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Jack and Jess

Jack McConnell would most like to have the late Jess Fulton of Lamlash as his guest at his fantasy dinner party.

He announced the 'surprise' choice last Thursday on the BBC Radio Scotland Programme 'You'll have had your tea' - a dinner party programme.

And Mr McConnell's father Willie told *The Banner*: 'We were totally shocked, we had no idea Jess had been such a mentor to Jack. It was a surprise for us.'

Jess Fulton died suddenly last year. Her daughter, Rona said: 'It was great to listen, it brought back many happy memories of growing up.'

'I first heard about it when Jack's mother Elizabeth told me the programme had been broadcast. I logged straight on to the internet to listen.'

Mr McConnell had kept his choices a secret but had told his mother to be sure to tune in.

The First Minister told the show's host Damien Barr: 'Jess was my mum's best friend and she was an amazing woman.'

His other two choices were former First Minister Donald Dewar and the famous explorer Dr David Livingstone.

'She would not have been overawed to be in the company of my other two guests,' said Mr McConnell, 'She would have gelled with them and have been an equal partner at the discussion.'

'She was similar to two aunts and primary school teachers I had, part of the tradition of older women who had an influence on me.'

He went on to explain that Jess

had been his Sunday school teacher and had played her part in his personal development teaching him a lot about manners, conduct and beliefs.

'As a youngster I had no idea she was quite political,' he said, 'I discovered much later she was a Labour supporter.'

'The values and beliefs she put across so strongly at Sunday school were part of my development and influential on the things that matter to me.'

Damian asked Mr McConnell if Jess would still have seen him as 'wee Jack from Sunday school' as his political career took off.

Mr McConnell responded: 'It would change a bit over years, obviously, but I hope she was proud of me. She used to write me letters and was always willing to give a little bit of helpful advice and keep my feet on the ground.'

'I think everyone in the village was fond of her.'

'We used to play golf together even after she had her hip replacement and two years ago we won a mixed pairs competition. In all the years we played together this was the first time we actually won. That was a great day, really nice, I really miss her.'

He chose the late Mr Dewar saying he would make a fantastic dinner guest full of unpredictable conversation. As for Dr Livingstone, Mr McConnell said: 'Everyone knows him from the catch phrase 'Doctor Livingstone, I presume' but I don't think people know enough about him. I'm amazed by these guys. I hope my three guests would enjoy it as much as me.'

Emily's triple success



Emily Ross of Brodick with her trophy and Clarsach. b25mus01

There has been triple success for talented Brodick musician Emily Ross this month.

First, she was accepted into the prestigious Royal Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow.

Then she was named Traditional Musician of the Year 2006 in North Ayrshire earlier in the month and as she collected her award, Irvine Folk Club presented her with another specially

commissioned trophy. However, Emily has taken it all in her relaxed stride. She said: 'On the day of the concert I only decided at the last minute to go along,

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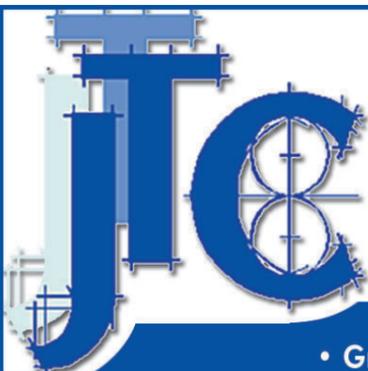
Colleen goes French



Lamlash children meet with the law



Youth triumphs over experience on the greens



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Brodick gets a garden makeover

Green-fingered school children brought lasting colour to Brodick on Tuesday morning when they planted flowers outside the post office.

Nine lucky Brodick Primary School children had their names drawn out a hat and went along to get their hands dirty and plant flowers.

This event marked the completion of the three-week project in the village.

It was apt the school should be involved as it recently started up a small business called 'Pretty Plants' where it sells plants.

Five flowerbeds across Brodick have been completed and are raised so people can see them better.

'The beds used to be flat on the ground,' said Harry Davidson of Brodick Improvements Association, 'and because of this, no-one really noticed them before.'

Harry was responsible for obtaining funding for the project from North Ayrshire Council (NAC).

Stevie Bunyan, contract supervisor, grounds maintenance for NAC on Arran, was the man responsible for designing the beds and planting the flowers.

Stevie said: 'Myself and Harry have really worked well together and it's good to see the kids getting involved.'

'The new design of the beds is a distinct improvement.'

Local stonemason Brian Farquharson carried out the work edging and raising the beds.

Working with Stevie was assistant gardener Billy Fullarton.

Harry said: 'There was a little



Brodick Primary School children Romney Soong, Tilly Ford, Abbie Robertson, Ryan Wilson, Justin Hill, Lewis Coyne, Megan McNicol, and Isla Hill get stuck into planting flowers outside Brodick Post Office. Standing with them are Stevie Bunyan, Harry Davidson and teacher Christine Cargill. b25f1o1

money left over after the four beds were completed and as a committee we felt it would be good to create one outside the post office.'

Primary teacher Christine Cargill said: 'The children have been learning all about growing and selling plants with their Pretty Plants enterprise.'

'They have been working out how much profit they have made. 'Many of the plants were sold

at the school's recent fayre. 'All the money raised will be going towards picnic benches for the area at the back of their classroom.'

Harry said: 'Many locals and visitors have commented on how attractive the new beds are.'

Stevie added: 'This current project is just part of work for Brodick - plans are afoot for more amenity work in the village.'

Pirnmill to benefit from open day

Pirnmill Community Hall will benefit when Dougarie Gardens opens to the public next month.

As part of Scotland's Garden Scheme, almost half of the funds raised at the event on Sunday 2 July will benefit the hall.

Scotland's Garden Scheme raises funds for the Queen's Nursing Institute, which supports the work of nurses in the community and retired nurses, and also for the garden funds of the National Trust for Scotland.

Forty per cent of the funds raised can be given to a charity of the garden owner's choice and this year Pirnmill Community Hall will reap the benefits.

The garden is open between 2pm and 5pm and there will be teas in the Boathouse and stalls.

Brodick Castle Gardens and Country Park will be open on Saturday 15 July and Saturday 12 August.

From page 1: so I didn't have a lot of time to prepare. The contest didn't bother me so I was very relaxed.'

The event was held in the Mansefield Trinity Church and 18 young musicians from across North Ayrshire schools competed. Emily played for seven minutes and played the music Lochaber Cronan, The Aird Rant and Cuir Glun air a Bhodach.

She continued: 'As I walked onto the stage I realised my clarsach was out of tune, so while everyone was waiting for me to play I was tuning up.'

'Then, as my playing got underway, the buttons on my jacket began getting caught on the strings!'

Emily told *The Banner* that she had plenty of interaction with the audience and talked them through each piece of music.

'People enjoy tunes if they know more about them and can identify with them,' she said 'I want them to know if the song has a sad or funny story behind it.'

It would appear that this interaction with the audience won the judges over. Among them were Alistair McCulloch from the RSAMD. The concert had been brought together in part by fiddle tutor Kirsty Cotter. NAC's head of music education, Brian Kerr was also there.

Fast response times

Three separate fire alarm incidents found Brodick and Lamash retained fire and rescue crews mobilised within five minutes.

A spokesperson for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue said: 'It's a good response time from the crews. One shout arrived at 1am with the crew out of the station very quickly.'

Fire alarms were triggered at The McLaren Hotel on Tuesday 13 June, Arran Aromatics on Friday 16 June and Hanover Care in the Glen Estate on Saturday 17 June.

The spokesperson continued: 'The cause of the alarms at the hotel and the care buildings are unknown.'

'Arran Aromatics alarm was triggered by a fault in the system.'

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French chef Cyril cooks with Colleen

A Whiting Bay girl said 'Bonjour' to a French television crew when they paid a visit to Arran last week.

Colleen Middleton was in the spotlight to play the part of the lead presenter's friend.

The cookery programme, *Chef, la recette!* is broadcast on the French television channel M6 and plays host to TV chef Cyril Lignac who, in the premise of the Arran episode, had come to the island to visit Colleen.

Colleen hails from Whiting Bay and is a familiar face to locals through her work as an advisor at the tourist office in Brodick.

Before the crew arrived for Colleen's 15 minutes of fame she told *The Banner*: 'I'm excited and

looking forward to being involved, but I'm a bit nervous.'

She had to act out two scenes with Cyril and read several lines from the French script.

This didn't phase Colleen who is currently a language student at Edinburgh University. She has just finished her first of four years of a French and Spanish degree.

