes for May from Jim Cassels

The weather in May was dominated by cool northerly winds.

Although there were a lot of bright days, the rainfall of over 140mm on the west coast of Arran was high.

This may have encouraged birds which breed further north to linger; including on 2 May a whooper swan at Whiting Bay. On 10 May there were 15 turnstone at Dougarie and five common scoter in Machrie Bay. On the 14th, 32 dunlin and a whimbrel were at Kildonan.

Summer visitors continued to arrive. The first sightings included lesser whitethroat on the 1st at Auchenhew, whinchat on the 6th on Machrie Moor, corncrake on the 9th at Port na Lochan, wood warbler on the 10th in Merkland Wood, spotted flycatcher also on 10th at Moss Farm, tree pipit on the 16th in Brodick Country Park, and arctic tern on the 20th in Whiting Bay. To date there have been no reported sightings of common tern, swift, nor nightjar.

The corncrake only stayed for a few hours but treated those who



Sand martins at their nest holes and one in flight. b23nat2

heard it to its repetitive rasping call. It's systematic name, 'Crex crex', encapsulates this call. Others may pass through this month.

As well as these arrivals and departures other observations reported included: more redpoll visiting feeders in Kilpatrick and in Machrie on the 5th, a short-eared owl on Machrie Moor on the 11th May; and puffin seen from a boat to the north of Arran and in the Kilbrannan Sound on 27 May.

The main business at the moment is raising young. Humans help in many ways for example by creating suitable habitats, putting up nest boxes, and most importantly by avoiding disturbing nesting birds.

Under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is being built or used.

Recently I met people who had put this into practice, one by delaying clearing a thicket where a wren was nesting and the other by avoiding taking sand from a bank where sand martins were nesting.

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net. I look forward to hearing from you.



Wren. b23nat1

## High School news

### Arran athletics success

A depleted Arran High School athletics team went to compete at Dam Park, Ayr, last Thursday, 25 May. The small number of pupils who took part was partly due to the coinciding Alton Towers trip upon which many potential medal winners embarked. However, even with a dwindling team, Arran still performed extremely well with 20 of our young athletes reaching the all Ayrshire final. The *Arran Banner* group would like to wish all finalists the best of luck and hopes that all those

who compete will come back with medals.

### Patrick McMaster

### Preparing for next year

It's the start of another school year.

Last week, the school pupils moved up a year group. As always, years two, four and five have chosen their options for next year. But there have been changes to it. Technological Studies, Tech Studs for short, is no longer available for tuition. This is due to it being dropped as a subject by schools all over Scotland, and

that Mr Munro has moved to America.

Stand aside Sir Alan Sugar, a new subject has been introduced. In Business Management, taught by Mr McLauchlan, pupils learn about the world of business and perhaps even how to manage their own business in the future. This is looking to be an extremely popular subject for a second year. Despite these alterations, we hope that all the transitions go smoothly, and that everyone will perform well in their next year.

John Tilbury S2

Zoe Tomalin S2



The pupils of Arran High School are presenting the classic musical *West Side Story* in Auchrannie sports hall from Tuesday 20 June. Tony, played by Paul Tinto crosses the line and falls for Maria, played by Selina Beaton, paving the way for a major confrontation between the Jets and the Sharks. In the photograph Duncan Heenan and Calum Johnston are egged on by the rival gangs in Arran High School's production of *West Side Story*. b23wes1

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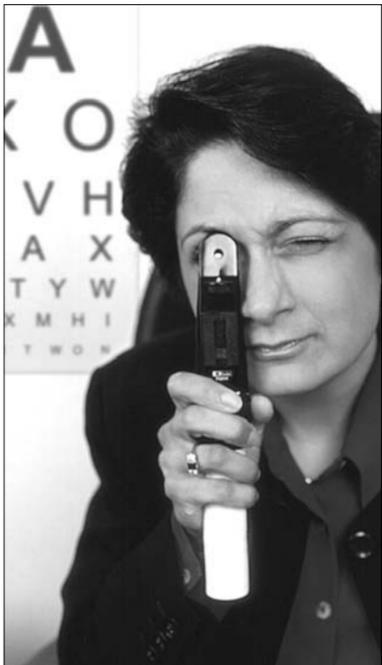
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Now this service is being taken to the Isle of Arran so that even more people can enjoy Specsavers offers.

## Value for money

'Mobile eyecare is an extremely rewarding experience,' says Stewart.

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history and your lifestyle needs.

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ARRAN'S WEEKLY PAPER

Saturday 10 JUN, 2006

Arran's hill paths are rather good right now, certainly a lot better than in recent years. This may be the result of work by the Arran Access Trust or of volunteers but there is certainly a notable improvement in many tracks. One of the great joys of walking in Switzerland, for example, is that there is always a good path, well mapped, well signposted, distance in time and not miles, and just around the corner at the top of a mountain, a chalet selling beer or apfelsaft.

Not everyone wants that. Some say too many people spoil the hills, signposts are urban and that walkers should seek their own way, rather than follow a path. One of the most disappointing experiences in my life was, aged 12, climbing Goatfell. The previous summer I'd climbed Snowdon and found at the top, a restaurant, a railway station and a shop. I did not expect a station at the top of Goatfell but I did at least expect to find, after all that effort, a shop with postcards and ice cream.

But you learn, and you become thankful for small mercies. Many paths have been given a dry shingle surface and extended like that at North Glen Sannox. On the route up to Coire an Lochan the boulders have been stepped. All over the Island paths are getting better. Grant aid, jobs for the boys, the efforts of volunteers, or whatever, but it is excellent for walkers.

