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## Lamlash field proposed for 56-house development

Ambitious plans for a development of 56 houses in a Lamlash field are in the pipeline.

Joanna Voisey, development manager for Trust Housing Association Ltd, told Arran Community Council that if it comes to fruition, the £7million project will be a design and build partnership between the Association and John Thomson Construction.

She explained that the field between McKelvie Road sheltered housing and Park Terrace was zoned for building and was owned by John Thomson Construction.

Ms Voisey said: 'Arran has a large number of housing needs outstanding. There are 240 on

**REPORT**  
by **HOWARD DRIVER**  
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the housing list and the need in Lamlash is the greatest.

'We have looked at other Arran sites, but this one is most attractive; it has a mains services infrastructure already, and is zoned for residential use.'

She pointed out that no other sites were as suitable as this one. Of the 56 houses, it is proposed to have 40 as shared equity and 16 as social rented. Shared equity means that the occupier owns the property with no rental payments, but with an equity loan from the housing association that has

to be repaid on the sale of the property. Plans are for a mix of one, two and three-bedroom properties.

The Community Council heard that there is a two-stage assessment process, and in Ms Voisey's words 'a huge list of things to be resolved'.

A proposal to the Scottish Government's Innovation and Investment Fund was made by Trust Housing Association last week.

Ms Voisey said: 'I would be very surprised if this didn't get past the first assessment stage. Why would anyone turn this down?'

A decision is expected by the end of August.



Arran's finest at the sixth year High School leaving party in Brodick last Monday. From left, Kimberley Fleming, vice captain, Donald McEachern, captain, Alexander MacNeil, vice captain and Shauna Jameson, captain. Photo spread pages 10 and 11. 02\_b23hig01



The Lamlash field zoned for 56 houses. 02\_b23lam01

## Right Royal visitor will be a guest at Arran Show

The 2011 Arran Show will have a royal guest of honour.

On Wednesday 3 August, the 175th Arran Show will be graced with the presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Anne, The Princess Royal.

Arran Farmers Society chairman Kenneth Bone said: 'We are delighted that HRH The Princess Royal has

accepted the Society's invitation to attend our 175th anniversary show at Glenkiln.

'I believe that this will encourage even more livestock and trade exhibitors to the show which has already seen a rise in numbers over the last couple of years.

'HRH's presence at the show will attract wider interest from locals and visitors to the island

alike. As well as the various local attractions, this year we have the spectacular 'Les amis D'onno' horse display team performing at the show.

### Experience

'With the depth of experience the show directors have, many of them experiencing Her Royal Highness's last visit 25 years ago, we are eagerly looking forward to showing

her a display of Arran's finest livestock.'

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# Parent Councils attend seminar on education

Four members of Arran's school parent councils took part in a seminar last week,

aimed at highlighting the impact of unprecedented financial challenges on education.

North Ayrshire Council Leader, David O'Neill, and spokesperson for education, Councillor John Bell, met with Parent Council representatives from 20 local schools on Thursday 1 June.

The aim of the event was to ensure parents have the facts regarding the financial challenges facing the Council and how this will affect local education budgets.

Some 22 parents participated in the seminar and workshop

sessions held at Greenwood Resource Centre, four of which took part via video link from Arran.

After the event Mr O'Neill said: 'The seminar gave us an opportunity to speak face-to-face with Parent Council representatives about the challenges we face locally and what we must do to make best use of more limited resources.'

'The workshop sessions provided some very constructive feedback and we hope to be able to continue this invaluable dialogue with Parent Councils on an ongoing basis in the future.'

Following claims that edu-

cation would be significantly weakened by reductions in education budgets, Councillor O'Neill reassured those in attendance at the event that the council's priority is to protect education in spite of the significant budgetary pressures currently facing local authorities.

He explained that savings across the Council's Education and Skills budget amounted to just 2.5 per cent for 2011/12.

This compared with much higher savings in other areas such as 9.1 per cent in Chief Executive, 7.9 per cent in Finance and Infrastructure and 4.5 per cent savings in Social Services.



Three members of AMRT on last weekend's rigging course; Stewart Wallace, Ewan McKinnon and Alan McNicol. b23mrt01

## Arran rescue team attend technical rigging course

Last weekend, members of Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) hosted an MRCofS (Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland) level one technical rigging course.

It involved not only members from Arran, but also members from Lomond, Tayside and Tayside Police Mountain Rescue teams.

The course provided essen-

tial knowledge and techniques in rigging which are invaluable in rescue situations.

A good training weekend was had by all who managed to attend.

## Lamlash beach clean

Lamlash beach should be a great deal cleaner next week.

The Improvements Group is holding a spring beach clean this Sunday 12 June. They are looking for as many volunteers as possible to meet on the front green opposite the Co-op at 12noon.

Litter pickers and black bin bags will be provided, but you are asked to bring your own gloves and wear suitable clothing.

Refreshments and soup will be available afterwards in Lamlash Bay Hotel.

## Shiskine Hall spring clean work party wanted

Shiskine Village Hall will be shining like a new pin in a couple of weeks.

### Arranging

Next Saturday 18 June the committee is arranging a Hall Spring Clean and is looking for volunteers.

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# Protest over cuts to school support staff

## 'We feel that cutting classroom assistants is a mistake'

Seven hundred letters have been sent to the council's chief executive from concerned parents protesting against cuts in education.

Parents Against Cuts to Education in North Ayrshire (PACE) was formed recently in response to proposed 29 per cent cuts to 'non-teaching' staff in North Ayrshire schools.

PACE contend that such staff - like classroom assistants and additional support staff - are vital to their children's education.

Chairwoman Ashley Lynch said: 'We can't sit back and do nothing. We feel cutting classrooms assistants is a mistake and we hope that people making the decisions will take our views into account. We are only thinking of our children.'

On March 1 this year it was revealed that plans were in place to cut the number of clerical and support staff in both primary and secondary schools across the region.

The proposed changes will generate savings of £981,000 a year.

Kenneth Gibson MSP said: 'Last year the council did compromise re: the number of primary heads on Arran, accepting three rather than the two they planned for. However, on this occasion they do not seem in the mood to compromise or deliver on their party's promise of 'no compulsory redundancies in the public sector' made at the recent election.'

### Promise

'We have in fact kept that promise in those areas of the public sector under our authority but unfortunately we do not have direct control over NAC. Nevertheless, I am fully supportive of my NAC colleagues, parents and staff as they fight these cuts.'

North Ayrshire Council Leader, David O'Neill has reassured local parents that the council is doing 'everything possible' to limit the

impact of efficiency savings on education budgets. He said: 'Reductions in school support staff are required in order to reduce overall education spend while retaining teacher numbers to comply with the national agreement.'

'All Services across the Council were forced to look at ways of cutting their budget. We did, however, recognise the importance of education and provided a degree of protection by limiting savings to just 2.5 per cent in Education and Skills.'

'This compared with much higher savings in other council areas such as 9.1 per cent in Chief Executive, 7.9 per cent in Finance and Infrastructure and 4.5 per cent savings in Social Services.'

He added: 'The savings agreed did include some reductions in clerical and classroom assistant hours, although the provision of classroom assistant hours for additional support needs will remain the same.'

# Arran's hills are alive for musical star Amy

Amy Boyd is saying so-long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodbye to her summer holiday on Arran this year as she embarks on a musical adventure alongside Jason Donovan.

Amy is the nine-year-old granddaughter of John and Helen Boyd from Apple Lodge in Lochranza and she usually spends her summer on the island.

But this year she will be travelling the country after she climbed every mountain to beat 350 children for a place on the UK tour of The Sound of Music.

Amy battled through grueling auditions at London's Pineapple Dance Studios to land the role as Marta von Trapp and appear on stages across the country.

'I am really excited to be taking part,' she said. 'I didn't really mind if I got through the first audition but when I got through to the last round I realised I really wanted the part. I was really nervous.'

Grandmother Helen said that Amy is a 'one-off'.

'The show opened on Thursday to great critical acclaim,' she said. 'I think her dad Paul was more nervous than she was on the opening night!'

'John and I are really looking forward to seeing the show at one of the venues.'

A tough schedule of rehearsals has followed Amy's



Amy Boyd will miss her usual summer holiday on Arran this year as she is starring in the UK tour of 'The Sound of Music'.

recruitment to the role as she prepared for the first show in Glasgow.

Amy said: 'I prefer rehearsals to school but they are very tiring. First we read through the script then we learn our parts and learn the

choreography to it.' She will be hitting the road with the Australian-born actor and singer Jason Donovan, who plays Captain von Trapp, and Emmerdale's Verity Rushworth, who plays Maria.

## Are you a Playbarn Prince or Princess?

Auchrannie Resort is looking for a Playbarn Prince or Princess.

General manager Richard Small said: 'Our new Playbarn is opening on Friday 1 July, and we are looking for a Playbarn Prince or Princess, up to the age of 12 years, to

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Members of the Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum in Alloway last week. b23bur01

## Burns country trip for Legion members

Last Thursday, 2 June, the members of the Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion and friends went to Burns country.