Cyril came to Arran because he heard it was renowned for trout and travelled with Colleen to the Port na Lochan Fishery at Kilpartick. From there they took the trout to Creelers Smokehouse at Home Farm to be smoked.

Working with the team was Florence Valette, a representative for Visit Britain. Florence coordinated the trip with Visit Scot-

land and the office in Brodick. Colleen volunteered to take part in the show.

After an eventful 24 hours Colleen said: 'It wasn't at all what I expected, none of the crew spoke any English and I was stressed out at the start.

'But looking back I'm glad I did it - I was knackered by the end.

'Most of the script I ended up ad-libbing.'

Colleen has found the whole experience to be very worthwhile: 'It has helped me with my course,' she said, 'I feel it has helped my confidence to have conversations in French.'

Would she do it again? 'Only if I know more about it before hand,' she said.

Sadness in Shiskine as playgroup moves

There will be sadness in Shiskine next Thursday when the village's playgroup will have its last day as a volunteer-run organisation.

After 30 years of being run by volunteers the playgroup will now be run by North Ayrshire Council (NAC) and the nursery will move from the primary school to the village hall.

Both the nursery and playgroup will be housed at the hall after parents voted two to one in favour of a move.

The nursery has places for only seven children and, with nine children expected next year, parents of all children under five years old in Shiskine valley had to take a vote on the future of the pre-school services. The vote gave parents two options: Keep the nursery the way it is but run a ballot system which would randomly select the seven children allowed a place at the nursery; or allow the council to take control of the nursery and run both the nursery and the playgroup from

the village hall. Fiona Hamilton, chairwoman of Shiskine playgroup, will step down from the position after 12 years of voluntary work with the playgroup.

Fiona said: 'It is heart breaking because people over the years have put a lot of work into it but things change and we have to get on with it. It's been quite a hard thing for people to decide but of the options given, this seemed to be the one most people wanted.'

A spokesperson for NAC said: 'Following a vote by parents it has been decided that NAC will take over the duty of providing

nursery education for all children at Shiskine. Shiskine Nursery Class will continue to be managed by the primary school head teacher who will ensure there continues to be a very good liaison between the nursery class and the primary school. The nursery class will be staffed by two fully qualified nurses who will have the day-to-day responsibility of providing quality nursery education. Parents have been informed of the changes, have been assured the nursery class continues to be in good hands and will be monitored and evaluated regularly.'



Cameraman Sharan Larraeabal, sound engineer Nicolas Alein, chef Cyril Lignac, Karim (Ben) Mahmoud, Visit Britain representative Florence Valette and Whiting Bay's Colleen Middleton. b25flm1

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How to book

Following last week's announcement that Brodick Hall is to be run locally the newly formed committee wishes to inform *Banner* readers of the procedure for booking the hall.

Brodick Hall Community Association (BHCA) will be responsible for all bookings.

Group secretary Harry Davidson told *The Banner*: 'North Ayrshire Council approached us last year to ask us if we would be interested in running the hall and after several months of pursuing the option we are pleased it has now come to fruition.'

'For all future bookings of Brodick Hall please contact the booking secretary, John Sillars, at *Fasgadh*, Brodick on 302 231 to obtain a booking form.'

Forms are also available from hallkeeper Brian Robertson who can be contacted on 302 065.

South end raises £400

More than £400 was raised on the south side of Arran during Christian Aid Week.

The residents of Kilmory and district, Slidery and Corriecravie helped to collect £406.46.

Organisers would like to thank all those who gave money and a grateful thanks to the collectors.



Representing Arran Mountain Rescue Team at the awards ceremony are from left: Tim Kean, David Boal, Alex Roberts, Jamie MacKinnon and Henry Murdo. b25mrt1

Award winning rescue team

Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) is now in the running for a national award that recognises local heroes.

And potentially they could walk away with £2,500 to donate to a charity or cause of their choice.

They won the regional heat last Thursday at a special ceremony held in the Marriot Hotel, Edinburgh and join 80 other regional winners.

In the adult group they were up

against Opportunities in Retirement, Ayr, in the Nationwide Awards for Voluntary Endeavour.

Five team members went to represent the group at the awards ceremony and collect a plaque and £100 of dining out vouchers.

Unknown to the group they were nominated by Maureen Smith of Lamlash who said: 'This group of people risk life and limb, night and day, whatever the conditions, to assist anyone lost or injured on the Isle of Arran.'

'They give up every weekend in order to train and keep up to date with the latest rescue technology and are always alert, ready and willing to jump into action without knowing when

they will return, sometimes risking their own lives for others.'

When *The Banner* told Maureen the team had won, she said: 'This is really excellent news, I am very pleased for them.'

'I never thought anything would come of it when I first entered them into the competition - it was ages ago. AMRT have to do everything for themselves including fundraising.'

The team's Henry Murdo said: 'We would like to thank Maureen for putting us forward for this.'

He explained that the event is four-yearly and the final will take place at Lords in London.

Henry told *The Banner* the team hoped to be successful at Lords.

Pub of the year?

A pub in Lamlash is hoping to drift to victory next Monday in a national competition.

The Drift Inn, Lamlash, is through to the final four of a competition that could find them being named Pub of The Year in Scotland.

The competition, run by the *Sunday Mail*, has been on-going for several months and after being whittled down from literally hundred's of entries the pub finds itself in the final.

Charlene Little, manageress of the popular pub is naturally very excited. She said: 'It's amazing to get through to the final four after being up against pubs from the whole of Scotland.'

The pub was initially nominated by a customer and eight weeks ago reporters from the newspaper were on Arran to produce a spotlight feature on the pub.

Charlene told *The Banner* the article has brought loads of new trade to the pub. She said: 'Tourists have been coming in for a pint and a meal saying that they saw the feature about the pub in the paper which is great. On top of this it's bringing trade onto Arran. A wee pub on Arran winning this competition really would be something.'

After finding themselves in the last 16, phone votes secured their position in the final.

The Drift Inn is up against Irvine's Ship Inn, The Brass and Granite in Kilmarnock and the Old Brewery in Alloway at a special ceremony to be held at the Holiday Inn, Glasgow on Monday night.

Charlene continued: 'We have a table booked for 10 and are really looking forward to the event.'

The winning pub will receive the Pub of the Year mirror, a lot of publicity and the prestige that comes with winning this coveted award.

Grant approvals for May 2006

Argyll and the Islands Enterprise has approved several businesses on Arran for funds.

The approval simply shows that funds have been made available by Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, but they will not be released until evidence is received that the project or activity has gone ahead.

Business start-up

Financial support for new business start-ups. Robert Walker, Dippen, Isle of Arran. Arran Farm Assistance - general farm assistance £3,500.

Dave Campbell, Brodick. David Campbell, Arran Ltd, survey and site management - £2,500.

Two Arran organisations

have been approved for benefit under the HIE Network financial assistance for community projects which gives support for a wide range of community-based project.

Arts

Arran Festival Theatre and Arts Trust Brodick, promote the arts throughout the Island, £1,500.

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As a part of the event, at least 30 cyclists are expected to travel around Arran this Sunday under pedal power.

Bike Week celebrations got under way last weekend across the UK.

Bike Week is the UK's annual celebration of cycling and organisers say most events are free to enter and many are suitable for novices.

The event begins and ends at

the Arran Adventure Company (AAC) premises in Brodick. Shop manageress Lucy Gibbons said: 'Bike week is all about getting on your bike and having fun.'

'Last year the bike ride around the island was very popular. Our youngest cyclist to take part was 11 years old and our eldest was 74!'

The entire circuit of the island is 57 miles and follows remote coastlines with views of rugged

mountain scenery with lots of great places to stop and eat along the way.

Cyclists looking for a shorter challenge can try the 'North End Loop' (32 miles) or the South End Loop (25 miles).

Once cyclists get on the saddle they want to be sure their bikes are good order.

To help with this AAC have been offering free *Dr Bike* checks all week and have indi-

cated they may still be able to do this over the weekend.

Lucy said: 'It will very much be dependant on availability of mechanics, but we will see what we can do.'

'It will be a first come, first served basis.'

Organisers are hoping that this years event will find even more cyclists taking part.

For more information visit www.bikeweek.org.uk.

Lamlash Improvements Association

The next meeting of the group will be held on Monday 26 June at 7.30pm in the ACVS room.

Congratulations to Ian Watt and Yvonne Brothers the recent winners of the 50/50 fund.