Microsoft Challenge. I don't know much about it, except that around 800 people will descend on Arran on Friday morning, run, cycle, and walk, and leave later that day. No doubt they are all doing it for charity. What charity I haven't a clue, be it arms for Abyssinia or Mercedes for Mozambique. What I do know is that it should be a lot of fun for those taking part who will have trained for this and who will experience a big buzz. There is an impression too that the organisers have an attitude that they will be dispensing great largesse to Arran by virtue of merely passing through.

Not everybody thinks so. I have heard more than a few comments that they will bring all they need across on the ferry, that they have asked for refreshments to be supplied free of charge, that groups of volunteers, for example the mountain rescue, have taken a day off work (with loss of wages for the self employed) to be on hand in case of emergencies, that the police and North Ayrshire have been asked to delay road works to allow the throng to pass and that the cliché 'it's for the good of the Island' really just does not apply.

The term visitorspend is loathsome. It is used in a way which suggests that a frugal visitor who walks, camps and picnics is just an old meanie and of no use to Arran. That is not fair. Anyone who comes to enjoy the glories of Arran should be made welcome, and usually is. And so should, and will, the huge throng who come under the aegis of the Microsoft Challenge. But it must be rather galling for all sorts of people, for example local businesses, to be told how wonderful this is for them. It is the participants, and Microsoft, who will be benefitting, and may they enjoy it.

**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.

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**Letters to the Editor****Shiskine Spring clean**

Sir,

Our annual spring clean in Shiskine Hall is under way, with each user group again being asked to complete specific tasks by the end of June.

However, for those wanting some company while they work, we are having a work party followed by a barbecue on Saturday 17 June from 2pm onwards.

If you or a member of your family use the hall please contact your group to offer some assistance or come along to the work party and barbecue. Contact Sheila (860403) or Diana (860427) for more details if required. All welcome!

Yours,  
Diana Turbett, Secretary,  
Shiskine Hall Committee.

**Wallet returned**

Sir,

Whilst staying with friends on Arran, I unfortunately dropped my credit card wallet at the side of the road near Machrie.

I realised that I had lost it some time later but despite searching the road, I could not find it.

I drove on to Brodick and called at the Halifax Building Society where the lady, who I think was Sue, could not have been more helpful.

On leaving the office, I spotted two policeman, so went over to report the loss.

They promptly produced the wallet, which had been found and handed in earlier - I could have hugged them.

May I offer heartfelt thanks to the honest people who handed it in, the police and the Halifax for taking the catastrophe out of the crisis.

Yours,  
Kay Wenfield  
5 Steeles Way  
Nottingham.

**Brown stays loyal to Raith**

Sir,

*Chancellor changes soccer allegiance - shock*

Whilst visiting your wonderful Island on Saturday 3 June from West Lothian, as usual, I pur-

chased *The Arran Banner*.

As a long time Raith Rovers supporter, I read with horror the the future leader of the Labour Party is switching his allegiance to Dunfermline Football Club.

Chancellor Gordon Brown is honorary president of the Raith Rovers Supporters Club. As such I think he would, like all Rovers fans, shudder at the very thought of being a supporter of the Rovers' biggest rivals, Dunfermline.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown is to be seen in the little old stand on occasions; apparently he sold programmes in his Kirkcaldy youth and has followed the club all his life.

Of course the Chancellor is actually Member of Parliament for Dunfermline East.

On a personal note, may I say that purchasing *The Banner* when coming over to Arran, adds to the enjoyment of visiting the Island.

Keep up the excellent work and thank you.

Yours,  
Ron Dunn  
42 Heatherpark  
Seafield  
West Lothian

**Arran Access Trust**

Sir,

Over the past 30 to 40 years we have visited Arran, not annually, but sufficient for it to have become a special place for us.

We have enjoyed the walks, the flowers, the birds, the scenery and the quiet places.

In May we visited again and we were pleased to find improvements, in the paths for instance along the Newton Shore, North Sannox, Glen Catacol and the Laggan track where hand rails have been placed in the potentially boggy places.

This does not create a highway, but just makes walking easier and more pleasant.

Our thanks and congratulations go to the Arran Access Trust and those who help with its projects, for such thoughtful, responsible and effective steps to make visits to Arran so enjoyable.

Yours,  
Colin Hutchinson  
29 Kirkwood Crescent  
Cookridge  
Leeds

**Microsoft Challenge**

Sir,

In view of the fact that Microsoft earns billions, why should North Ayrshire be paying them to bring cyclists to the Island on Friday 9 June.

This will totally disrupt our ferry services, using police time; since the road surfaces are visibly inadequate, probably ambulance and hospital services; blocking main roads between villages; bringing their own food supplies and leaving litter.

What benefit does Arran derive from this invasion? The peremptory notice on the ferry 'to make alternative arrangements' or advice to avoid Brodick seem high handed in the extreme, as nobody from Irvine offices appears to have considered the residents, to see whether this were feasible.

Or, more to the point, should our ratepayers' money be used

for leisure, when the essential social services and grasscutting for the disabled and elderly have been discontinued on the Island.

Yours,  
R B Phillips  
Swn y Mor  
Sannox  
cc The Finance Officer  
North Ayrshire Council  
Cunninghame House, Irvine

**No chip on the shoulder**

Sir,

In your leader column of 3 June, you mentioned that 'the Scots chip on the shoulder against England is a most unedifying element of (your) national character.'

Although I have lived in Scotland for more than half my life, I do not recall any local hostility for the many Scots who swagger around England as if they run the place, probably because they do actually run the place.