They enjoyed a day out visiting all the Robert

Burns venues in Alloway, including the Cottage, the Museum and the Burns Monument. They also found time to visit the Auld Kirk and the Alloway Parish Church.

## Blooming success for Arran gardeners

On a glorious sunny day last Friday, a bus load of keen Arran gardeners set off for Ingliston, donned in sun hats and sun cream to enjoy the Gardening Scotland 2011 flower show.

A wide range of show gardens were dazzling and gave

us wonderful ideas for our own gardens at home.

Children from schools and nurseries had participated in the pallet garden challenge and had created small gardens packed full of plants and ideas.

The Beechgrove Theatre

hosted talks, workshops and question and answer sessions throughout the day, which were lively and entertaining.

We now are looking forward to the next trip that the Arran Horticultural Society is organising, which is to Ayr Flower Show on Friday 5 August.

Everyone is welcome to join us so please book in good time. To book please ring either Jim on 600421 or Andrew on 601248. AS.

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# MP expresses concern about advice service

Arran's MP Katy Clark has contacted North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service (NACAS) to express concerns over the new advice service being implemented on Arran and to ask for assurances that those concerns will be addressed.

As of this week the advice service on Arran has been running from the Ormidale Sports Pavilion in Brodict instead of its previous location in Lamlash.

It is also being run in partnership with Jobcentre Plus and CEIS with a view to working with other partners as well in the future.

Katy said: 'Since NACAS announced the need to make savings which would lead to changes to the advice service on Arran I have been contacted by constituents who are understandably desperate to retain a good quality, accessible service.'

'A new service has been implemented. NACAS believe the new service will be a quality one but I am afraid many of the constituents who have contacted me are not convinced.'



Katy Clark MP.

'In particular there needs to be an awareness of what a partnership with the Jobcentre may mean.'

'Although the presence of the Jobcentre on the island will, I am sure, be welcomed by many claimants who currently travel to the mainland and may no longer be required

to make this journey there may be a conflict of interest. One area in which CAB volunteers provide fantastic support and advice is with clients' benefit appeals, and clearly this may be affected by working in partnership with the body making the decision that is being appealed.'

'Questions have also been asked about the benefits of relocating the service and certainly whether the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, given its used by a high number of community groups, is a suitable place to deal with confidential and sensitive information.'

'Local people want sufficient managerial support will be given to volunteers to allow the service to run effectively.'

'All these concerns need to be addressed and I have therefore asked NACAS to provide some reassurances.'

## Iconic island retreat is up for grabs

Ailsa Craig is up for sale. The iconic granite outpost in the middle of the Clyde, home to one of the largest colonies of gannets in the world, could be yours for just £2.5million.

Affectionately known as Paddy's Milestone, most people get their closest view of the island from the P & O Express ferry from Troon to Larne which passes close by.

Ailsa Craig is famed as being the source of the best blue hone granite for curling stones. The granite quarry yields an annual rent of

£26,000 for the owner, and a couple of times a year a small ferry calls and discharges a digger to collect granite boulders to be made into curling stones in Mauchline.

The island is just over 200 acres in size, and mostly steep cliffs with a small flat area on the eastern shore containing an unmanned lighthouse and a two-bedroom cottage. There are another three cottages in a poor state of repair. Offers should be made to auctioneers Knight Frank or Vladi Private Islands.



Ailsa Craig, on the market for £2.5million.

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# Lilly Mae's memorial garden to be reinstated

Two weeks ago we reported on the memorial garden to Lilly Mae Ferguson that was removed from Lamlash cemetery by council workers.

At the time, the Ferguson family declared that they were devastated, but following a meeting with North Ayrshire Council officers, the matter appears to have been amicably resolved.

## Apologise

Craig Hatton, Head of Environment for NAC, said: 'Our Bereavement and Burials Officer and Streetscene Manager met with Mr Ferguson on Wednesday, 1 June to explain the Council's policy in relation to graveside memorials and to apologise for any upset this may have caused.'

'We fully understand that bereaved family and friends may wish to personalise memorials. However, it is also important to ensure that any memorial items are unobtrusive and do not protrude over the boundaries of another lair.'

'We spoke with the lair owner - Mr Ferguson's daughter in this case - five days prior to a scheduled burial at an adjacent plot and explained that a number of items needed to be moved ahead of the burial.'

'We explained that this was to ensure there was sufficient space for burial equipment and for a memorial service to take place, as well as ensuring the existing memorial items were not damaged.'

Lilly Mae's grandfather

Frank Ferguson told the Banner: 'We had a good meeting with Fiona Brown, Donald Wilson and Cemetery Superintendent Ian Sillars last Wednesday. We were told that Ian Sillars will mark out an area at the head of the grave where our memorial items can be placed.'

## Consideration

'On behalf of my daughter Samantha I would like to thank the council staff for their consideration. We are very satisfied with the outcome.'

Craig Hatton added: 'The memorial items removed from the graveside have been placed in storage and we would be happy for Mr Ferguson to collect them whenever is convenient for him.'



Some of the cast of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at rehearsals; Scott Barbour as Snug, Donald McEachern as Lysander, Michael Jenks as Demetrius, Scott Currie as Thisbe, Georgie Wood as Snout and Gavin Davidson as Bottom. 02\_b23mid01

# Arran's MSP to chair Finance Committee

Local MSP Kenneth Gibson, previously Deputy Convener of Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture has been appointed Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Finance Committee.



Kenneth Gibson MSP. b23ken01

The most important committee at Holyrood, the Finance Committee scrutinises the £30 billion plus Scottish Budget, the financial impact of any legislative proposal and all other areas of public expenditure within the remit of the Scottish Parliament.

Mr Gibson said: 'I am delighted to have been given this responsibility. In light of decreasing resources being provided by Westminster it is vitally important to ensure that Scotland's budget is spent wisely and effectively to aid economic recovery and maintain public

services. Along with my six committee colleagues, I will work hard in this challenging environment to develop a strategic and long term approach to our public finances.'

The Finance Committee will be comprised of four SNP, two Labour and one Conservative MSP.

Mr Gibson added: 'This is a challenging brief. The Labour, Lib Dem and Conservative Finance spokesmen all lost their seats in May, while the previous SNP Convener retired.'

# Dream in progress at Arran High School

The senior pupils of Arran High School are well on their way in preparations for the ambitious production of Shakespeare's comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

For teacher and producer Heather Gough, this will in many ways be her swan song.

At the end of this term Heather will be retiring after being one of the longest-serving teachers at the school.

During that time she has been involved in producing a wide range of dramas on Arran stages, and her expertise and ability to regularly get

the best out of a cast is second to none. We are sure that this Shakespeare production in the Community Theatre will be another tour de force.

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# Tourism has positive impact on the island

In mid April, the Banner reported on an Arran tourism study being carried out by 41 students from Aberdeen University.

One group of six students who visited the Banner offices was accompanied by tutor Helmut Geist, and he has sent us the findings of his group.

The reports are titled 'The Impacts of Tourism on Arran' and particularly explore the concept of a statement made 20 years ago by Alastair Gemmell in his book, 'Discovering Arran', that over time, as tourism increases the community feel of the island would be lost and 'the native-born people will feel like aliens in their own backyard and the social fabric begins to disintegrate'.

## Question

The question they were asked to address was 'will tourism be the death of Arran and its island community?'

Over two days, personnel

from 38 businesses were interviewed. Among the responses were 'traffic is an inconvenience, but we need the tourists to survive' 'I spend £32 a week on petrol to travel from my home in Lamlash to work in Brodick' 'my income is affected; I only work in summer months, but have two jobs to get by' and 'the amount of second homes on the island is shocking'.

Housing prices were found to be a massive issue, with 91percent of the people in the survey said that tourism had a negative impact on housing prices. Much of the cheaper houses are being snapped up as holiday homes, making it almost impossible for local young people to get a foot on the housing ladder.

Food shopping was an issue, both on prices and choice, with 13percent of people wanting another brand of supermarket on the island. There were

references to some boarded up buildings in villages and excessive litter, particularly in forest areas.

The students found people more than happy to oblige, and deduced that although tourists have altered some things on the island, in general it is the community atmosphere that attracts tourists, and without it, the island would not thrive.

## Strangers

In summing up, one of the students, Katrina Awramenko, said: 'From our findings, Alastair Gemmell suggested in 1990 that the future of Arran was quite dim and that the amount of people visiting the island each year would destroy the community life of the island by suggesting that people would feel like strangers in their own backyards.'

'It is clear that tourism has had a positive impact on Arran and this quote has been disproved.'



The men of Assaye platoon with four different copies of the Arran Banner, being forced to catch up with Arran news by their section commander Corporal Stuart Gillies of Lamlash. Stuart is on the right. b22ban01

## Fusiliers catch up with the Banner

We have received this amazing photo from Corporal Stuart Gillies of Lamlash.