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Promoting breastfeeding gains Arran hospital award

Arran War Memorial Hospital has been given an award by UNICEF for its work in encouraging breastfeeding.

The hospital has been given a Certificate of Commitment after performing well in UNICEF's Baby Friendly Initiative, set up by UNICEF and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Linda Boyd, North Ayrshire Community Partnership general manager, said: 'We decided to join forces with UNICEF's UK Baby Friendly Initiative to increase breastfeeding rates and to improve care for all mothers and babies in Arran.'

'Breastfeeding protects babies against a wide range of serious illnesses including gastroenteritis and respiratory infections in infancy, as well as allergies and diabetes in childhood.'

'We also know that breastfeeding reduces the mother's risk of some cancers, although mums might be equally

interested in hearing that it is easier, cheaper and simply less hassle than bottle feeding.'

The Baby Friendly Initiative is a global programme which provides a practical and effective way for health services to improve the care provided for all mothers and babies.

The Certificate of Commitment recognises that a health care facility is dedicated to implementing recognised best practice standards. Baby Friendly Initiative Programme Director Sue Ashmore said: 'Mothers on Arran have the satisfaction of knowing that their midwives and health visitors are aiming to provide the highest standard of care.'



Midwives Charlotte Weir and Donna Brown, Linda Boyd, general manager North Ayrshire Community Health Partnership and Theresa McElhone, UNICEF Professional Officer.

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Dougarie sheepdog trials bring success for Nell

Willie Stevenson with his sheepdog Nell enjoyed more success at the Dougarie trials this month. The June (confined) trial was held on Friday 6 June at Druid, Auchencar by kind permission of Mr S Gibb.

The committee would like to thank Liz and Duncan Robertson for the sheep, Geoff Brookes for

judging, Richmond Murphy for clerking and Margie Currie for presenting the prizes.

Apart from the midges, who were the clear winners on the night, the results were:

First, Willie Stevenson with Nell, 74 points. Second, John Craig with Midge, 71 points (aptly named given the night).

Third, Jack Murchie with Rob, 66 points. Fourth, Liz Robertson with Wick, 61 points (time). Fifth, Willie Stevenson with Zac, 61 points (time). The trophies awarded were the Publicity Cup to Willie Stevenson with Nell. Aggregate Cup - combined points for the May and June trials to Jack Murchie with Rob.

Songs of Arran Life concert

In the Spring of 2005, The New Makars Trust was asked by North Ayrshire Council to do songwriting work with pupils in Arran schools.

Three songwriters from the Trust visited all Arran schools in June, and a programme of work with all primary schools plus a workshop at Arran High School was agreed.

Seen from an outsider's point of view - two of the songwriters had never been to Arran before - Arran contained much that would inspire songs. It is a beautiful island with history dripping from every crag. So it was a fascinating prospect to hear what the children attending Arran primary schools would want to sing

about. The results have indeed been fascinating.

Quite early on the feedback from the schools involved suggested that the children were enjoying the work. They all had a chance to learn and sing some new songs, and to work with others to create songs. Topics varied - the sinking of the navy ship *HMS Dasher*, the white horses on the water, the wind, the giants that roamed the island at one time, the problems of having too many cars on the island in the summer, seals, pigs, guinea pigs, Christmas time, wars, stuff (in general), the String Road, the Butter Hill Bogey Race and much more.

Thanks are due to North Ayr-

shire Council for providing the funding for this work, to all the teachers and head teachers in the seven Arran primary schools for their support during the work, and to all the children who participated in the creation of the songs and illustrations in this book. All three songwriters have greatly enjoyed their visits to Arran in the autumn, winter and spring months, and would like to wish all the children the best of luck in their future attempts to sing about life as they see it.

For further information please contact: Gifford Lind, The New Makars Trust 01383 729673 or Isabel Marwick, Admin Officer, North Ayrshire Council 01294 324494.

Whiting Bay Primary says no to racism



Seated: Kathleen Dawson, Whiting Bay Primary School; Ruth Hutchison, West Kilbride Primary School; Katy Simmons, Whiting Bay Primary School and Laura Astell, St Mary's Primary School, Largs. Standing: Cllr Peter McNamara and Provost of NAC Cllr. Drew Duncan

Saying no to racism won two Whiting Bay Primary school pupils a poster design competition.

Ten-year-old Kathleen Dawson and 11-year-old Katy Simmons were selected as runners-up in the race equality poster competition.

Their creations won over the judges at a special ceremony held last month in the North Ayrshire Council (NAC) chambers in Irvine last month.

The competition set children the task of designing anti-racist posters to get across the message of diversity and equality.

Kathleen's design sported the slogan 'Stop racism' and depicted several different interconnected hands. Katy's winning design said: 'Say no to racism!' and showed children of different origin standing on top of the world holding hands.

While NAC education services recognises the black and minority ethnic population across the area is relatively small they believe there is a need to be particularly alert to the potential

vulnerability of black and minority ethnic children.

Chairman of Educational Services, Councillor Peter McNamara said: 'It's extremely important that race equality is given as high a priority within Education as possible.'

'The issue of race equality has to remain a high priority and the education of our young people on this issue is vital so that the attitudes of not just the young people but also their families are informed as to the dangers of misinformation regarding race.'

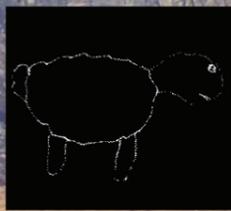
The posters are currently on display at the Primary School.

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Shiskine primary pupils paint food safety message

It's not just the three Rs Arran pupils have to contend with these days but the four Cs as well.

Cleanliness, cooking, chilling and cross contamination were the buzz words highlighted in a recent slogan competition run by North Ayrshire Council.

The National Food Safety Week competition was entered by 14 schools across the county with the aim of raising public awareness of foodborne diseases and how, by taking simple precautions, the risks can be greatly reduced.

There were two certificate win-

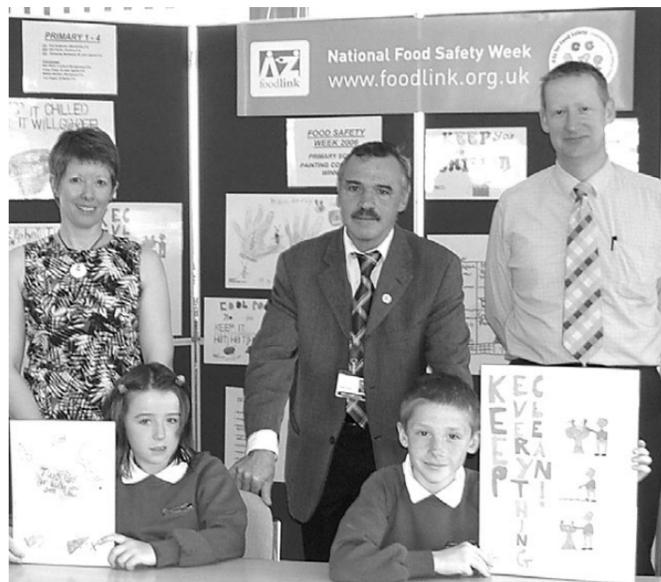
ners from Shiskine Primary School.

Primary four pupil Iain Clarke was second place in the Primary one to four category.

Primary five Zoe Lennox was commended for her efforts in the Primary five to seven section.

National Food Safety Week is in its 14th year and took place this year between June 12-18.

The winning paintings were displayed in Cunninghame House, Irvine, throughout the week where the public viewed all the top entries.



Shiskine pupils Zoe Lennox and Iain Clarke display their posters while North Ayrshire Council environmental health officers Susan Gallacher and Donald Smith and Councillor Tom Barr look on. b25sc1

Lamlash children meet the law



Outside Lamlash Police Station last Friday were Shaun Clark, Jack Crisp, PC Raymond Marr with Ellie Tait, Emily Armitage, Joley Alison. The event was organised by their childminder Ninna Crisp. She said: 'The children had an amazing time and got to sit in the cell and had their fingerprints and mugshots taken.' The children also got to wear a policeman's hat, sit in the Landrover and were handcuffed. Ninna continued: 'PC Marr was really great with the kids. As a group we are trying to work with people who help us. We would like to thank the police for their cooperation.' b25p01

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A good time was had by all. How often does this apparently innocuous statement appear at the end of a WRI report or, in a more sophisticated way, in most reports, newspaper or otherwise. Once I wrote about this oft used phrase and a lady who regularly put in reports for her institute told me that it had scared her off using the phrase for over a year. The thing is, it's never true. It's not even true for children's parties, especially not for children's parties.