About an hour after I read your column, I chanced to overhear a couple speaking with a transatlantic twang, and although I have a good ear for accents, I asked the lady if they were from Canada or the USA.

She gave me a withering look, and with a pronounced midwestern drawl, said: 'I am a Scot,' after which she turned her back on me in righteous indignation.

Shortly afterward I was in conversation with her husband, a delightfully charming man, who told me that although his wife had been born in Scotland, she had spent longer living in America than here.

The letters page of this newspaper is depressingly full of items from people who do not want their real or imagined wrongs put to right; they just want the whole world to know they have a grievance.

I have no grievance against the lady at all. However I am unable to locate her, but I do know that she will be in Arran for another week, and will either take *The Banner* or have it pointed out to her.

May I therefore use *The Banner* to advise her and others like her that if she really wants to be instantly recognised as a Scot without the inconvenience of actually living here, then she should start to talk like Molly Weir's Supergrannie and stop talking like Rod Steiger's Mississippi police chief.

Yours,  
B Mitchell-Luker  
Phairstaidge  
17 McKelvie Road, Lamblash

**Calor Community of the Year Awards**

Sir,

As your readers were aware Arran had been nominated to enter the final selection stages of the Calor British Community of the Year Awards but unfortunately were unsuccessful. The winner was the community of Assynt, whom we wish all the best in the final.

I would like to record my thanks to everyone who attended at the Auchrannie and gave their time. I can assure you that although we did not win, the judges were very impressed by the presentation.

I would also like to say thanks to Iain Johnston of the Auchrannie for the free let of the sun lounge and to Alison Prince the secretary of Arran Community Council for preparing a very comprehensive entry.

I know this will not deter any volunteers from continuing with their commitment to the various services provided by them; services which we on the Island tend to take for granted at times.

Thank you to everyone involved. Yours in community spirit,  
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# Summer weddings

Right: Married at Kenmore Church, Perthshire were Helen, daughter of Alleyn and Anne Dinwoodie, Brodick, and Andrew, son of Mitchell and Margaret Watson, Perth. b23wed4d

Far right: The marriage of Janna Sloss and Mark Harvey took place at St John's Kirk, Perth on 21 April. The couple are pictured at Huntingtower Hotel with the bride's father Jim Sloss. b23wed1d

Below far right: Married in Lamlash Register Office on Thursday 1 June by registrar Loretta Adamson were Scott Wallace and Agnes Polonis of Stewarton. They said that they chose to be married on Arran because their local register office in Irvine was in the middle of town and nowhere near as attractive as Lamlash Bay. b23wed5

Below right: Married at Brodick Church on Saturday 20 May by the Rev Dr Ian McLeod were Anne, daughter of Alastair and Alison Bilsland of Brodick and David Trautvetter of Auckland, New Zealand. David's mother and father, Linda and John, plus over 20 friends and relatives made the journey from New Zealand to attend the wedding. It was the last wedding that Ian McLeod expects to conduct in his old church as he has recently retired. Anne and David are going to settle in Auckland. b23wed3

Below: Married at Kildonan Hotel last Sunday were Christopher Allan and Emily Reid. Before they met they each holidayed on Arran. The couple honeymooned on the island and enjoyed climbing Goatfell. Emily joked: 'We didn't climb in our wedding outfits though!' b23wed2



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# The Sound of Music

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Max, played by John Wilson, the captain, Bob McLaren, and Elsa, Heather Johnston. b23sou3

For six nights from Monday 29 May, Arran Music and Drama Club presented the popular Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *The Sound of Music* in Brodick Hall.

Producer Maureen Smith secured special dispensation for Arran to be the only amateur company in Britain to perform this musical in 2006.

It is an adaptation of the 1959 Broadway stage musical based on the 1949 autobiography of Baroness Maria von Trapp about the exploits of the von Trapp Family Singers and their escape from the Nazis in 1938 Austria.

One problem for the Arran cast was that the public is so familiar with the 1965 film and characters. How could they possibly match people's expectations?

But match them they did, and

with some style. Fiona Rodriguez matched Julie Andrews' performance as Maria, Bob McLaren was convincing in the part of Captain Georg von Trapp played originally by Christopher Plummer and the seven von Trapp children were remarkably good.

And Jean Bowden's performance as the Mother Abbess was outstanding. Her moving rendition of *Climb Ev'ry Mountain* brought a tingle to the spine.

The production opens with the Mother Abbess and other nuns anguishing over the wayward young postulant Maria.

She is a free spirit and not quite ready for the abbey yet. She is sent to be governess to the children of widower naval captain von Trapp.

The captain is a strict discipli-

narian and clashes with Maria's ideas of bringing up children. In fact there is no fun or music at all in the household.

'The von Trapp children don't play; they march,' said housekeeper Frau Schmidt played by Sharon Markham.

Oldest daughter, Liesl, played by Kelly Donnelly, tells Maria that she doesn't need a governess but gradually all seven children come to love her and her captivating songs.

With the imminent onset of the Second World War the threat of Nazi occupation of Austria is always in the background and Captain von Trapp is under pressure to take up a German naval command.

'Some people think we ought to be German but we are all Austrian,' said the defiant captain.

Maria realises that she is beginning to fall for von Trapp and is frightened of her feelings. She rushes back to the abbey to take her oaths of obedience, poverty and chastity.

The Mother Abbess tells her: 'You have a great capacity for love but you must find out how God wants you to love.'

She returns to the children and as her love for the captain is revealed, he breaks off his engagement to the glamorous Elsa Schraeder, played with panache by Heather Johnston.