Corporal Gillies is Section Commander with Assaye platoon,

Royal Highland Fusiliers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion the Royal Regiment of Scotland 92 Scots). He and his men are currently serving in Helmand

Province, Southern Afghanistan and they decided to catch up with Arran news while on their armoured vehicle waiting at Checkpoint Pegasus.

## Old Arran film footage sought by theatre and arts trust

This summer the Arran Theatre and Arts Trust is running a film archive project called 'Arran on Film'.

Film of the island held in national collections will be collected and collated, but the project is also seeking as yet unidentified films belonging to members of the island community and elsewhere.

From the 1950's until the introduction of video cameras from the late 70's, many people made 8mm and later Super 8 films. These films are now of interest to local and national collections, particularly if they capture aspects of our cultural heritage, industry and agriculture.

Ed O'Donnelly said: 'We would request people to take their films to the Arran Heritage Museum, where they will be carefully viewed. Film footage discovered to be of special interest will be transferred to a digital format.'

'All loaned films will be kept in safe keeping and the project will either suggest to the owner that their film is donated to the Scottish Screen Archive of the National Libraries of Scotland or it will be returned to the owner with information on where it can be transferred to DVD if desired.'

'We would be very grateful if people took the time to locate those small spools of film lin-

gering at the back of drawers, in boxes or in attics. We would love to see them. They can be brought to the museum at any time (Wednesday is the most convenient day) and the owner will be given a receipt. Viewing and transferring films may take several months.'

Screening of a first compilation will take place during the McLellan Festival in September this year. This project is supported by Scotland's Islands and the Hugh Fraser Foundation.

Anyone with information on films relating to Arran can contact Ed O'Donnelly, email: e.donnelly12@btinternet.com or Tel: 01770 830208



Aberdeen University students who carried out the Arran tourism survey; from left, Katrina Awramenko, Roseanne MacDonald, Emma Walker and tutor Helmut Geist. 02\_b15env01

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# Record breaking sharks caught off Arran

'The water was so clear I could tell it was a big fish'

Two of the largest smooth hound sharks ever seen in Scottish waters were recently tagged and released by members of the Scottish Shark Tagging Programme (SSTP) fishing off the coast of Arran.

The anglers were fishing on-board a locally based charter boat, Onyer Marks, and in a remarkable 20 minute period, the two sharks, both of which would have beaten the current boat caught Scottish record were caught and safely returned.

The first fish was caught by Steve Frayling of the Paisley based Silverlure Sea Angling

Club, it weighed a very impressive 10lb 4oz and was his first ever smooth Hound.

Just a few minutes later Guy Stewart, who has spent many hours fishing for the species, landed the biggest smooth hound ever seen in Scottish waters - weighing in at a fantastic 15lb 1oz.

An excited Guy said: 'The water was so clear I could tell it was a big fish when it was 20 feet down.'

'This fish was beyond my wildest dreams and nearly double the size of my previous best.'

Although both fish would



**Guy Stewart, who has spent many hours fishing for the species, landed the biggest smooth hound ever seen in Scottish waters - weighing in at a fantastic 15lb 1oz.**

have qualified as a record breaking catches, the anglers declined to submit their sharks which were tagged and then released instead.

The skipper of Onyer Marks, Ian Burrett, who is also the

project's director for the SSTP, was equally excited.

#### Newcomers

'These fish are relative newcomers to our waters, their northern migration route is increasing possibly due to an

increase in water temperatures,' he said.

'These and a few other incoming species show the potential for South-west Scotland to develop as a broad based angling destination.'

## Arran Flower Festival

Next month Brodick will be festooned with stunning floral displays as part of the Arran Flower Festival as the island joins celebrations for the Year of Scotland's islands.

This free event on July 1-3 gives visitors to Brodick Church Hall the chance to enjoy the visually eye-catching and fragrant displays.

The display will be open to the public between 11am and 4pm.

The island has a rich variety of plant life, with around 50 species of wild flower including Marsh Marigold, Wood Anemone, Bluebells and Yellow Iris.

## Summer fete

The annual summer fete at Montrose House will take place from 2pm next Wednesday 15 June.

There will be cream teas, tombola, bric-a-brac stalls, guess the teddy bear's birthday, jewellery and nearly new stall. In the unlikely event of the weather not being kind, everything will be held inside. All are welcome.

## Summer Rally in Brodick Church for Ardrossan Presbytery

Brodick Church was packed on Tuesday's afternoon for the annual Summer Rally of Ardrossan Presbyterial Council.

The event was hosted by Shiskine Church of Scotland Guild.

Some 160 people from Guilds in the area, guests from the

neighbouring Council, from Arran Churches Together, and from St.Bride's Ladies Group filled the pews to capacity.

Brother Stephen Smyth, a member of the Maris Brothers, an order whose main focus is on education, spoke about the work of Action for

Churches Together in Scotland and how it is connected with other ecumenical groups such as Minority Ethnic Churches Together in Scotland and the World Council of Churches.

He also pointed out that they also work alongside other faith groups as well as

with secular groups. Brother Stephen also stressed the value of local groups, such as Arran Churches Together, working at grassroots level in their own communities and the support that Christians can give to each other and to their neighbours on a daily basis.

Greetings were brought to the Rally by Rev Angus Adamson on behalf of the Session of St.Molios Church, Shiskine and from Rev Gillean Maclean on behalf of Ardrossan Presbytery.

Ardrossan Presbyterial Council is grateful to St Bride's Church, Brodick, for allowing them to hold the service in their church on this their centenary year and wishes them well with future events.



**Andrew McIntyre**

Graduated recently from University of Birmingham with a degree in professional golf.

Congratulations from all the family.



**Pictured in Brodick Church on Tuesday: Brother Stephen Smyth, Mrs Jean Hunter, Rev Gillean Maclean, Mrs Margaret Broster, council secretary, Mrs Helen Knight, convener of Ardrossan Presbyterial Council, Mrs Moira Buchanan, previous council convener, Mrs Isabel Campbell, council treasurer, Rev Angus Adamson.** 02\_b23pre01



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## Princess will see a changed island

The Arran Farmers Show is one of the biggest events in the island's calendar and this year it is set to be even bigger as a Royal Visit is on the cards.

It looks as though HRH Princess Anne will be gracing the show field in Lamlash with her presence on August 3.

She has been asked to attend to help mark the occasion of the 175<sup>th</sup> Arran Show but let's face it everyone loves a Royal visit whatever the reason.

There is that great sense of pomp and circumstance that enshrines all visits to the island by the Royal family.

Even those that proclaim to be anti-royalists can get caught up in the excitement.

There's no doubt about it that securing a visit to the island by the Princess in the same year as the William and Katherine's marriage is quite a coup for the Arran Farmer's Society.

Chairman Kenny Bone is already hoping that it will encourage even more livestock and trade exhibitors to the show, which has already seen a rise in numbers over the last couple of years.

HRH's presence at the show will also hopefully attract wider interest from locals and visitors to the island.

But the visit will also be a great boost to the island as a whole because nothing adds sparkle to a holiday destination than the House of Windsor's seal of approval.

When the Queen came to Arran in 1997, the island was absolutely overrun with visitors desperate to get a glance of her majesty.

Her Royal Highness, the Princess Anne's last visit was 25 years ago, and much has changed on the island since then.

In 1986 islanders were starting to become more aware of the need to promote Arran as a tourist destination.

Iain Johnston hadn't yet bought the Auchrannie and small guesthouses and B&Bs dominated the island.

At that point Arran was still a rural place reliant on farming and agriculture.

In the 25 years since the island has changed immeasurably.

Sadly today, tourism is Arran's number one import and the farming community is in decline.

But then it is the same all over Scotland.

We once exported manufacturing goods and food all over the world – today we import everything and rely heavily on tourism to keep the country ticking over.

But it is great news that the Princess Royal is coming to the island, as it will certainly boost visitor numbers on the day and hopefully throughout the rest of the summer too.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moths and rust destroy. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moths and rust do not destroy." (Matthew 6:19-20)

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# Letters to the Editor



## Feasibility study not justified

Sir,  
Your report (Banner 28 May) that a feasibility study for the construction of a satisfactory jetty on Holy Isle is to cost £4,000.

Given that there are quite a few satisfactory jetties around Scotland, the knowledge of how to construct them already exists.

How can the costs of this study be justified?

The report does not mention the cost of the actual construction should the study reach a satisfactory conclusion.

Yours,  
**John Gibson**  
Glenside  
Kilmory

## Music on a plate from youngsters

Sir,  
I am writing to say how delighted I was, fresh from the ferry to visit a friend, to be taken to Arran on a Plate on the evening when three very talented young musicians from Arran High School were playing there.

Finlay Murchie, Fraser Blair and Iain Clarke, all only 13 years old, entertained us on saxophone, piano, clarinet and fiddle, sometimes together and sometimes solo. The music flowed enthusiastically and with flair.

The programme was wide ranging, encompassing traditional folk, classical and songs from the shows; it was perfect either for listening to or as accompaniment to the delicious restaurant food and lively conversation.