Recently I was with my daughter on a narrowboat on a Yorkshire canal and we were cruising slowly past a large, grassy, school playground. 'I always like looking at the children playing', she said, 'because you always get the same scenarios, wherever it is'. We looked for these scenarios. Yes, there was the large, noisy group of children in the centre doing something with a ball, some ringleaders, some hangers on. If you did not look too closely, you might not have noticed the others. Then she pointed out to me the two children quietly talking, the two or three entirely solitary children, happily engaged in their own plays or just looking lost. And of course a couple of scenes where an unfortunate child was being poked by a couple of bullies while the adult minder had another, single, child in hand and was almost certainly turning a blind eye.

A good time was had by a proportion of those present would usually be more accurate. But when you read about it, it is all fun, fun, fun. It was certainly fun, fun, fun on page 3 of Monday's Herald. The entire page was given up to various different charity walks and runs on all of which a good time had been had by all.

One was the Caledonian Challenge, a 54 mile walk in 24 hours south from Fort William. I knew somebody who had taken part and asked this young man about it later. He told that a good enough time was had by all. But he wouldn't do it again. He managed only 42 miles which I thought was pretty good in 24 hours, at least six of them in pitch dark, pouring rain and infested with midges.

But what struck me was that it was not signposted and that there was little support. Complete reliance was on the West Highland Way signs which would not be too helpful in the darkness. He, and some others, had wandered two miles off the route. As told to me, many people, in their eagerness to excel, left others trudging along alone, clearly struggling. It had become competitive, the assumed camaraderie non-existent. At least, my friend told me optimistically, they may have stopped if he'd collapsed, not like on Everest where a dozen climbers were so keen to get to the top that they all, including the one on two artificial legs, walked past a dying man because any delay would jeopardise their ascent to the summit.

There is no doubt that many do enjoy these herd events although it seems daft to me stretching yourself so absurdly when the more instructive outdoor pursuits, like camping, are now less popular. I suppose had I been a child in that Yorkshire playground I would have been one of the two quietly discussing. I hope too that I might have been aware of those being bullied and realised that a good time was being had by only some.

Thought for the week: Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law. (Romans 13:10)

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Letters to the Editor

Garden of the Year

Sir,
I would like to advise gardeners of a change to the judging format regarding the above.

Rather than the first three places awarded as at present we are introducing four grades as follows; gold, 75 per cent of the total marks available, silver gilt 65 per cent, silver 55 per cent, and bronze 45 per cent.

The medals awarded will not be the actual precious metals but token ones and certificates will be awarded.

The judging will be based on the following maximum marks. First impressions 15, standard of maintenance 20, plant care 15, plant content 20, special features 15, giving a total of 80.

The committee feels that this is a much fairer way of judging, recognising that many gardens deserve a higher status than second or third.

We will continue to judge on the basis of large and small gardens, and hotels, guests houses, businesses, etc.

Entry forms are available from the library or myself.

A reminder too that there are seats available for the Ayr Show coach, book with cash at my address.

Yours,
John Sillars
Isle of Arran Horticultural Society
Fargadh
Brodick

Arran Music and Drama

The post-show meeting will be held in Lamlash village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 29 June.

Please bring any clean costumes and props back and be ready to chill out in time for the summer. Come with some ideas for the next show too.

Yours,
H Prestwich
Shiskine

Lack of signs

Sir,
Lack of signs could cost Island lives.

Concerning the above entitled item in last week's *Banner*: At Glen Court, Brodick, a sign read-

ing Glen Court would be of value to those seeking an address here.

Such a sign would be useful at night when the street lighting is often inoperative.

Yours,
Bill Wood
Glen Court
Brodick.

Parachute jump

Sir,
I finally did my parachute jump on Saturday 17 June 2006 and it was terrific. I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me.

We raised over £700 for the Scottish charity Momentum and I hope to collect the rest of the promised cash this coming week.

Yours,
Kitty Milne
9 Newton Road
Lochranza

Finfish Aquaculture

Sir,
We read with dismay the article in *The Banner* on 3 June concerning the intention of Lakeland Marine Farms Ltd to site two finfish aquaculture production facilities in the Kilbrannan Sound opposite Arran's north coast.

We are doubly dismayed at the short time given - a mere five days - to allow written representations on this issue to be submitted to Argyll and Bute Council, Ardrishaig.

The proposed marine farming operation has been discussed by major Scottish agencies, and probably the above council since 2002.

Those erstwhile bodies having presumably considered the matter exhaustively over the years, now appear to allow the people of Arran one week in which to make their views known on the matter and with scant information with which to do so.

This surely begs the question as to why the rush.

Is it so that the industrial scale development of one of the west of Scotland's last remaining marine habitats not to be polluted or rendered useless for sustainable shellfish farming, can be sacrificed expediently prior to any implementation of the new fisheries and marine environments legislation being currently consid-

ered by the Scottish Parliament.

There is much evidence available to show that marine cage finfish culture is one of the least sustainable and most environmentally questionable practices conducted in western Scotland, why would we want to see it adopted on a large scale off the coast of Arran?

Yours,
Tommy Campbell
Pirnmill and Tom Campbell
24 Main Road
Market Drayton, Shropshire

Microsoft Challenge

Sir,
Calmac would like to thank our customers from Arran for their flexibility and co-operation during the Microsoft Challenge.

The 1640 sailing departed Brodick slightly behind schedule due to an earlier delay with 910 passengers aboard. Clearly many customers heeded the advice and altered their arrangements and made use of the earlier and later sailings.

The whole operation, from our point of view, went without a hitch due to the meticulous planning and the hard work by staff at both ports and on board the ship.

The weather played its part and Arran looked splendid as the vessel arrived at 0800. The pipe band on the pier added to the overall spectacle. I am sure the all the competitors will have been suitably impressed and we hope that the Island of Arran reaps the rewards it justly deserves after such a major event.
P.G. Preston
Operations Director
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Schools' Brass

Sirs,
On behalf of Arran Schools Brass Band I would like to thank Hilary McMaster and the staff of Machrie Bay Tearoom for hosting an Italian evening in aid of the band's Italian trip in 2007.

This was a lovely evening with delicious food giving us a taste of Italy and great music provided by Mr Masterton and soloists from the band.

Thank you to all who supported

it by being there and thank you to band members who were able to help on the evening by washing dishes and serving tables.

The draw took place for the fundraising squares which some band members have been selling. Thanks very much to all who contributed to this fundraiser which made £450.

Winners were:- Kenny Gray, Brodick and Hilary McMaster, both getting floral gifts donated by Lucy Ford of Arran Florists, Morag Gardner, a gift box donated by Paterson Arran, Rhonda Tait, a goodie bag from Arran Brewery, Mrs McArthur, Brodick, a limited edition bottle of Arran Distillery whisky donated by Stagecoach.

The bus company Stagecoach successfully bid for the whisky at an auction at the Destination Arran dinner in aid of the School's Brass band.

The next fundraiser will be a summer concert held in Lamlash Primary School hall on 26 June at 7.30pm. Tickets area available from Mr Masterton or at the door on the evening. Refreshments will be served at the interval.

Yours,
Susan Dobson
Secretary, fundraising committee
Brodick

To Spot and Beavis

Sir,
Would you please print this in response to 'alive and kicking' in last week's *Banner* about two missing dogs.

Aren't you lucky Spot and Beavis? You should be ashamed of yourselves for what you have done. To myself, your gran, some residents and a visitor to Pirnmill.

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Yours,
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Bird Notes by Jim Cassels

The majestic Gannets with their six foot wing span are a familiar sight plunging into the sea around the coast.

Another group of birds which plunge into the sea in pursuit of fish are the Terns. These dainty looking gulls with their forked tails hunt close to the shore. They are some times referred to as Sea Swallows.

There are three types regularly on Arran. This year Sandwich Terns have been recorded in numbers. There have been a small number of sightings of Arctic Tern, but there have been none of Common Terns.

Sandwich Terns are a little larger than the other two with long wings and short forked tail. They have black legs with a black bill with a yellow tip. Their black crown can often look shaggy. They fly with strong deep wing beats.

The Common and Arctic Terns are very alike. They both fly with shallow, graceful almost buoyant style. They are hard to tell apart so much so that some people take a bit of both names and refer to

them as 'Comic' Tern. It is easier to tell them apart when they have landed. The Common Tern has red legs and a red bill with a black tip. (See illustrations) The Arctic has shorter red legs and a completely red bill.