John Wilson is impresario Max Detweiler and brought a dry humour to the part. He persuades Georg, Maria and the children to enter the Salzburg Folk Festival as the singing von Trapps.

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Maria and the children sing *Do Re Mi*. b23sou2

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Captain von Trapp receives orders to report to his ship at Bremerhaven immediately after the festival and Georg and Maria hatch a plot.

The family sing to great applause and are awarded first prize but fail to appear after two fanfares. The German authorities re-

alise that they are trying to escape and a hunt is launched.

With the help of the sisters at the abbey they elude the Nazis, and as the curtains close the von Trapp family is seen climbing the Austrian mountains to freedom in Switzerland.

A first class performance. Apart from a lull in the pace at the start

of act two the production was seamless. Scene changes were slick and the scenery and props were effective.

The clever transformation of the backdrop from Nonnberg Abbey to Austrian mountains then to garden terrace was quite professional.

Apart from the Mother Abbess

singing *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*, other special moments were the children singing *So Long, Farewell* on their way to bed and the whole family performing *Edelweiss* at the festival.

As the audience emerged into the Brodick night air at 11pm there was a song on everyone's lips.



Above: The marriage of Captain von Trapp and Maria Rainer. <sup>b23sou5</sup>. Top right: Mother Abbess Jean Bowden tells Maria, Fiona Rodriguez, that she is not ready to take her vows and should leave the abbey. <sup>b23sou1</sup> Left: *Sixteen going on seventeen* sung by Liesl and Maria. <sup>b23sou4</sup>



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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  
Johnny Hill, Live at the Cameronia, 9.30pm  
Earthworks, Live at the Drift Inn, 9.30pm

### SUNDAY 11th 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  
Guided Harrier Walk, Kilmory Hall, 2pm  
Michael Kemp Band Live at the McAlpine Hotel 4pm

### MONDAY 12th 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  
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  
Whiting Bay Playgroup AGM, Church Hall, 7pm

### TUESDAY 13th 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  
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

### WEDNESDAY 14th 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  
Open folk session, Pierhead Tavern 9pm  
Guided Harrier Walk, Kilmory Hall, 2pm  
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ARCAS AGM, Kinloch Hotel, 7.30pm

### THURSDAY 15th 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  
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Brodick Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm  
Coffee Morning St Molios church, Shiskine 10.30-noon  
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm  
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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

### FRIDAY 16th 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  
Jim Bainbridge live at Catacol Bay Hotel 9pm  
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### SATURDAY 17th June (non regulars)

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# Seven wicket victory for Sannox

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In overcast and damp conditions Sannox won the toss and elected to bowl, hoping for some advantage from the damp, recently cut pitch.

Opening batsmen Lewis and Lyburn struggled to score against accurate bowling from Brookes and May, tight fielding and a sluggish pitch. After 22 overs Mid Argyll had scored just 22 runs, an average of one run per over.

First to fall was Lewis, run out for 8, followed by Turner and Shafer, both bowled by Pomeroy for 0. Fifth man Phare skied a ball from Dunn which was chased and caught by Williams who made a difficult catch look easy.

Lyburn continued to score slowly and carefully and the only other player to add significantly to the score was Brocklehurst getting 25 runs before being caught and bowled by Marriot

A magnificent diving slip catch by Hackett in the last over dismissed Lyburn and Mid Argyll finished their innings with a total of 88.

Haggarty and Pomeroy opened for Sannox and runs started to



Opening batsman Colin Haggarty who stayed at the crease throughout the Sannox innings. <sup>b23erk2</sup> flow at a faster pace. Haggarty played a solid game and carried his bat with 15 not out at the close, including one four. Pomeroy was bowled for 5 by Shackleton whose bowling was slowish but accurate with a bit of spin, Williams for 4 by Barrett and Brookes for 10, including a few close singles, by Lewis. Marriot tied up the game on 35 not out with one of his three big sixes. Sannox fielding was more aggressive, anticipating the shots,

# Sunset Song

A stage production of Scotland's favourite novel, *Sunset Song* by Lewis Grassie Gibbon, played to a full house in Lochranza Hall on Saturday 20 May.

There was no vote of thanks on the evening but perhaps it was due to the fact that everyone present was emotionally drained by their involvement in the performance.

This production was 'in the round' which meant that many of the audience had close contact with the actors, thus witnessing their intensity.

The joys and tribulations of life in a pre war East Fife crofting community were transmitted with sympathy and utter commitment. The calibre of young people in this performance was outstanding and congratulations go to them for creating such a poignant atmosphere despite the challenge of the Doric.

The local contact for the production was made through Moira Martin, whose brother, David Lee Martin, is Artiste Director of the XLC Theatre Company.

All cast and technical staff deserve much appreciation from the people of Lochranza. Power to your promotions XLC. Haste ye back! **Aileen Wright**

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# Nurses race for charity

These eight nurses from Arran War Memorial hospital in Lamlash all ran in the Resolution Asset Management Glasgow 10K race on Sunday 21 May. They raised funds for the hospital supporters league and are shown with their completion medals and Tee-shirts. <sup>b23nur1</sup>

# The Dunedin Consort

On Wednesday evening 14 June Lamlash Church will host the Dunedin Consort, a fabulously talented group of Scottish singers.

Anyone who was present at the memorial celebration for John Hollingworth, for so long the conductor and inspiration of the Arran Chorus, will remember Susan Hamilton's clear and glorious voice in the Pie Jesu from the Faure Requiem. Susan, a founder member of the Dunedin Consort, can be heard again with the group at this new concert, which begins at 7.30pm.