Congratulations are due all round, also to Lucy Cartledge who teaches all these gifted boys their instruments and who organised the whole event so brilliantly.

Yours,  
**Nerissa Kison**  
Rosebank  
Cordon

## Dream of a challenge

Sir,  
It is great to see that the pupils of our High School are rising to the challenge of

Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', as this will be the last school production with Mrs Heather Gough at the helm and we look forward to the play being performed at the High School on 21, 22 and 23 June.

Tickets are now available from the school and from the Book and Card shop. The parent council will be running a raffle at the play. Parents of pupils at the school responded to a parent council questionnaire at the start of the session, with a good number willing to help with fund raising and we ask that anyone wishing to donate raffle prizes hand them in at the school office. We have also been very grateful for the support of local businesses in the past and appeal to your generosity on this occasion.

Yours,  
**Alan Stout (Chairman)**  
Arran High School  
parent council

## Wanton desecration by wind turbines

Sir,  
Apropos the wind farm proposal affecting Arran, I suggest that only Philistines, motivated by the desperate need to make yet more money, would contemplate the wanton desecration of the natural beauty of this island by the construction of a wind farm.

From my lounge I can see the ugliness of the ones on the hills behind Culzean Castle and Turnberry golf course and how ghastly it looks spoiling the line of what once were pristine hills.

Perhaps the people making the proposals are quite sanguine about the subject since they are already surrounded by them where they live?

Perhaps they can justify their proposals by saying they have conducted the most comprehensive cost/benefit analysis ever undertaken which proves their case. If so, let them show it to the people of Arran.

Did they, for example cover the following: design concept costs, costs involved in applying for planning permission, cost of lands purchased or leased, procurement, including transport, of raw materials,

unit manufacturing costs, pre-build and test of each wind-mill, dismantling of same, plus packaging and transport to Arran, storage facilities and eventual transport to site, erection on site, testing on site, fine tuning in situ, connection to grid, – (this, of course begs the question, what type of connection? Underground cabling or overhead pylons? Take your pick, but it has to be done somehow), continuous maintenance plus contingency for emergency repairs with resources ready to hand, payment of rents, etc.

Is North Ayrshire Council going to support what I believe to be widespread antipathy of the people of Arran and those tourists who love the place, or is the Council going to rubber stamp the proposals regardless?

If there are others who feel as I do, perhaps they too will raise their own objections.

Yours,  
**K Cheshire**  
Herons Cliff  
Kildonan

## Fungus may kill midges

Sir,  
Researchers in Wales into controlling the midges there, as spreaders of Blue Tongue (sheep disease), are field-testing a newly found fungus that kills adult midges and larvae alike.

Its name is metarhizium anisopliae. Let's hope that the fungus does its stuff and is soon exported to midgy areas. Information on the above is in the Hexham Courant; its an area that includes Kielder Forest, whose midges are as vicious as Arran's.

You recommend light-coloured full-length clothing to evade the midges. Add that one should avoid going outside on calm, dull days. When the degree of light falls below a certain level, out come the midges.

I was surprised to hear that your phones don't work during a power cut. Here in Cumbria, the phones have their own source of supply. As for sitting in darkness, surely you have candles to hand, sir.

I was glad to see your two-

page spread for the Distillery's success. I remember the opposition its founders encountered and overcame before it began. I thought then that having a distillery would be a very good thing. I'm glad to be proved right.

Yours,  
**Jeremy Godwin**  
Drovers lane  
Penrith

## Second World War roll of honour

Sir,  
It would be much appreciated if you could bring the following message to all your readers.

The committee of Arran Heritage Museum have asked the Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion for their help in compiling a list of all the men and women who were living on Arran and served their country during the Second World War.

We have the names of those who gave their lives and did not return, their names being on the War Memorials around the Island.

It is hoped that the museum can compile a roll of honour to be on display alongside the roll of honour for the First World War.

We would request all those who have or had relatives who served during the Second World War, either in the Armed Forces or in the Merchant Navy, the Land Army, Forestry, War Factory and Bevan Boys and were resident on Arran, to send as much information as possible such as name, rank, service, to the Museum, the Banner or to Spud Taylor of Lamlash or any other member of the Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion that they may know.

When compiled, the Roll of Honour will be dedicated and displayed in the Heritage Museum.

Yours,  
**Alan Milligan**  
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# Sculptor uplifts the face of golf centre

Carnoustie Golf Links has been given an extraordinary new facade by a world-renowned Arran sculptor.

Tim Pomeroy, from Lam-lash, was commissioned to design the new facade for the building currently informally known as the Links Pavilion.

His sandstone frieze, which spans nine-and-a half metres, frames the entranceway to the new building.

Tim said: 'The architects basically gave me a free hand to do whatever I wanted.

Once I saw the designs, I

could see there was this organic feel to the building and the bespoke features, like the hand-crafted ironwork gave me some ideas.'

### Responsibility

According to Tim he was given the substantial responsibility of creating an iconic focal point for famous golfers to be photographed against.

He added: 'Looking at the building, you can see it has been incorporated into this dune, and so I thought about the dune and how the beach-scapes spread out behind it.

'It's best to find ideas in your main stream of work, and the horizontality of the building, the dune and the wave patterns I have been using, all three things came together in this one design.

'I started working with the forms of the building, the sweep of the design marches across the top of the building and the facade echoes the sweep of the building.'

Tim described his work as 'subconsciously' echoing the architects' design with its visual quietness.

He added: 'It eases the passage of the eye from the stone rubble to the smooth Ashlar stonework by fitting in this frieze of the waves of the sand.

### Fundamental

'Entrances and exits are fundamental features in design and architecture. This is not something that has been brutally attached to the building, but I'd like to think that the users become gradually aware of this intervention, so to speak, in the stonework, as it eases you towards the entrance.'

The sculptor said his appointment to the project was fate.

He said: 'I was working on the St Andrews Cathedral project at WL Watson and Sons yard when architect David Wren came in to choose random rubble stone for the building.

'He wandered over and we just started chatting about my work. He asked me if I would be interested in doing something for his project, and I said I would give it a go.

'It was really just as serendipitous as that.'



Local sculptor Tim Pomeroy has created an astonishing new facade for the Carnoustie Golf Links building.

b08tim01



The group of Gaelic learners at the open day at Arran High School last Saturday.

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## Lost camera posted back to Edinburgh

David Orr has been reunited with his camera.

In last week's Banner we carried a plea from David for a lost camera. He explained that while here on holiday he and his wife had taken many photographs, but on their return home to Edinburgh they realised that the camera had not come back with them.

David thought he must have dropped it somewhere on Arran and not realised at the time.

Now he tells us: 'It turns out that it had dropped out on the waterfront at Brodick shortly before we boarded the ferry to Ardrossan.

'It was picked up by a gentleman from Paisley, John Fergusson, who saw the notice in the Banner and has posted it back to me. I'm delighted.'

## Gaelic learning day at Arran High School

Around 40 delegates attended the annual Gaelic Day at Arran High School last Saturday 4 June.

The event is organised by Annette Biggar and her colleagues of Gaelic Development, North Ayrshire Council, based in Dalry.

The daylong programme of workshops were offered at different levels according to demand. There was no charge, but participants were asked to bring their own lunch.

Most of the delegates came over from Ayrshire for the day, but a good proportion were local Gaelic learners.

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# Arran High School - the

## The best years of their lives



Rear, from left; Richard Barr, Pauline Robertson, Mike Bailey, Lucy Urquhart-Dixon, front; Kirsty Irving, Lisa Percy, Bobbi Adamson. 02\_b23sch06

Forty-five Arran High sixth year students descended on 'Arran on a Plate' in Brodick on Monday evening, all togged up in their finest fancy clothes, for their leaving party.

Many teachers also attended plus a couple of former members of staff especially invited – Miss Wright and Mr Miller. Seventy folk in all sat down to what, by all accounts, was a sumptuous meal, followed by a speech from school captain Donald McEachern on behalf of himself and girls' captain Shauna Jamieson. He

welcomed staff and guests, and spoke eloquently of both the numerous successes that members of the year group had achieved, and also of the great common purpose and friendship that had developed amongst them.

Activities included sports, particularly athletics and rugby; school shows – many present are in the cast for the forthcoming 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' – and finally their excellent 5<sup>th</sup> year SQA results which, he stressed, they should be proud of.

He finally thanked the teachers present for their support and encouragement.

Mrs Gough replied on behalf of the teaching staff, emphasising what an excellent group of students this year's sixth form have been, to work with. Following this, she and Mrs Walker organised an enjoyable game involving old photos and descriptions of students. After the meal and speeches, tables were cleared and, to the sound of many of their favourite tracks, they kicked off their shoes and got down to some se-

rious dancing – not until dawn, but at least until midnight. It was a great evening, with a wonderful atmosphere. The large number of teachers who accepted the invitation to attend was a compliment to the leaving students, and it is much to their credit that they organised the evening themselves.

They have been a credit to the school, and their celebration on Monday provided a stylish and fitting farewell.

We all wish them every success in the future.