These birds are no comics. Both have very lengthy migrations with the Arctic Terns spending our winter in among the pack ice of the Antarctic and returning to the northern hemisphere in our

summer to breed as far north as the Arctic Circle. This is said to be the longest migration of all bird species.

The next time you see them, think of their annual journey.

Remember to 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.



Common Terns. b25ter1

The early post

Royal Mail has announced this week that a number of postboxes across the island will have earlier Saturday collection times.

The news has concerned some residents who feel it won't give them time to respond to letters that arrive in the post that afternoon.

A Lamlash resident said: 'For those of us who don't get our mail until later in the day it means we won't have time to post off responses.'

To ensure collection on a Saturday many letter writers will have to get their post into the boxes at least two hours earlier than they are currently used to.

The latest Saturday collection will now be at the Brodick Pier at 1pm.

According to Royal Mail there are very few items in the island's postboxes on a Saturday.

From Saturday 24 June, the last collection times from post boxes around the island will be brought forward so that the mail can leave on the 1.50pm ferry rather than

the 4.40 pm ferry. A Royal Mail spokeswoman said: 'The changes to collection times on a Saturday in Arran are necessary to bring the Island into line with the rest of the West of Scotland where there are no mail collections after 1.30pm on a Saturday.'

'This is also in line with UK national collection time specifications. Royal Mail has monitored Saturday collections on Arran and there is an average of five items of mail per postbox on the island, although many of the more remote postboxes frequently have no mail on a Saturday.'

'There will still be a full mail collection on a Saturday and collections during the week will be entirely unaffected. Given the small amount of mail on a Saturday, bringing forward the collection time will only have a potential affect on a very small number of customers.'

'Customers can use Royal Mail's free Mail Collect service which allows customers to collect

their mail from the local Delivery Office between 8:30am and closing time.'

Terry Allan, Royal Mail Commercial Manager in the west of Scotland, stressed that the changes were absolutely vital to the effective running of Royal Mail's handling of mail posted from Arran on Saturdays.

He said: 'We are reorganising mail collections on Arran on Saturdays in order to improve the way the mail is processed.'

'With the current system mail does not arrive at the Glasgow Mail Centre on Saturday evening until 6.30pm.'

'That is too late for Royal Mail to deal effectively with the mail because of weekend shift patterns.'

'Getting the mail off the island earlier will mean it gets to the Glasgow Mail Centre in time to begin processing. So, although it means people on Arran having to post earlier on a Saturday it actually means their mail can be dealt with more effectively.'

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Your carriage awaits

Janis Murchie has recently started a new carriage driving business, Arran Carriage Driving, on Arran and will be offering scenic drives, lessons, and will be involved in special occasions such as weddings, anniversaries and birthdays.

Janis is 20 and was born and raised on Arran, her parents Donald and Susan farmed in Blackwaterfoot, so Janis developed a love of horses very early on in her life. Janis attended Arran High School and went on to study Horse Management at Oatridge Agricultural College. As part of her course she was seconded to Chariots of Fire Driving Centre in the Borders and got firmly hooked on the sport. Indeed, Amanda Saville, who owns Chariots of Fire was so impressed

with Janis' skill and enthusiasm, she offered her a full time job when she finished her course. Janis worked with Amanda for just over a year, working in weddings, teaching both children and adults to ride and drive, breaking horses to ride and drive, working with the junior chariots of fire and competing in driving trials throughout the UK. Janis was also part of the famous Chariots of Fire Display Team.

One of Janis' goals was always to have her own business on Arran, so last September she took the plunge and started the ball (or carriage wheels) rolling to set up Arran's own Carriage Driving Centre. Janis is supported in this venture by both Argyll and the Islands Enterprise Company and The Prince's

Trust. She is also sponsored by a number of local business: Auchranie Spa Resort, Filtec Ltd, Arran Chocolate Factory, Murchie Sand and Gravel Limited and The Greannan.

Arran Carriage Driving offers a number of options including package holidays, with or without your own horse, scenic drives, carriage driving lessons and are happy to become involved in special occasions such as weddings, anniversaries and birthdays - a real special treat! Janis has been asked to do a carriage demonstration at this years Arran Farmers Show, so you will be able to see the ponies in action on the 9 August.

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Maureen Moore goes to the Theatre

I love first nights. The excitement of the audience is palpable. The orchestra tuning, the prologue

starts and the chatter dies away in a frisson of anticipation.

West Side Story is one of my favourite musicals. The idea of a modern version of Romeo and Juliet set in the slums of New

York was first conceived in 1949. It did not have its first night until 1957 in Washington. It was an immense success and transferred to Broadway - the rest is history. The theme of racial hatred is

just as relevant today. Combined with the hauntingly beautiful love songs, the comic sardonic chorus work, the fast moving dance routines, the musical has a definite recipe for a seriously enjoyable evening's entertainment. We were not disappointed.

The set is quite stunning, taking up the whole length of the gym. We have the skyline of New York, West Side, in 1954, including the drug store and the bridal shop. We take in the scaffolding which will enable Tony to reach Maria's bedroom. It is all there, suspending our disbelief. The imaginative set enables everyone in the audience a perfect view. The absence of curtains ensures a brisk pace. Many times I have seen *West Side Story*, but this production surpasses all. Only superlatives spring to mind. The energy of the rival gangs as they explode onto the street making an immediate impact, very assured and confident. The enjoyment of the cast was very evident, first night nerves did not appear, these young performers had everything well under control and



The lovers Maria (Sabrina Beaton) and Tony (Paul Tinto).
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Rival gangs The Sharks and the Jets come face to face. b25wes5

they all put so much effort in from the first moment to the last. The pace did not falter.

There were special moments of theatre, when the hairs on the back of my neck tingled, or the tears came to my eyes. The chemistry between

Tony and Maria was truly magical. I commend these young actors as in many professional productions this does not happen. To make us smile, or to cry, is no small achievement. Another special moment was the strong, powerful scene between Maria and Anita, these two young girls turned into women in this exchange: a very powerful scene.

The principals had total support from the rest of the very strong cast, making it a truly magnificent ensemble production. The exuberance of the dancing, the breathtaking singing, the chilling taunting at the Rumble, with its tragic results, will stay in my mind. The fantastic make-up, authentic costumes and the excellent orchestra all added to this triumph of a production of *West Side Story*. It deserves paeans of praise and if I had my way, a plethora of Oscars.

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League champions fall to Sannox

Sannox one match away from league title

A victory over last season's best team last Sunday not only maintained Sannox's unbeaten record but set the islanders up for a league-winning opportunity.

Sannox now only have to beat Oban on Sunday 16 July to win the Argyll Cricket League.

Intermittent rain and increasing winds dogged the meeting of Sannox and last year's Argyll league winners, Bute, at the Sannox Oval last Sunday.

Sannox cricket player Tim Pomeroy said: 'A lot of the guys were too focused on this game to think about Oban and the possibility of winning the league.'

'It was a difficult game as Bute are a very good team but on the day I think we deserved to win.'

'The boys were utterly delighted by the win and although both teams played very competitively, it was a very friendly match.'

Bute had hoped to play Shiskine

on the Saturday and make the weekend into a mini Arran cricket tour but Shiskine could not produce a team.

Sannox captain Eric Dunn won his second toss of the season and elected to bowl on a hard but slippery wicket; difficult batting conditions for the Bute men who lost their first wicket in the sixth over.

Sannox fielding lacked its edge of late and although very few balls got through to the boundary, several significant catches were dropped, most poignantly Bute captain Mark Crichton made a feisty 50 not out.

Opener Manvell and number five Daniels acquitted themselves well with 20 and 21 respectively.

Bute batting was as sound as was expected after last year's encounter at the Ardrossan ground and they finished after 40 overs on 146 for five.

Some uncharacteristic wild bowling from Sannox opened the



Non-striking batsman Scott Weir watches as Tony Brookes survives a near-miss at the crease. b25erk2

chink in its armour and Crichton and Thompson capitalised.

Dunn's figures were best on the day at two for 11. Jonathan May took two for 17.

Sannox openers Colin Haggarty and Tim Pomeroy looked a sound prospect from the start seeing off the Bute bowlers and putting on an opening partnership of 37 before Haggarty was run out for 12.

Pomeroy followed quickly, bowled by Lintermans for 27 paving the way for the bigger hitters of Scott Weir and Tony Brookes. There was a palpable

change of gear on the Oval as the pair sent the ball and Bute fielders to all corners of the field.