The programme will comprise both sacred and secular music, including work by Byrd, Morley and Tallis, and it will be a tremendous treat, both for ex-Chorus members and appreciative listeners, to hear these soaring voices resound into the arched roof of the church.

This concert, too, is dedicated to the memory of John Hollingworth, and he would have liked the fact that there is no charge for it. Voluntary donations will be split between the Dunedin's educational work and the Lamlash Church repair fund.

# Jim Bainbridge set to entertain

Traditional music veteran Jim Bainbridge will provide an evening of entertainment at Catacol Bay Hotel on Friday 16 June at 9pm.

Jim is a regular performer at clubs and bars all over the UK and next weekend sees him return to Arran.

Inspired by the musicians of the Irish community in London in the 1960s, Jim first picked up a melodeon in 1964. As leader of folk band The Marsden Rattlers, he played at many a barn dance and folk festival from Yorkshire to Fife. A regular at traditional music festivals at home and abroad Jim continued to tour with the Rattlers un-

til the early 1970s when the band members went their separate ways.

He began touring the UK again in 1991 and has been a guest at the prestigious National English Festival and the traditional Scottish festivals at Auchtermuchty and Kiriemuir. Jim is also a reviewer and writer for *Living Tradition* magazine. After time spent living in Ireland and subsequently the Canary Islands, he has recently moved back to Glentworth in southwest Scotland, where he often entertains at his local pub, and from where his latest CD *Lights on the River* was released.

With a style modelled on Irish and Scots tradition, but with much material from his Tyneside roots, his songs, stories and gentle good humour put an audience at ease.

Next Friday promises to be an evening of good music and good cheer to which all will be made very welcome.

Catacol Bay Hotel presents **Jim Bainbridge**  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at Legal and Protective Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine\* between the hours of 9.00am and 4.45pm on weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) excepting Saturdays and Public Holidays.

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\*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

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

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

Application No: N/06/00498/PP Address: Site To South West Of Claulchlands Farm, Claulchlands Road, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran Proposed Development: Erection of single storey self catering unit with associated parking Ayrshire Structure Plan Policy(s) :- Isle of Arran Local Plan Policy(s) :- TOU 1

## CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 TAXI FARE REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Deputy Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area has issued a corrective certificate to correct errors made by him in his decision to uphold the appeal against the proposed maximum taxi fares for North Ayrshire, which decision took effect from 29 May 2006.

The errors consisted of typographical errors and omissions in his decision.

Accordingly, the maximum fares for the exclusive hire of a Taxi, fixed by the Deputy Traffic Commissioner, and effective from 19 June 2006 are as follows.

**Tariff 1:**  
For a distance not exceeding 3/4 of a mile (or waiting time not exceeding 10mins) £1.90  
Each additional 1/14 of a mile (or additional waiting time of 50 seconds) 10p

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## NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL REVIEW OF TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS REVIEW OF TAXI NUMBERS LIMITATION POLICY

North Ayrshire Council Licensing Sub-Committee has agreed to carry out a review of taxi and private hire vehicle specifications, together with a review of its taxi numbers limitation policy.

Accordingly, the Council wishes to consult with the members of the taxi and private hire trade, users of these services, members of the public and other interested parties, to ascertain their views and opinions on these matters, for consideration by the Sub-Committee.

To this end, all interested parties are invited to attend a public meeting to be held on 21st June 2006 at 2.30pm, within Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine, to present their views.

Alternatively, representations may be made in writing and forwarded to North Ayrshire Council, Licensing Section, Town House, High Street, Irvine, KA12 0AZ to be received by 14th July 2006, for their consideration by the Sub-Committee.

Ian Snodgrass  
Chief Executive  
Cunninghame House  
IRVINE KA12 8EE



## Whiting Bay Playgroup **AGM**

Monday 12th June 7pm  
Whiting Bay & Kildonan  
Church Hall  
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## Brodick Nursery **AGM**

Wednesday  
14 June 2006  
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### AGM

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## AGM

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## Shiskine Playgroup & Toddlers **AGM**

Tuesday 27th June  
7.30pm  
Shiskine Hall

All persons who indicate an interest  
in the Organisation are invited to  
attend (clause 3 of the Constitution)  
Shiskine Playgroup & Toddlers will  
be dissolved at this meeting, in  
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## MEETING TO PUBLICISE?



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# Notice of Submission of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan

## Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan & Transportation Committee, in terms of the Minute of Agreement between East Ayrshire Council, North Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council hereby gives notice that the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan will be submitted to the Scottish Ministers on the 14 June 2006 for approval. All documentation relating to the plan is available on the Committee's website at:

[www.ayrshire-jsu.gov.uk](http://www.ayrshire-jsu.gov.uk)

The Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and associated documentation will also be available for public inspection between the hours of 8.45am - 4.45pm Monday - Thursday and 8.45am - 4.00pm on Fridays at all local offices of the forenamed councils for a period of 6 weeks, at the offices of the Joint Structure Plan and at all libraries.

Representations and Objections to the Joint Structure Plan should be sent in writing by 26 July 2006 to:

**The Secretary, The Scottish Executive Development Department,  
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Forms for representations and/or objections are available at the deposit locations or available from the Committee's website. Objections should state the name and address of the objector, the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made. A person making objections may request to be notified of the decision on the Joint Structure Plan.