The staff at Arran on a Plate who looked after the students and teachers on Monday night, from left; Richard Atkins, Lorna McAllister, Dilyana Ilieva and Emily Pulleybank. 02\_b23pla01



Rear, from left; Jane Macbeth, Patrick Taylor, Janet Logan, front; Emily Colwell, Gregor Mackay, Mairi McAllister. 02\_b23sch01



Rear, from left; Martin McCartney, Charlie Boal, Steve Evans, front; Dani Gill, Michael Jenks, Amy Downard. 02\_b23sch02

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Rear, from left; Bradley Davies-Cannon, Stewart McLauchlan, Ciaran McMaster, front; Linda Taylor, Sean Higgins, Cil Paul. 02\_b23sch08

# class of 2011 . . .



The assembled company of students and teachers at the sixth year leaving party at Arran on a Plate on Monday night. 02\_b23hig02



Rear, from left; Tom Dawson, Finlay Cable, Jimmy Stewart, front; Caitlin Watkins, Lisa Heslop, Nicola MacAlister. 02\_b23sch05



Rear, from left; Sheena Fletcher, Julie Cannon, Amanda Hogge, front; Joanne Kelly, Bethany Lewis. 02\_b23sch07



Rear, from left; Gavin Davidson, Iain Parker, Cameron Flewitt, front; Hannah McMurray, Fiona MacLeod, Heather Johnston. 02\_b23sch10



Rear, from left; Paul Jardine, Oliver Draycott, Brian Miller, front; Robert Taylor, Julie McGhee, Cameron Paul. 02\_b23sch11



Rear, from left; Margaret Wright, Lesley Walker, Donald McEachern, Alexander MacNeil, Ryan Boal, front; Kimberley Fleming, Heather Gough, Shauna Jameson. 02\_b23sch09



Rear, from left; David Heenan, Grant Adamson, front; Emma Nicol, Steve Garraway, Elsie Pennycott. 02\_b23sch11

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# New improved path to the Beech Grove

Community Woodland group Roots of Arran are pleased to announce that their paths to the Beech Grove and Orchard on Brodick hill have recently been upgraded.

This was thanks to a welcome grant from Arran Access Trust, some drainage pipe delivered by quad bike by Rab Logan from Forest Enterprise and Murray Boal's accomplished skill with a digger.

The work has now improved public access to these areas and the new native trees, planted some years ago now, are well worth a stroll around at any time.

The group meet regularly on the second Sunday of the month at the Beech Grove in the woodland; which is on the Lamdash to Brodick path. Access is from the Mayish Rd (past Glenartney Hotel) off the back road in Brodick or from the view point car park at top of Lamdash hill.

The group's next meeting is on Sunday 12 June at 12noon at the viewpoint car park or 12.30pm onwards at the Beech Grove, and kids, accompanied by an adult, are particularly welcome.

They will be clearing the orchard and have some of their own equipment to lend but if you have them please bring

along loppers or secateurs and gardening gloves for the brambles. There will be activities for younger kids and hot drinks from the fire and a woodland shelter if it's showery; you are invited to bring anything else you wish to cook or heat on the campfire.

Suitable footwear and clothing is advised. KR



Murray Boal using his expertise with a digger to help improve the path to the Beech Grove on Brodick hill. b23dig01

## Time to return application forms for Feis Arain

Application forms and information sheets for this year's Fèis Arainn were distributed to all the primary schools and Arran High School a few weeks ago and are now due for return.

The dates are Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 July -in the High School from 10am to 2.50pm each day. All youngsters who

will be eight years old by the end of July are welcome to come including any visitors who might be here at that time.

We can also accommodate a small number of adults and the workshops will include fiddle, accordion, clarsach, chanter, drums, whistle and guitar as well as Gaelic singing and drama, stepdance and Celtic art. The closing concert will be in the High School theatre on Friday afternoon and the

Tutors' Ceilidh and Family Dance on Wednesday 27 July in Whiting Bay Hall.

Any questions or requests for additional forms should be made to Aileen McLaughlin on 700209 and forms returned immediately via the schools or direct to Aileen at Taigh-an-Dara, Whiting Bay, KA27 8RE.

Tha sinn a'coimhead air adhart ri'r faicinn ann!

We are looking forward to seeing you there! AM

## How to tell male from female goldfinch

During April in Arran, there were many reports from people who were enjoying the proliferation of colourful and noisy Goldfinches in their gardens.

Arran bird recorder Jim Cassels explains how to tell the difference between the male and female Goldfinch.

'A group of Goldfinch is called a charm a very apt description for these colourful birds with their delightful song. But how can you tell the males from the females? They look very similar.

'While the difference between male and female plumage in finches like Chaffinch and Greenfinch is obvious, the difference in the plumage of the sexes in Goldfinch is more subtle.

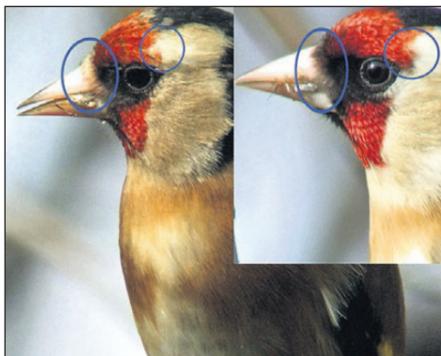
'Check out this photograph by Graeme J Smith. The bird on the left is a female. The insert on the right is a male. The red

on the face of the male extends above and beyond the eye. That is how to sex Goldfinch in your garden.

'Later in the year look out for young Goldfinch. They have no red at all on the face.'

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

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Female and male Goldfinch. b23gold01 photo Graeme J Smith



Alastair Glen and Jim Arnold entertain the crowds at last year's Museum Craft Day. 02\_b23her01

## Traditional crafts at Museum on Sunday

Visitors to the Arran Heritage Museum's annual Craft Day this Sunday 12 June can see all sorts of local traditional skills and crafts.

The demonstrations throughout the afternoon from 1.30pm onwards will include sheep shearing, baking, butter making, wool dyeing, spinning and weaving, quilting and other skills.

The Isle of Arran Pipe Band will be performing and there will be traditional dances performed by local schoolchildren. Moothie playing and accordion music will also be evident during the afternoon.

A local group of Gaelic singers will sing the songs used in days gone by to 'waulk' newly-made cloth to make it thicker by washing, soaking, beating and shrinking by rhythmically moving the cloth.

Finally, the museum store room will be open to allow visitors to see the many items held, which due to space restriction cannot always be on display. Staff will be on hand to discuss and explain the uses of some of the more obscure objects.

This is clearly a day not to be missed.

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Thomas and Alice Knowles, celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Montrose House. b23ann01

## Thomas and Alice, 65 years together

On Wednesday June 1, Thomas and Alice Knowles celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at Montrose House, where Thomas has been living for the past eight months.

Friends and residents joined them for a finger buffet tea with a lovely cake.

Alice recalled how she should have been married the year previous, but Thomas, who was a stretcher-bearer and later medical sergeant during the war was sent from Germany straight to Egypt.

So the wedding cake had to

be kept for a year. This was helped, she recalled, by keeping an apple in the tin, and a friend giving her a drop of spirits to pour over the cake when any came her way.

### Busy

Thomas's life as an ambulance driver and later in ambulance control kept him busy.

They moved to Arran nine years ago where both Thomas and Alice have enjoyed gardening.

Alice is a great knitter, and Thomas has enjoyed sketching wildlife.

# Seeing wildlife for real in Arran's great outdoors

Rangers from the National Trust for Scotland and the Forestry Commission Scotland came together last week to host a week of wildlife events on Arran.

Events kicked off on Sunday 29 May at Kildonan, where 30 keen individuals joined NTS Rangers for a visit to a local seal colony. With binoculars and telescopes they got a good

look at the common seals including a new-born seal pup.

Meanwhile many of the younger visitors got busy exploring the depths of rock pools; finding slippery fish, scuttling crabs and ruby-red anemones. When time got short, the kind folk from Kildonan Village Hall provided everyone with shelter from the blustery wind, and a tasty and plentiful cream tea.

'We had a great time: the event was well-run and the cakes were smashing,' said Pete Bush, who was visiting with his family from Derbyshire.

The week's positive start was built upon that same

evening with a successful badger-watching trip. Forestry Ranger Bob Logan took a group of visitors to see a sett being used by its charismatic stripey-faced occupants.

The week continued with events every day – often more than one. So while many people were sat at home with the BBC's excellent Springwatch programme, a lucky few were out seeing the wildlife for real.

From barn owl chicks and pregnant deer to beetle nymphs that weren't afraid to tuck into beasties twice their size, the week was full of wild creatures of all proportions doing what comes naturally.



Watching Arran's wildlife on a Maol Donn walk. b23wild02



Two youngsters pond-dipping. b23wild01

## Arran Dancers Summer Show - Dancemagic 2011

Members of Arran Dancers, the island's ballet and street dance club, have been rehearsing hard for their end of year annual Show for the last couple of months and are now putting the finishing touches to their dances before their big day on Sunday 19 June. The dancers aged between three and 16 will each be performing a number of routines in 'Dancemagic 2011', which has been choreographed by Fiona Rodriguez, Dawn Ulivi and David Young.