Weir made a spirited 34 before being bowled by Bute captain Crichton. Tony Brookes made a sound 21.

The Sannox total was mounting as Mark Williams and the injured Chris Marriott continued the steady onslaught both surviving unbeaten to the end and rightful Sannox victory Williams on 17, Marriott 19.

Sannox finished on 147 with six overs in hand.

It seems the reputation of Sannox Cricket Club is on the ascendency after freelance cricket journalist David Kelso quoted them as: 'Scotland's most ambitious village cricket side' in two national Sunday papers.

Mr Kelso had followed Sannox's progress this season in *The Arran Banner*.



Sannox cricket team before their match against Bute last Sunday. b25erk1

Arran Bowling Federation results

Final results: Laidler Gardiner: Lamlash. **Federation:** Ladies singles: Brodick, A Hollingworth. Runner-up Whiting Bay, M Pringle. Gents singles: Whiting Bay, J McGovern. Runner-up Lamlash, Jim Sloss. Pairs: Whit-

ing Bay, K Irving, skip, J Steed. Runners-up Lamlash, C Weir, skip, S Walker. **Rinks:** Brodick: J McConnachie, N Thomson, B Hendry, C Hendry. Runners-up Lamlash, J Sloss, E Robertson, M Spence, P Heinemeier.

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Sunday July 9, 3pm - 6pm, the afternoon session is Whiting Bay a must for every body 7 - 9pm. Band and Chorus, Whiting Bay.

Monday July 10, 2.30- 6.00pm, to be announced, Kilmory. 4.30 - 6pm, Elspeth and Laura. 7pm - 9pm, Band and Principals, Lamlash.

Tuesday July 11, 2.30pm - 6pm, High School Pupils, Kilmory. 7 - 9pm Band/Chorus/Principals, Lamlash.

Wednesday July 12, 2.30 - 6.00pm, Children + Zoe, Kilmory. 7 - 9pm, band and principals, Whiting Bay.

Thursday July 13, 2.30 - 6pm, Children + Zoe, Whiting Bay. 7 - 9pm Band/Chorus/Principals/ Zoe, Whiting Bay.

Friday July 14, 2.30 - 6pm technical, Whiting Bay. 7 - 9.30pm, dress rehearsal, Whiting Bay.

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Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am-noon
Arran Dancers Brodict Primary School 11am-4.15pm.
Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club, Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm
Karate Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am & 12.30pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm
Brodict Bowling Club rink game 2pm
RNLI Lifeboat shop open, Lamlash Pier 2-4pm
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 7pm
Cricket, Sannox VChevin, Sannox Oval
Disco, Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Deep Joy, Cameronia, 9.30pm
Earthworks, Drift Inn 9.30pm
Football Northend v Shiskine, Lamlash v Southend 6pm

SUNDAY 25th 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

MONDAY 26th 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, Brodict, 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
Brodict Bowling Club rink game 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 7pm
Cricket, Sannox V Chevin, 12pm
Arran School Brass Band, Summer Concert, Lamlash PS, 7.30pm

TUESDAY 27th 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
Brodict Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am-noon
Lochranza Swimming Club, Kinloch, 11am-noon
Pirmill Guild meeting - village hall 2pm
Legs, Bums & Tums, Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm
Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm
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, Brodict 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
Guided walk, Castle Gardens, 2pm, meet at reception
Scottish Country Dancing, Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Shiskine Playgroup AGM, Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 28th 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, 10.30am-noon. All welcome.

Circuit Training, Auchrannie Gym, Brodict, 6-7.15pm
Mixed Indoor Hockey, Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-8pm
Arran Runners, meet NTS Castle Car Park, 7.15pm
Youth Club, youth centre Lamlash 7-9pm
Aerobics class, High School 8pm-9pm
Jnr Rugby Training, S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm
Shiskine Beavers, Shiskine Hall 6pm-7.15pm
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am
Hockey, Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 7pm
Brodict Bowling Club rink game 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 7pm
Open folk session, Pierhead Tavern 9pm
Guided Harrier Walk, Kilmory Hall, 2pm

THURSDAY 29th June

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
Brodict Toddler Group, Church Hall, 10.30am
Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm
General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale, Brodict, 10pm
Spinning Demonstration Whiting Bay Hall 11am-2pm
Rock school, youth centre. Lamlash 7 - 9pm
Brodict Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm
Coffee Morning St Molios church, Shiskine 10.30-noon
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
Badminton, Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30-7.30pm Adults 7.30-9pm
Lochranza Craft Club, Hall 2pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am & 1.45pm
Only abs, Auchrannie Studio, 5.30pm
Outdoor run, Auchrannie, 6pm
Cricket Practice, Sannox Oval 6pm
Arran Garden Club, Summer Social Event, Claveron, Lamlash, 7.30pm
Arran Music & Drama, Post show meeting, Lamlash hall, 7.30pm
Arran Junior Singers, Brodict Hall, 7.30pm

FRIDAY 30th June

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
Shiskine Toddlers, Shiskine Hall, 10am-noon
Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.00pm
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
Loch & Cat Coffee morning 10am-12pm
Buteyko Asthma Course. Ormidale Hotel. 7pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club Quiz nights 9pm
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am
Water Polo, Auchrannie Pool, 7.30pm
The Queueves, Kilmory Hall, 8.30pm
Disco, Ormidale, 10pm

SATURDAY 1st July (non regulars)

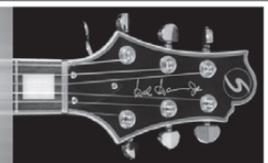
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Obituaries

Harry Burns

Harry Burns died on 24 May 2006 in his 94th year.

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Harry Burns at sea in Whiting Bay b25obt1

'He came to love the island and enjoyed the company of many local people.'

people. Harry was a well-known fisherman and spent many hours out at sea and even had a close encounter with basking sharks.

He enjoyed his 80th birthday at the Grange where many of his friends surprised him by arriving for the evening celebrations.

Harry was a senior fire officer during the Blitz and had many tales to tell of those years.

He moved to the Royal Radar Establishment in 1944 at Malvern and was fire and transport manager until his retirement.

Harry received the British Empire Medal from the Queen and

the Duke of Edinburgh but not many people knew of this award as he was a good talker but a modest man.

He lived in Malvern and was well-known in the area, making the front page of the local paper when a bank of the river he was fishing gave way and he hung onto a branch of a tree for almost an hour until the fire brigade rescued him. This was in 2001 so he was 89 at the time.

Harry enjoyed a wee dram or two and spent many happy times in the various bars on the Island.

His health had been a problem during the last few months and as we came to live not too far from Harry in 2002, we frequently visited him and took him out for a change of scene.

His memorial service was attended by a great many people, reflecting his long life.

Janet and Clive Hughes

James Murchie (1918-2006)

James was born at Glaister in 1918, the third son of James and Janet Murchie. He joined the post office in 1936 after attending Rothesay Academy.

During the war he was stationed in Chester and Germany with the Royal Signal Corp.

He returned to Arran and continued work in the post office until his retirement. In 1954 he married Jean and moved to Brodick.

Throughout his life, Jimmy enjoyed a variety of sports, from his

early years at school where he played rugby and football for Shiskine. Jimmy was a keen participant in the Highland Games at Brodick and won the heavy events on numerous occasions.



Arran's James Murchie.

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He played golf on a regular basis and in his latter years until his death he enjoyed playing bowls. Jean and Jimmy were very keen bridge players and regulars at Brodick, Lamlash and Shiskine Bridge Clubs.

Jimmy is succeeded by his sons, Sandy and Derek, daughters Jinty, Margaret and Valerie, and six grandchildren and will be dearly missed.

'Jimmy won the heavy events on numerous occasions.'