For any further information about the structure plan, please contact the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee at the following address:

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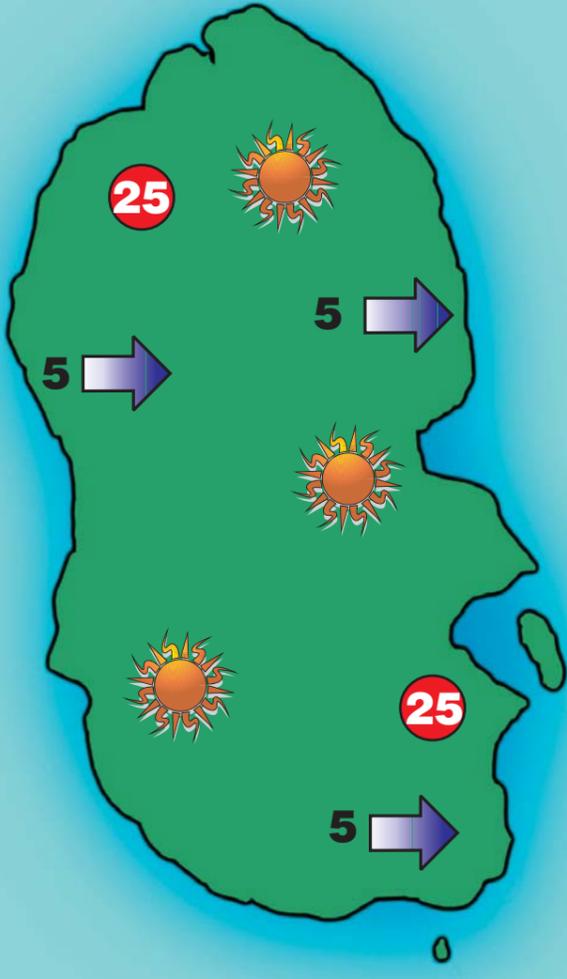
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Sun	05.15	0.4	11.37	0.8	17.22	0.5	**.**	**
Mon	00.18	2.9	05.56	0.3	12.24	2.9	18.05	0.5
Tues	00.53	3.0	06.35	0.2	13.08	2.9	18.49	0.5
Wed	01.29	3.1	07.18	0.2	13.54	2.8	19.35	0.5
Thur	02.06	3.2	08.04	0.2	14.42	2.8	22.23	0.5
Fri	02.47	3.1	08.54	0.2	15.31	2.8	21.13	0.6

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



### Saturday, June 10

Long Sunny Spells Temp, 25°C.

### Sunday, June 11

Dry, settled day with long periods of sunshine.

Temperatures around 23°C.

### Monday and Tuesday

Warm temperatures continue though there will be a risk of thunder. 21°C

### Ferry Crossings / Sea States

Ardrossan / Brodick - Moderate  
Claonaig / Lochranza - Moderate

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHURCH NEWS

### Arran Free Church of Scotland

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

### Lamlash Church

Sunday 11 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

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

Saturday 10 June:  
Meeting with members of Diocesan Mission and Ministry Task Group in St. Margaret's church, 6.00 pm.

Sunday 11 June:  
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### Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 11 June,  
Trust Housing Lounge, Brodick, 11am.  
Evening Service, 7pm.  
5 Glen Road,  
Prayer Meeting,  
Wednesday 14 June, 7pm.  
Rev. D. Macleod.  
All welcome.

## Diamond wedding



Don and Alice Knowles of Slidery celebrated their diamond wedding last Thursday 1 June. Alice is from County Durham and Don was born in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Don served in the Middlesex Regiment and was a veteran of the D Day landings in Normandy. They were married 60 years ago in Holy Trinity Church, South Hetton, County Durham and came to Arran from north-east England several years ago. The occasion was celebrated with a small party for friends. b23dia1

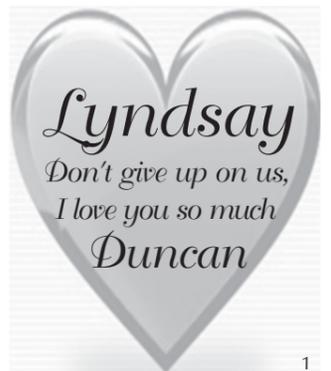
## Summer concert set to continue

The popular annual Summer Serenade event looks set to take place again this year. It will take place on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 July in Corrie Church. The organisers have told *The Banner* tickets will be available from the usual outlets from next week.

# PERSONALS

### Audrey remembers her beautiful Lassie Dog Glen

aged 141/2 years who was put to sleep and cremated on June 14th & 15th in Jersey 2005.  
Missed so much  
"You think dogs will not be in heaven, I tell you they will be there long before any of us"



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

**Shiskine Golf Club**

CCQ 3 competition played Sunday 21 May, CSS 63, 30 played.

1st Class: 1 G Andrew 71-11=60, 2 A Johnston 73-11=62 (bih), 3 J. S Kelso 70-8=62. Scratch D Tod 68.

Ladies CCQ3 competition, Thursday 25 May, CSS 67, 14 played  
Silver: 1 L Kerr 83-16=67, 2 M Howie 79-11=68. Scratch M Howie 79.

Dr. Adam competition played Wednesday 31 May, 11 played.

First class: 1 C Muir 46-7=39, 2 G Andrew 47-6=41(bih), 3 J Faulkner 44-3=41. Scratch J Faulkner 44.

Mary Craig trophy played Thursday 1 June, CSS 47 no reductions, number played.

1 K Haggarty 57-9=48, 2 P Adamson 57-8=49 (bih), 3 L Kerr 57-8=49 (bih). Scratch Sue Biggar 56.

**SWRI Golf**

The SWRI 12 Hole Stroke Play competition took place on Monday 22 May at Whiting Bay Golf Club. Six ladies teed off on a brilliantly sunny evening with a bit of a cold breeze.