'The show is always great fun and the youngsters clearly thoroughly enjoy taking part,' said Jill McKillop, Arran Dancers chairperson.

'We have always been lucky enough in the past to have good support which means the group perform in front of a pretty large audience. As it is also a key fundraiser for the club we would encourage as many people as possible to come along on 19 June to see the show.'

Tickets are available from the Post Office in Brodick or on the door. The Show starts at 2pm at Arran High School Theatre, Sunday 19 June.



Jean and Peter Allan celebrating their Diamond Wedding anniversary. b23dia01

## Diamond celebrations for Jean and Peter

Jean and Peter Allan of Lamlash celebrated their Diamond Wedding with family on Thursday 2 June.

They were married in Saltcoats Free Church in 1951 and lived and raised their family of four, Robert, Sine, Lesley and Marjorie (Midge) in Ayrshire.

Jean had many relatives on Arran and after a lifetime of holidaying in Lochranza, they retired to Lamlash in 1994.

They are pictured with their telegram from The Queen, marking their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



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# Hat trick for skipper as Sannox gain revenge

Last Saturday saw our enterprising Arran cricketers travel to Gargunnoch outside Stirling, to play a friendly against the current holders of the Allsop Memorial cup from the match played at Sannox last year.

And skipper Tony Brookes took a memorable hat trick as Sannox gained cricketing revenge.

The Allsop match of last year saw Sannox soundly beaten. Consequently, the word 'revenge' was uttered during skipper Brookes' team huddle on the square prior to start of play.

Sannox lost the toss and Lloyd and Sutcliffe opened for the hosts. Both Dunn from the oak tree end and Marriott from the car park end used the surface, seam and swing to severely unsettle the Gargunnoch openers.

Lloyd fell for six and Sutcliffe for one. Shaw at number three vainly tried to get his feet under the table of an intense attack.

He was run out for five, the

first of a series of three consecutive deliveries, that ended in three runs-outs and earned skipper Brookes a deserved hat-trick.

The hosts finished with an egg-on-face 16 all out. Tony Brookes took four consecutive wickets for the enviable figures of bowled two, no maidens, four wickets for two runs, a benchmark performance for the rest of the team, for the rest of the season.

### Reversed

Sannox sportingly reversed their batting order and opened with borrowed Ardrossan Chas Marshman and Sannox debutante Neil McKechnie.

McKechnie fell for a duck to be replaced by Pomeroy at three. He and Gourlay pushed the score to 14 before Pomeroy needlessly holed out to an impressive catch to mid-on. Marriott came in at four and won the match with a cracking boundary in the space of a few balls.

The skippers decided on an unorthodox 15/15 match to complete the day and allow the

hosts to regain some pride.

Brookes, resorting to his original batting line-up took to the spongy wicket with Marriott and drove a heady pace. The short boundary saw both the hitting of sixes and fours. Edgy singles kept Gargunnoch on their toes in the field and the brisk pace inflicted much injury on the innocuous Stirling bowling.

Marriott retired after 24 to allow Dunn a knock. Brookes came in unbeaten for 39 to allow young Jenks to maintain the onslaught. After the Sannox 15 overs, the Arran men stood on a strong total of 108 without loss.



Eight of the Sannox cricketers, with skipper Tony Brookes on the right. b23crk01

Lloyd and Smith for Gargunnoch came to the crease with a visible tenacity and, knowing the need to attack did so. McKechnie opening the bowling for Sannox, had a loose first over giving away nine including three wides. Marshman from the other end also had a less-than-impressive debut over, gifting 13. Brookes quickly reigned in and reverted to his normal strike bowlers. Soon Dunn, Marriott, Pomeroy and Jenks

had put a lid on any serious breakout.

Sutcliffe rallied at number four adding a further 13 to the 33 but by the 12<sup>th</sup> over with 56 runs needed off three overs the task was more daunting than the battlements of Stirling Castle visible through the low cloud over the fields.

McKechnie came back on and quickly found his line with figures of bowled three, one maiden, two for 13.

Gargunnoch finished on 68.

Sannox pride regained, the local heroes headed back down to the ferry musing on the virtues of 15/15 cricket.

Practise is on Thursdays from 6pm at Sannox Oval. Visitors are always welcome, as they are to home matches. Next home match is on Sunday 12 June against all the duke's men, Hamilton. Start 11.30am. More information on 01770 600287 or on the website www.sannoxcricket-club.com

## Corrie Film Club

### Lonestar (Cert12)

Corrie Film Club's film for June is director, John Sayles's riveting murder-mystery which explores personal and racial tensions in Rio County, Texas.

When the skeleton of his murdered predecessor is found, Sheriff Sam Deeds unearths many other long-buried secrets in his Texas border town.

This detective story which is also a voyage of self discovery is reckoned by many to be Sayles's best and is certainly one of the iconic films of the nineties discussing as it does how centuries of misdeed create an almost insurmountable legacy of division and hatred, but with a deft touch which entertains, educates and shines a light on humanity which makes this a film to remember.

See this film in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall at 8pm on Sunday 12 June. All welcome.



Three musicians who will be doing workshops at the High School; Calum MacCrimmon, Innes Watson and Mike Vass.

## 'Unst2Arran' islands tour comes to Arran

An exciting, inter-island musical tour is coming to the island next week.

'Unst2Arran' will visit Lam-lash on Monday 13 June, with school workshops during Monday and Tuesday and a concert in the theatre at 7.30pm at night.

Mike Vass (fiddle), Calum MacCrimmon (pipes) and Innes Watson (guitar) are three outstanding musicians and teachers.

They are collectively involved with several Scottish bands including, Malinky, Breabach, Man's Ruin, Boreas, the Hamish Napier Quintet and the Treacherous Orches-

tra. School workshops will be a big part of the tour and the concerts will give young people a chance to perform with touring musicians.

'This will be really good,' said Padruig Morrison, a young musician from the tiny island of Grimsay.

### Tutors

'They are all great tutors! I've been to feisean with them all and they're excellent.'

The aim is to also raise their awareness about how to make a living as a musician.

The tour is being funded by Scotland's Islands and organised from Benbecula by Music4Uist.

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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday, June 8, 1991

### Apocalypse date for Arran

Last Thursday 6 June was the predicted date of the apocalypse set by former sports presenter David Icke.

Mr Icke had predicted that among other catastrophes, Arran would suffer an earthquake and sink without trace. Luckily we are still here.

### China Beach in demand

The China Beach, Arran's first Chinese restaurant, is beginning to cope with the huge demand for their oriental food. In the first three days they were running out of supplies.

Frankie Chung is leasing the premises in Lamlash from Andy MacDonald.

### New Arran ferry

Arran should have a new ferry with a 120-car capacity by 1993.

The keel will be laid down next year and MV Isle of Arran, still the 'new' ferry

to many, will be preparing to leave the route for which she was built just seven years ago.

Such has been the increase in ferry traffic that Councillor Evelyn Sillars wonders if even a new vessel could be too small very soon.

### Bridge building

A squadron of the Territorial Army Royal Engineers has spent two weeks on the island and built two Galloway bridges in Brodick Castle Country Park.

### Third folk festival

The third Arran Folk Festival has drawn to a close after a successful week with concerts in village halls in Brodick, Lochranza, Kilmory, Whiting Bay and Lamlash.

Enthusiastic compere Danny Kyle kept things going with a swing.

### Commando veterans

This weekend sees the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Litani River Action by 11<sup>th</sup> Scottish Commando. Veterans gathered in

Arran to remember their training here on the island.

### Car Club veterans

The East Ayrshire Car Club held their annual island gathering here last weekend with many of the beautiful old cars gracing the Arran roads.

The weekend finished up with a concours d'elegance and judging on Lamlash front green.

### Sea Angling Festival

The 31<sup>st</sup> annual Lamlash International Sea Angling Festival was held last weekend with the heaviest fish being a 6lb 12oz Pollock.

Best local angler was Harold Kyte of Lamlash.

### Shepherds sprint

Kildonan and District Sheepdog Society will be holding their 21<sup>st</sup> annual dog trial at Home Farm, Brodick on Friday 21 June.

One of the special features of this occasion will be the re-introduction of 'the shepherds sprint' at the end of the day.



The five surviving dog handlers from the first Kildonan and District Sheepdog Trial 21 years earlier, pictured at The Cnoc, Kildonan. From the left, Jimmy McNeil, Robbie Stewart, Alex Miller, George Tod and Willie McConnell with their dogs.

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Two-year-old Ewan McKinnon with the Vietnamese pot bellied pigs at the newly opened North Sannox Farm Park.

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Above: Chris Moreton and The Jalapeno Pickers were a star turn at the third Arran Folk Festival.

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Left: Members of the East Ayrshire Car Club on Lamlash front green.