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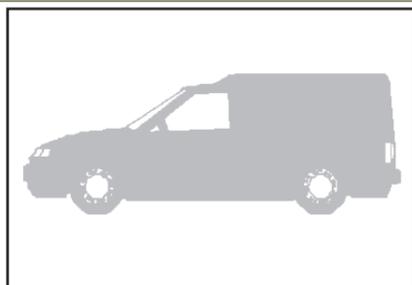


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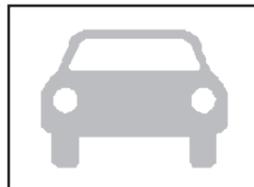
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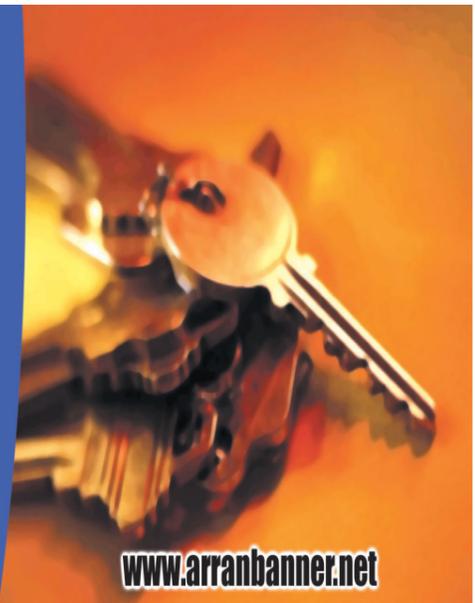
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Now in its 26th year the 2006 photo competition will follow the usual highly successful format. It is open to both residents of and visitors to Arran, and entries should be in one of two classes: People (and/or animals) and Places. The only proviso is that all entries MUST have been taken on, or around, Arran after August 2005

This year's prizes are two £40 vouchers (one for each class) for the Book & Card Centre in Brodick where our winners will have great fun choosing from the wide range of books, toys, stationery goods, cards and even office goods which is on sale in the shop.

Each year, after the competition has closed, we select as many entries as possible to show in The Banner prior to announcing the winners in early October. The Banner therefore reserves the right to publish entries.

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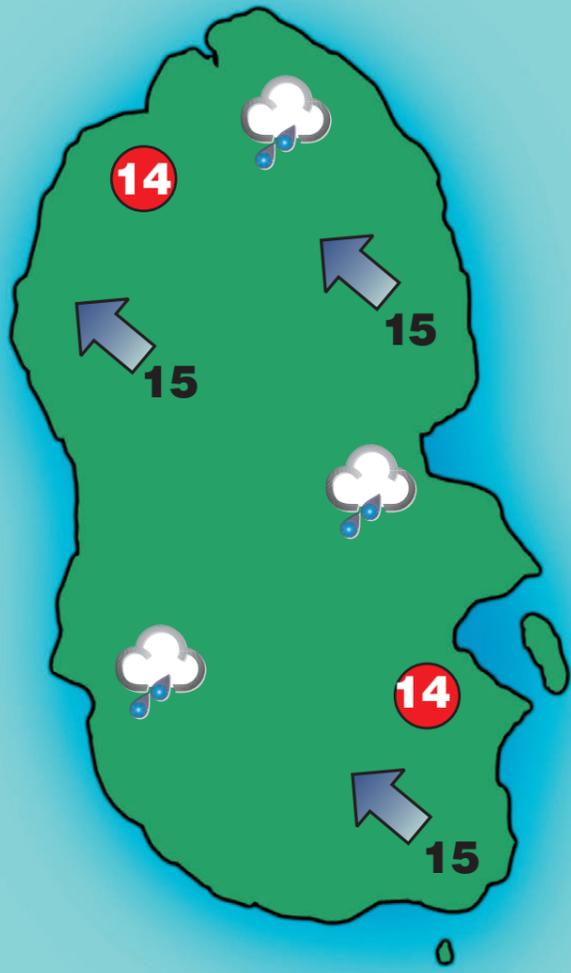
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Date	am	pm
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Mon	0008 3.0 0557 0.3 1248 2.9 1820 0.6	
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Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Lamlash)



Saturday, June 24

Light showers throughout the day. 14°C.

Sunday, June 25

Sunny with a possibility of light rain

Temperatures around 15°C.

Monday and Tuesday

A mixture of sunshine and showers

Temperatures near normal at 16°C

Ferry Crossings / Sea States

Ardrossan / Brodick - Moderate

Claonaig / Lochranza - Moderate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Friday 23 June, congregational meeting at 8pm. Sunday 25 June Shiskine 11am, Brodick 7pm. Reverend David Karoon. All welcome.

Lamlash Church

Sunday 25 June. You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 10.30am. Service by Rev. John Potter. Tea and Coffee served in the hall after the service. All welcome.

Arran Churches Together: Songs of Praise, 6.30pm on the green opposite the church (in the church, if wet)

Church of Scotland

The parish of North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine **Independent but working together.**

Sunday 25 June. Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times. All welcome. Brodick Church, 10.30am, Revd. Angus Adamson. This will be a family service with the Sunday School.

Corrie Church, noon, Revd. Angus Adamson
Lochransa Church, 9.30am
Mrs Jean Hunter.
Pirnmill Church, 10.45am,
Mrs Jean Hunter.
Shiskine Church, noon,
Mrs Jean Hunter.

This will be a family service with the Sunday School. Soup and sandwiches will be served after the service. All welcome.

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 25 June. Family Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.

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Holy Cross Catholic Church

Vigil Mass 7.30pm. Sunday morning mass 11am.

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

Sunday, 25 June, Holy Communion, 11.00am. Mrs J. Gallagher. Coffee after service. Wednesday, 28 June, noon, Holy Communion. All Welcome.

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 25 June, 11am in the Free Church building, Brodick (beside the Post Office). David Christison, 'The Young Church in Action' Humility and Boldness Acts 4: 1 - 31. Everyone warmly invited.

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

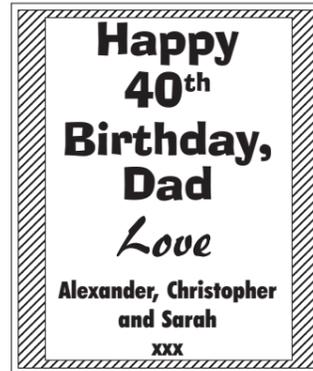
Sunday 25 June, Trust Housing Lounge, Brodick 11am. Evening Service, 7pm. 5 Glen Road, Prayer Meeting, 7pm, Wednesday 28 June. Rev.D.Macleod. All welcome.

Arran Churches Together

Arran Churches Together's annual Songs of Praise takes place on Sunday, 25 June, at 6.30 pm on the Green, Lamlash (in the Church Hall if wet). Hymns will be accompanied by organist Margaret Fowler, and Arran Brass. Tea and coffee will be available in the Church Hall afterwards.

All are welcome, come along and take part! Arran Churches Together - Songs of Praise - at 6.30pm on the green opposite the church (in the church, if wet)

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MARJORIE CURZONS

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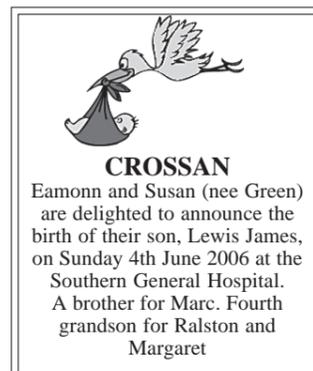
BIRTH



DEATH

MURCHIE (JAMES) - Jean and family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Thanks, also, to the Rev. Angus Adamson for a very moving service and David and Claire of D. Hendry & Son for funeral arrangements and for all their help.

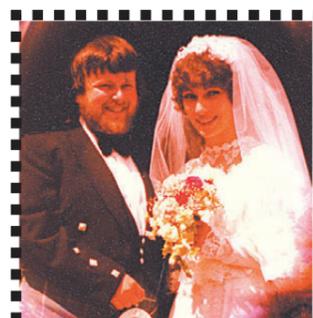
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

SHAW - The family of the late Marie Shaw would like to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Thanks to Drs Grassie and Hamil, nursing staff at Lamlash Hospital, District Nurses, Home Care, David Hendry for funeral arrangements, Rev. Angus Adamson, and Lagg Hotel for catering.

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lead to end their game 3 up and a result of 5 up for the Shiskine lads. The final was very exciting to watch no matter what team you supported.

The teams included the Champion golfer of Lamlash and Shiskine yet the stars of the Kelso cup final was without question Mark and Connor.

Euan Evans is the Island match play champion.

Hope Cup Saturday 17 June. Venue Machrie Bay golf course.

The annual event kicked off at Machrie from 4pm. Conditions for golf were ideal with the course in excellent order, a breeze off the Kilbrannan sound testing the competitors ability, causing a few unexpected mistakes from some of the teams.

Thanks to Machrie Bay golf club for the provision of referee's and courtesy of the course.

Lamlash: Neil Young, Robbie McGunnigle, Jamie Murchie and Dougie MacFarlane.