They had a wonderful evening on a course in excellent condition. The handicap winner was Carole Arthur with runner up Jerry Arthur. Elizabeth Kelso took the prize for the best scratch score. Many thanks to the ladies (all from Shiskine SWRI) who took part in the competition and to the Whiting Bay ladies who provided an excellent and much appreciated supper.

**Whiting Bay Golf**

Sunday 4 June saw Championship Day with the Gents and Ladies Club Championships being competed

The course looked and played superbly. The Gents

Final saw the end of an era with Nicol Auld, Club Champion for the last 10 years in a row, finally losing his title to 16 year old Malcolm Pennycott.

Despite being 3 down after just 6 holes, Malcolm had squared the game by the 11th and by the end of the first 18 was 4 holes up.

The spectators were treated to some spectacular golf as Nicol fought to retain his title and Malcolm tried hard to put the game beyond Nicol's reach. Despite Nicol's late burst of winning 3 holes Malcolm ran out the worthy winner by 4 and 2.

The final of the J.C. Reid Trophy was also played for on Sunday and was finally won by Sandy Pringle who beat Gordon Provan by 2 holes. In a tight match with both competitors shooting low scores.

In the Ladies Crystal Final a very close fought affair was sportingly contested between Lesley Woods and last years Champion Margaret Auld. Lesley stretched away to a four hole lead before Margaret fought back and levelled the game with two holes left. Lesley recovered from this and finally won the match on the 18th.

Well done to all competitors who took part in all these competitions at any stage and contributed to-

wards these exciting fixtures.

**Fixtures**

Sunday 11 June - Eric Wood Memorial (Stableford) Draws for gents at 9.30 and 11.00, 12.30 for Ladies, and Juniors to arrange their own starting times.

Wednesday 14 June, Ballantyne Cup.

**Corrie Golf Club**

Wednesday 31 May, Wednesday night medal. 1 A Napier 67-6=61, 2 E McKinnon 65-3=62.

Saturday 3 June, Saturday Sweep. 1 C Pattenden 72-13=59, 2 M Elliott 76-14=62, 3 R Welford 84-19=65

**Fixtures**

Friday 9 June, final club championship. Tee off at 6pm.

Saturday 10 June, Stableford, tee off at 9.30am and 1pm

Wednesday night medal, tee off from 5pm.

**Machrie Bay Golf**

Tuesday 30 May, Club Championship first Round:

1 Hamish Bannatyne 64, 2 Leon Cawley 65 3 Alan Jeffrey 66. Scratch: Hamish Bannatyne 69  
Duncan Sillars & Club Championship second Round

1 Alan Jeffrey 62, 2 Leon Cawley 63, 3 Alan Napier 64 bih. Scratch: Alan Napier 70 B/last 6.

Two's Alan Jeffrey and Hamish Bannatyne

**Fixtures**

Club Championship semi-final and finals on Monday 12 and 19 June.

Hope Cup Saturday 17 and 24

June.

Medals continue every Tuesday 12.30 and 5.30

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Thursday 1 June, 22 played, CCS 65.

Sweep 1: Bob Livingston 80-18=62, 2 Bill Young 74-11=63, 3 Neil Mitchell bih over Ian Grant and Graham Tinto 88-22=66.

Best scratch: Bill Young 74, sweep scratch. Robbie McGunnigle, best scratch, 79.

Magic twos: Joe Rae at the 16th.

Sunday 4 June, Hamilton Bowl, 15 played, css 64 level to bogie.

Sweep: 1 Maurice Appleby +3, 2 John Hinchliff +2, 3 John O'Sullivan +1. Best scratch: Ian Bremner 70. Magic Twos: 1 at 13th Maurice Appleby and 1 at 13th: Ron Jefferies.

**Fixtures**

Sunday 11 June Jamieson Cup, 9.30am and 1pm starts

Tuesday 30 May. Neil Mitchell had a hole in one at the 16th well done Neil!

**Golfers Association**

Junior Kelso Cup played at Machrie Bay Golf Club. The first round of this competition was held on the evening of Friday 2 June, ideal conditions for golf with the North wind giving some of the juniors a fair test of their ability.

The matches were played in a most friendly yet competitive spirit. It was encouraging to witness the number who turned out to support the juniors.

The first match involved Lamlash



Captain Rob Stewart (centre), Nicol Auld (left) and new Whiting Bay Club champion Malcolm Pennycott. b23bay1

and Brodick the former winning game halved and the second game recorded a win for Shiskine with M Sherwood sinking the vital putt.

M Pennycott, S Kelso, J McKechnie and N Emsley represented Whiting Bay. Shiskine by A Jeffrey, C Smith, M Sherwood and S Kerr.

The final was due to take place, Wednesday 7 June, unfortunately Shiskine were unable to field their team and it has been re-arranged for Wednesday 14 from 5.30pm.



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## Open golf champion strikes gold again

Alex Gold of Hamilton is this year's Arran open champion.

He has won the event in previous years, is a club member at Brodick and got round the Brodick course with a scratch score of 135 sponsored by A Taste of Arran and Arran Distillers.

Robin Bell, Arran Distillers visitor centre manager thinks it is a marvellous event to be involved with. He said: 'The Arran Open is great for the Island as it attracts many visitors.'

'We look forward to continuing our long association with the competition.'

The distillery donated 11 bottles of whisky to this year's event.