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## SATURDAY 11th JUNE

Karate  
 Family Games  
 Fun In The Pool  
 Over 21's Disco  
 Arran Dancers (4 years and up)  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game  
 RNLI Shop Open  
 Arts & Crafts Exhibition  
 Arran Folk Festival

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
 3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall  
 4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Arran High School, 10am  
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm  
 Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm  
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
 Brodick Church Hall, 11am - 4pm  
 See ad page 13

## SUNDAY 12th JUNE

Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes  
 Family Games  
 Fun In The Pool  
 Quiz  
 Open Music Session  
 RNLI Shop Open  
 Arran Folk Festival  
 Lamlash Beach Clean  
 Crafts Day  
 Roots of Arran

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm  
 Library Annexe, 1.45pm  
 3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall  
 4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
 PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
 Bar Eden, 3pm - 5pm  
 Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm  
 See ad page 13  
 Front green, 12pm  
 Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, From 1.30pm  
 Beach Grove, 12.30pm

## MONDAY 13th JUNE

Over 50's Badminton  
 Badminton  
 Weight Wise  
 Ladies Netball  
 Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games  
 Citizens Advice  
 Senior Fitness  
 BreathWalk Class  
 Circuit Training  
 Table Tennis  
 Badminton  
 Mums and Tots Swimming Lessons  
 Hatha Yoga  
 Summer Bridge  
 Rink Game  
 Rink Game

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
 Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
 High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm  
 Ormidale Park, 6pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10am - 2pm  
 9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym  
 Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm  
 Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm  
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
 Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm  
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 11am  
 Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm  
 High School Cafe, 6.30pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm

Rink Game  
 Quiz  
 Parent Council AGM  
 Arran Primary Soccer Sevens

Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm  
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 10.30pm  
 Brodick Primary School, 7.30pm  
 Ormidale Park, 6pm

## TUESDAY 14th JUNE

Lochranza Swimming Club  
 Army Cadets  
 Pop Quiz  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Citizens Advice  
 Youth Club  
 Rotary Club  
 Junior Hockey Club  
 Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up  
 Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up  
 Youth Club  
 Rink Game  
 Music Session, Chalk and Cheese  
 Guided Garden Walk  
 Save the Children Lunch with speaker

Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
 Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Brodick Church Hall - 2pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10am - 2pm  
 Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm  
 Gleneloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
 Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm  
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm  
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm  
 Brodick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm  
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 12am  
 NTS Shop, Brodick Castle, 2pm  
 Kinloch Hotel, 11.30am

## WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE

Hockey  
 Tae Kwondo  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Arran Brass Rehearsal  
 Selt Making Class  
 Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
 Yoga for Every Body  
 Senior Badminton  
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Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall  
 KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm  
 Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm  
 Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
 Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm  
 Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am  
 10am - 11.30am  
 High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool  
 9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio  
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
 Brodick Bowling Club, 6.45pm  
 Lamlash Curch Hall, 10.15am - 12pm  
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club 7pm  
 Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm  
 High School, 3.45pm  
 Sandbraes, Whiting Bay. 1pm - 2pm and 2.30pm - 3.30pm  
 Ormidale Pavilion, 11am  
 Montrose House, 2pm

## THURSDAY 16th JUNE

General Knowledge Quiz  
 Lochranza Craft Club  
 Coffee Morning  
 Table Tennis  
 Youth Club  
 Senior Fitness  
 Pilates  
 Pub Quiz  
 General Knowledge Quiz

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
 Hall, 2pm  
 St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
 Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm  
 Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm  
 9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym  
 6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio  
 Kinloch Hotel, 9pm  
 Kinloch Bar, 9pm

## FRIDAY 17th JUNE

Arran Pipe Band Practice  
 Quiz  
 Aquafizz  
 Yogalates  
 Over 21's Disco  
 Arran Youth Foundations  
 Live music with DJ  
 Kildonan Sheepdog Trials

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm  
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
 9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool  
 10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio  
 The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
 Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm  
 Bar Eden, 9pm - 1am  
 Brandon Farm, Brodick From 8am

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## THANK YOU

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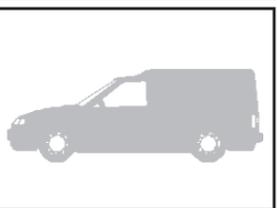
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Special prize donated by Nan Lowe. Nearest the pin at fourth hole; Lorna McIntosh.

Friday 3 June. Start of weekly summer 9 hole Greensome Competition, (open to members and guests). Leading scores: John Hartley, (Pablo Moran) 17pts

Ian Buchanan (John Milesi) 11pts.

More team captains are required. Games can be played at any suitable time. Captains to arrange.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Dr Adam Cup. Wednesday 1 June, 17 played. 1st Class, 1 J Morrison 48-6=42, 2 D Price 50-7=43 BIH, 3 B Sherwood 49-6=43. Scratch W Kelso 47. 2nd Class, 1 B Green 54-14=40, 2 Q Oliver 56-15=41, 3 J Sommerville 55-11=44. The only magic two was from Sandy Kerr at the 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations go to Bert Green on winning the Dr Adam Cup.

Gents Club Championship Qualifier Round 1, Saturday 4 June, 28 played.

1 A Jeffrey 66-4=62 BIH, 2 R Robertson 73-11=62, 3 C Muir 73-10=63 BIH.

Scratch Alan Jeffrey 66. Magic twos from M Sherwood, C Rae and J Faulkner.

Gents Club Championship Qualifier Round 2, Sunday 5 June, 24 played.

1 G Stewart 72-9=63, 2 S Gray 72-8=64 BIH, 3 B Sherwood 73-9=64 BIH.

Scratch Alan Jeffrey 68. Magic twos from A Napier, W Paton, T Gowan, S Gray, B Sherwood, S Black (2) and C Allison (2).

Mary Craig Trophy, Friday 2 June, 16 played. Silver, 1 A Anderson 54-9=46, 2 E Kelso 58-10=48 BIH. Scratch Alice 54 BIH. Bronze, 1 M Tod 65-20=45, 2 J Rankin 64-16=48. Congratulations to Mary Tod on winning the Mary Craig Trophy.

**Fixtures:** Ladies Thursday 16 June Nancy McCutcheon Trophy, shotgun start 6pm.

Gents Wednesday 15 June 18 hole Medal.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 1 June, Fleet 3 and Second Championship qualifier.

13 played, CSS 64. 1 J Barclay 78-16=62, 2 Y Brothers 80-16=64, 3 S Murchie 79-13=66, scratch Jean Barclay 78.

Gents: Thursday 26 May, Summer Cup, 21 played, CSS 67. 1 D Wales 73-7=66, 2nd I Bremner 73-5=68, 3 C Duncan 85-16=69 BIH, 4 A Smith 78-9=69 BIH. Best Scratch Ian Bremner 73 BIH. Twos from Alan Smith, Willie Currie.

Seniors Medal, CSS 64. 1 A Martin 81-18=63, 2 H McArthur 82-17=65. Sunday 29 May, Hastings Mug CSS 64. 1 E Evans 68-4=64, 2 D Wales 71-6=65. Twos from Todd Jameson, Drew Wales. Best Scratch Euan Evans 68.

Thursday 2 June, Summer Cup, CSS 63, 25 played. 1 M Wren 71-11=60 BIH, 2 T Jameson 69-9=60, 3 J Thomson 78-14=64, 4 G Andrew 75-11=64. Best Scratch Neil Young 68. Twos from Mark Wren, Neil Young, Drew Wales, Calum Rae and Graeme Andrew.

Seniors Medal, CSS 61. 1 A Martin 81-18=63 BIH, 2 W Paul 82-19=63. There was one two from William Paul.

Sunday 5 June, Hamilton Bowl, CSS 63. 1 E Evans +4, 2 M Crawford +2, 3 R Burke 0. Best Scratch Euan Evans 65. Twos from Raymond Burke, Euan Evans, Scott MacEachan, Drew Wales.

Saturday 28 May, Club Championship Final over 36 holes. Iain Murchie beat Euan Evans 3&1. Congratulations to Iain for some great golf in the last 9 holes to come back from 3 down to win. Unlucky Euan, there's always next year!

Fixtures: Thursday 16 June, Summer Cup, make up own fours and see starter for times. Sunday 19 June, Fleet Cup (36 holes) morning draw at 9am put names on sheet in locker room - late entries accepted. Second round 3pm start, ballot.

Juniors: P1-P 7 and S1-S6, no charge, every Monday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, meet at green keeper's shed (16th Green). Bring your clubs if you have them.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: The winner of the June medal was Patricia Tait with a 65.

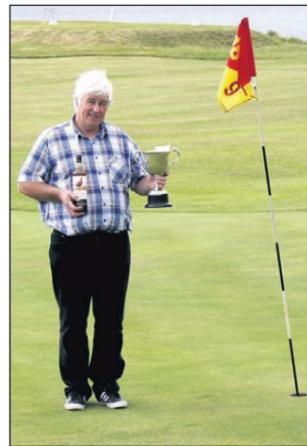
Scratch went to Jean Davidson with 90. Next fixture is the Ladies Club Championship on Sunday 12 June. Do come along and support the players, and check the website as to the time and finalists.