The staff at Brodick course said they could not have asked for better conditions for this year's open. The sun shone for both days and the course was in terrific condition. Keith and his staff have worked tirelessly over the last year and especially over the last fortnight to achieve this and deserve a huge thank from all at Brodick Golf Club

### Results

Arran Open Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 June, 105 played css, Saturday 66 css Sunday 65. Arran Open: Taste of Arran Scratch: 1 Alex Gold 135, 2 Jamie Murchie 139, 3 Steven Bunyan 139, 4 Graeme Campbell 143, 5 R Davidson 143

Arran Distillers Net: 1 Andrew Martin 11 122, 2 Garry Adams 15 123, 3 Jimmy Armit 7 125, 4 T Robertson 18 130, 5 Iain Macdonald 7 130.

Saturday Sweep: Cat 1: 1 Alex Gold 0 64, 2 Jimmy Armit 7 64, 3 Iain Macdonald 7 65. Cat 2: 1 Andrew Martin 11 63, 2 A MacDonald 12 64, 3 Kenny McMillan 13 65. Cat 3: 1 Garry Adams 15 61, 2 Donald Rudge 15 61, 3 J Turner 18 66

Sunday Sweep: Cat 1: 1 Jamie Murchie 3 61, 2 Jimmy Armit 7 61, 3 Grant Campbell 9 62. Cat 2: 1 Andrew Martin 11 59, 2 Kerr Robertson 12 64, 3 Angus Robertson 14 65. Cat 3: 1 Gus McFarlane 18 61, 2 T Robertson 18 62, 3 Garry Adams 15 62.

Sponsored Holes: Longest Drive

at the 4th sponsored by The Book and Card Centre.

Winners: Saturday, Gary Whyte, Sunday: Graeme Campbell.

Nearest pin at the 4th Sponsored by the Bank of Scotland, winners: Saturday, Grant Campbell. Sunday, Nick Stevenson.

Longest drive at the 9th sponsored by Steven Bunyan and Bryce Walker, winners: Saturday, Jamie Murchie. Sunday Graeme Campbell.

Nearest pin at the 15th: Sponsored by Peter McCalla: winners Saturday Ian Davidson, Sunday Ian Macdonald.

Congratulations to Alex Gold, this year's Arran Open Champion with a scratch score of 135 sponsored by A Taste of Arran.

And also to Andrew Martin, this year's handicap champion playing off 11 with a total net of 122 sponsored by Isle of Arran Distillers.

The Bo Wallace Cup is a new cup to be awarded to the Brodick member with the lowest net score and this year's winner was Andrew Martin with a net score of 122

Thanks to A Taste of Arran and Isle of Arran Distillers for their continued sponsorship and to Robin Bell of Isle of Arran Distillers for presenting the prizes.

Thanks to John Beattie, Alex and George our starter team, Russell and the bar staff, Stalker and the staff in the kitchen.

And thanks also to all who helped with the scores and the setting up of the event. Lastly thanks to all who took part and made the event such a success and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Summer Cup, played Wednesday 31 May, 52 played, css 64. 1 Steven Bunyan 3 61, 2 Kenny McMillan 14 63bih, 3 Bobby McCrae 7 63bih. Scratch Steven Bunyan 64. There were 11 twos Calum McFadzean getting two.

### Brodick Ladies Section

Tuesday 30 May, Medal Finals SSS 67 css 69 (13 played)

Winner S Anderson (16) 69, 2 P Adamson (16) 70, Scratch S Anderson 85 bih.



Alex Gold receives the Arran Open Championship cup from Brodick Club captain Kerr Robertson. b23gol1

## Fergus Judge hits Southend for six



Fergus Judge of Shiskine netted six times against Southend at Sandbraes rollercoaster stadium last Saturday in a 12 goal thriller.

The Kinloch reds of Shiskine went on to win 10 goals to two.

### Results

Matches played, Saturday 3 June: Lamlash 1, Brodick 6. Goalscorers for Lamlash: Lee Little. Goalscorers for Brodick: Ian Keen (2), Greg McCrae (2), Archie McNicol (1), Calum Duncan (1).

Lamlash player of the match: Lee Little, Brodick player of the match: Greg McCrae.

Southend 2, Shiskine 10. Goalscorers for Southend: Rory Hamilton, Sandy Kelso. Goalscorers for Shiskine: Fergus Judge (6), Craig Ingam, Steve Andrews, Alan Johnston, Euan



Calum 'Joe' Rae heads clear a Brodick attack for the Lamlash Drift Inn team last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Len Hartley

Stewart. Southend player of the match: Murray Picken, Shiskine player of the match: Fergus Judge.

Northend - Bye.

### Fixtures

Saturday 10 June:  
Northend v Lamlash, kick off, 2pm and Brodick v Southend, kick off 6pm.

## Brodick Bowling Club winning rinks

Monday 8 May: I Wilson, skip, B Hendry.

Wednesday 10 May: R Peacock, skip, J Murchie, F Brown.

Saturday 13 May: I Wilson, skip, R Peacock.

Wednesday 17 May: N Thomson, skip, I Wilson, A Hollingworth.

Monday 22 May: B Hendry, skip, C Hendry.

Saturday 27 May: J Lauder, skip, I Wilson.

Monday 29 May: A Gardiner, skip, A Hollingworth.

Wednesday 31 May: A Gardiner, skip, J Murchie.

Saturday 3 June: P Milligan, skip, C Duncan, A Hollingworth.

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Brodick's Greg McCrae slots the ball past Lamlash keeper Robert Simpson. Photo courtesy of Len Hartley