Gents: Wednesday 1 June, 18 played in the Summer Trophy, CSS 63. 1 M Pennycott (1)60, 2 K Jackson (11)63 BIH, 3 N Auld (2)63. There were magic twos from Kevin Jackson, Malcolm Pennycott and Sandy Pringle. Malcolm also won scratch with a very impressive 61.

Sunday 5 June, 10 played in the Gents Medal, CSS 63. 1 N Auld (2)63, 2 J Pennycott (11)64, 3 R Stewart (22)67 BIH. Nicol had the only magic two of the day and also won scratch with a steady 65.

The Club Championship semi finals will be between Malcolm Pennycott, who beat his Dad by a lot of holes, and Gus MacLeod who beat Kevin Jackson. The other semi is between Nicol Auld who beat John Simmonds, and Jamie MacPherson who beat David Morrison.

Fixtures: Sunday 12 June, Club Championship final over 36 holes. Wednesday 15 June Summer Trophy. Saturday 18 June, Hope Cup quarter finals at 4pm. Sunday 18 June, Gents Medal.



**Donald Logan with the Duncan Sillars Memorial Trophy at Machrie Bay Golf Club.** b23don01

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 31 May, Ladies and Gents club championship first round qualifier. Sweep: 1 S Hill 61, 2 B Sherwood 63, 3 A Anderson 64. Scratch Alan Jeffrey 73 BIH. Saturday 4 June, Duncan Sillars/Gents second round club championship. 1 D Logan 67, 2 D Price 69, 3 H Bannatyne 70. Scratch Donald Logan 75 BIH. Magic twos from Alastair Mac-

Donald (2).



**Winning golfers at the Arran Open last weekend. From left; Alistair Dobson of sponsors A Taste of Arran, Ewan McKinnon, scratch winner, Jamie Duncan handicap winner, Campbell Laing of sponsors Isle of Arran Distillers.** b23open01

**Fixtures:** Monday 13 June, Ladies and Gents club championship and President's Cup semi final from 5.30pm. Tuesday 14 June, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary 12.30pm and 5.30pm tee off. Tuesday 20 June, final Ladies and Gents and President's Cup from 5.30pm.

### Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 7 June, Centenary Quai and Club Championship Qualifier, CSS 67.

1 F Crawford (12)62, 2 H Rae-side (26)69, 3 S Butchard (15)70. Scratch Fiona Crawford 74.

Gents: Wednesday 1 June, Summer Cup, 47 played, CSS 64. 1 D McKinnie (9) 61, 2 G Robertson (7) 63, 3 S Brothers (9) 63. Scratch J Armit 70. There were 13 twos and John Dick managed two.

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 June, Arran Open, 106 played, Home CSS 64 (Sat), and 66 (Sun).

Results: Isle of Arran Distillers Trophy (Handicap over 36 holes). Winner Jamie Duncan (5) 124, runner up John Hardie (11) 126, 3 Jimmy Armit (5) 126, 4 Fred Kennedy (17) 127, 5 Stephen McKelvie (16) 128.

Bo Wallace Trophy (highest placed member of Brodick Golf Club), winner Jamie Duncan. Taste of Arran Trophy (Scratch over 36 holes), winner Ewan McKinnon 132, runner up Paul McKellar 132, 3 Jamie Duncan 134, 4 Craig Young, 5 Jimmy Armit 136.

It was another epic battle between Ewan and Paul, once again Ewan coming out on top by virtue of his better second round, a very fine 63.

Special mention also to Jamie Duncan and Jimmy Armit, who both finished in the top five of the handicap and the scratch competitions. The celebrations continued well into the evening. A great weekend was had by all, with 80 visitors from off the island joining the local regulars for a sociable weekend's golf. A very big thanks to our major sponsors, Isle of Arran Distillers and Taste of Arran, who were represented at the prizegiving on Sunday evening by Campbell Laing and Alastair Dobson.

Fixtures: Sunday 12 June, Brandon, open draws at 8.30am and 1pm. Sunday 19 June, British Legion Cup.

### Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 4 June Summer Cup, 8 played. Sweep 1 S Cline 75-17=58, 2 J McGovern 66-6=60. Best scratch J McGovern 66 bih over R Logan. No twos, carried forward to 11 June. Fixtures: Saturday 11 June Summer Cup 8.30am, 1pm and 1.45pm.

### Arran Golfers Association

Kelso Cup 2011 - the first round at Whiting Bay Golf Club Friday 3 June.

This years competition got off to a great start on a warm sunny evening with a lovely breeze to keep the midgies at bay.

Thanks to Whiting Bay for hosting and providing the referees; the course was in superb condition and the boys enjoyed playing, some of them for the first time. The standard of golf on display was good and they seemed to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy playing in front of a gallery.

First match out was Whiting Bay against Shiskine; the Shiskine boys all had maximum handicaps to the Whiting Bay boys lower handicaps which meant a shot a hole in both games.

The experience of the home team and home advantage told in the end with both games and the match going to the Bay, credit to the Shiskine lads though who all played with great spirit and will come back next year better off for the experience.

Second match was a much tighter affair with Lamlash against a young Brodick team. Handicaps again were a factor in this one with Lamlash giving 13 shots in the first match and 16 in the second. With the first pair from Lamlash two down the second pair won two up forcing a sudden death playoff.

Todd and Scott had a great birdie at the first extra hole but young Ben Leslie holed a great 12 footer to send the match to the second extra hole and with Lamlash slipping up around the green the game was won by Brodick to send the boys into Friday's final against Whiting Bay.

All present thoroughly enjoyed watching the boys although it was a shame more parents weren't present to watch them. Hopefully Friday's final will be better supported.

Up and coming: Kelso Cup Final Friday 10 June, 5pm at Whiting Bay Golf Club, Whiting Bay v Brodick.

Thomson Cup semi and finals day at Shiskine Golf Club Saturday 11 June 1pm and 6pm.

Hope Cup at Whiting Bay Golf Club Saturday 18th June from 4pm.

Draw: Lamlash v Lochranza (winners play Whiting Bay) Machrie v Shiskine

Corrie v Brodick  
Semi and final Saturday 25 June 1pm and 6pm.



**The White family from Harrogate, winners of the Lochranza Golf Texas Scramble, with on left, Faye Black of sponsors, Isle of Arran Distillery.** b23tex01



**Bert Green with the Dr Adam Cup at Shiskine Golf Club.** b23shk01

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## Southend maintain 100 per cent record

Southend continued their good start to the season with a solid away victory against Brodick on Monday night.

The Jingly Jangly men of Brodick could not repeat their form that saw them lift the Arran Haulage Cup last month. Southend reversed that result with a four goals to two victory. Nicky Emsley notched an impressive first half hat trick, his first goal coming from the penalty spot after Donnie Park had been brought down in the box.

He followed that with an-

other goal before a Gordon Robertson penalty pulled one back for Brodick when Babbies McNeil was fouled in the box.

Nicky completed his hat trick just before half time to put Southend 3 - 1 up.

**Header**

Babbies made it 3 - 2 in the second half before a Euan Ingram header left the final score 4 - 2 to Southend.

New boys Bay FC took on Lamlash at the recreation park and were on the wrong end of a 3 - 1 result.

Lamlash goals came from Craig McEachern, Donald 'Addie' Adamson and David McAlister.

The same night, Northend travelled to the Harbour View Field in Blackwaterfoot to play Shiskine.

Despite scoring two rather good goals, the Lochranza team were outplayed by seven goals to two.

This Monday (June 13) Northend play Brodick, Southend take on Bay FC and Lamlash are playing Shiskine.

## Iain is Lamlash champion golfer again

Iain Murchie is pictured proudly holding the champion's cup after beating Euan Evans in the 36-hole final of Lamlash Golf Club championship on Saturday 28 May.

Seasoned golfing champion Iain beat the youngster 3&1 after some superb golf over the final nine holes saw him come back from three down to win.

Unlucky Euan, there's always next year!

b23iain01



Iain Bayne has a clear run at the Greenock defence. 02\_b23rug02

## Rugby season closes for Arran Under 18s

Arran Under 18s rugby team brought a very successful season to an end with a friendly match against a strong Greenock Wanderers side at Ormisdale Park last Saturday.

After a scoreless first half the Arran boys went down by 15 points to seven. Try scorer for Arran was Ryan Boal, converted by Robbie Bayne.

After a year without a local senior team, Arran Rugby Club is now looking to enter a senior side into division four of the west of Scotland league at the end of August.

## Summer Bridge

The results of the Summer Bridge tournament on Monday 6 June were:

N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Jan Beatrice and Janette McBride, 3 Maggie and Alec Gee.

E/W 1 Margaret McGill and Evelyn Sillars, 2 Peter Thomson and Eendie McNiven, 3 Helen Boyd and Liz Paul.



Stand-in stand-off Danny Head starts another Arran attack. 02\_b23rug03

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