Whiting Bay: Malcolm Pennycott, Jamie McPherson, Nicol Auld and Neilly McKechnie

In the first match the Bay took an early lead, which was built on through the front nine holes the first pair being 5 up with the second 1 down. In the back nine the Lamlash front pair went 6 down through 16 and found trouble at the next to go 7 down. Meanwhile the Lamlash 2nd pair were making inroads to the deficit winning 4 holes in succession to become 6 up through 17. The 18th became a remarkable chain of events. The bay with the

honour found the deep semi rough on the left, Lamlash decided to play safe and fired the ball out of bounds, playing three off the tee they cleared the road and finished about 15 yards to the left of the green looking like losing the hole to be 8 down. The Bay's second shot looked good - landed by the green and ended up through the fairway out of bounds. Lamlash had a putt to win the hole in five which was missed, the Bay lying very close to the hole also missed and the match became all square with one hole still to complete.

Lamlash with the honour thinking that the hole had been halved drove for the green, cleared the road to end about 10 yards on the left. The Bay followed their tee shot cleared the road but ended out of bounds. Lamlash winning by one hole after being behind for most of the game.....well as they say: 'That's the Hope Cup.'

While all this was going on other things were happening out on the course. In the second match between Corrie and Shiskine; Corrie - John Adams, Robert Logan, Euan McKinnon and Stephen Beardsley. Shiskine - Willie Kelso, Jock Kelso, David Todd and Joe Faulkner.

Corrie was the victor of this match by winning both games the first pair were four up and the second three up. In the third match between Brodick and Lochranza Castle; Brodick - Jamie Duncan, Greg Macrae, Alan McNicol and Ian McDonald. Lochranza Castle: John Innes, David Henderson, Alan Napier and Donald Logan. In the

first game Brodick ended up 5 up after Lochranza managed a half at the 18th with a penalty drop. In the second game Lochranza were always in front to become 5 up through 16, another win at the 17th made them 6 up and 1 up overall, a half in four at the 18th secured victory for Lochranza Castle.

The finals will take place on Saturday 24 June commencing at 1pm and 6pm when Lamlash take on the home club of Machrie Bay and Lochranza Castle play Corrie.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 15 June, summer cup, 25 played, css64.

Sweep: 1 Ian Grant 83-22=61, 2 Ian Bremner 68-6=62bih, 3 A Smith 74-12=62. Best scratch: Ian Bremner. Magic twos: 1 at 13th John Hinchsliff. 1 at 16th Ian Murchie, 1 at 16th Ian Bremner. Sunday 18 June, Fleet Cup, 36 holes. First round, 16 played, css64.

Sweep: 1 Stewart McAllister 74-13=61, 2 Ian Bremner 69-5=64 bih, 3 Euan Evans 73-9=64 bih over Alan Smith. Best Scratch, Ian Bremner 69. Magic Twos: 1 at 16th Robbie McGunnigle, 1 at 16th John McGovern, 1 at 2nd Ian Bremner. Second round, 7 played, CSS63.

Sweep: 1 Euan Evans 69-9=60. Best scratch, Euan Evans 69. Magic twos, 1 at 17th Ian Bremner, 1 at 4th Stewart McAllister, 1 at 16th Alan Smith. Winner of fleet cup, Euan Evans 124. Runner up Stewart McAllister 127. Well done to Euan. Sunday 25 June, medal at 9.30am and 1pm. Best wishes to Lamlash Hope Cup Team at

Machrie Cup Saturday 24 May.

Whiting Bay

Wednesday 14 June, 17 played in the club's annual Ballantyne Cup and despite the millions of midgies the scoring was again excellent.

1 Malcolm Pennycott 60-3=57, 2 Nicol Auld 64-2=62 (bih), 3 Gordon Provan 77-15=62. Scratch was won by Malcolm with a super 60 and there were 3 magic 2s, one by Nicol and two by John Dick. Sunday 18 June, only seven keen souls braved the rain for the Sunday Medal. 1 John Dick 74-15=59, 2 Jamie McKechnie 77-13=64 (bih) and 3 Malcolm Pennycott 67-3=64. Scratch was won by Malcolm with 67. **Fixtures:** Sunday 25 June - Medal. Wednesday 28 Summer Trophy. An interesting golfing story readers may already be aware of: Four Club Championships this year so far have been won by teenagers. Malcolm Pennycott at Whiting Bay aged 16, Robbie McGunnigle at Lamlash aged 16 or 17, Euan McKinnon at Corrie aged 17 or 18 and Alan Jeffries at Shiskine aged 16 or 17. In fact 3 of them are in the same year at High School!

Brodick Golf Club

Summer cup Wednesday 14 June, 52 played css 64.

1 Murry Small 18 57, 2 Andrew Mccrindle 19 58, 3 Robbie Duncan 11 61. Scratch: 1 Peter Mccalla 66, 2 Calum Mcfadzean 70. There were 15 magic twos. Sweep Sunday 18 June 12 played css 64. 1 Robert Mccrae 8 64, 2 Iain

Fiona and Billy are top golfers



The 2006 finals of the ladies and gents club championship and the Duisky Cup took place at Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club on Sunday 11 June. Billy Paton and Allan Napier were the finalists. This was a fiercely contested match with Billy eventually emerging the victor after the 19th hole. Both finalists in the ladies' championship, Carole Arthur and Fiona Crawford, were former champions and this final proved to be a very close match.

Fiona, whose last win was in 1994, won her fourth championship with a putt on the 18th. Youth triumphed over experience in the gents' final when 16-year-old Alan Jeffrey beat former champion Colin Allison. Pictured are the six finalists. b25glf1

Macmillan 9 66, 3 Angus Robertson 14 67 bih. Scratch Robert Mccrae 72. There were 2 magic twos.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 7 June, Wednesday night medal. 1: J Adams 64-8=56, 2 R Adams 69-8=61. Saturday 10 June, Saturday Stableford. 1 G Adams 39points, 2

T Cotton 35 points. Wednesday 14 June, Wednesday night medal. 1 H B McKinnon 70-10=60, 2 R Logan 70-6=64, 3 J Milesi 91-24=67.

Club championship - Winner: E McKinnon. Runner-up S Beardsley. **Non qualifiers:** Winner: D Wilkinson. Runner-up: A MacDonald. **Fixtures:** Saturday 24 June, sweep at 1pm. Wednesday 28 June, Medal, tee-off at 5pm.



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Carnethy runners sweep the field in Horseshoe

A record 96 entrants took part in this years Glen Rosa Horseshoe Hill Race in blistering heat.

And Carnethy's Stewart Whitlie running in the over 40s section was first finisher in a mere 2

hours 28 minutes and took home both the overall and veteran (over 40) trophies.

He was followed by two other Carnethy runners, Es Tresidder and Ronnie Gallagher.

With the weather station at Brodick Castle recording the highest temperature of the last two years, the runners set out from the Ranger Centre and into Glen Rosa in one of Scotland's

finest hill races on Saturday 10 June.

The inclusion of the race as part of the Scottish Hill Runners' championship series meant that four times the usual number of competitors took part in the 13 mile run, with a total climb of 5,500 feet. It was sponsored by Arran Distillery

Eighty-six made it to the finish after 10 dropped out through minor injuries or suffering from the heat.

The pleasant breeze at the castle disappeared as the runners entered the stifling heat of the Glen and then began the 2,000 ft climb of Beinn a' Chliabhain to the first checkpoint, where the wind picked up again.

A steep grassy descent into Coire Daingean, followed by a long slog through the heather below A'Chir, brought the runners to the climb up to the coll, and then Cir Mhor.

Immediately dropping back to the coll, they faced more heather on the route below the cliffs to the Saddle, always trying not to

lose too much height. The steep ascent to North Goatfell reduced many legs to jelly, making the boulder strewn climb onto Goatfell even harder. By this stage, even running downhill becomes difficult, and several runners lost ground on the run down to the deer fence.

The last section through the forestry paths and trails meant that concentration was still needed to follow the markers, before reaching the final two fields down to the finish line.

Despite carrying water and energy drinks many runners returned very dehydrated, and gallons of water and orange squash were consumed in the finish marquee.

The rangers had kindly provided a hosepipe and several runners had to be revived under a cooling shower.

Results

As well as Carnethy's success, Ewan Paterson (M50 winner) and Jill Mykura, the ladies winner, both broke the three hour barrier. The M60 winner, Gareth Bryan-

Jones completed the course in 3h 28m, with Lois Noble, the first veteran lady, 15 minutes behind him.

Arran runner Gordon Allsop was slightly disappointed in his time of 3h 04m, but he still finished in the top quarter of the field. When he last ran the race, in 2004, Gordon was forced to abandon his run after one of his shoes fell apart. Another club member, Michael Abram, was the second M50 in 3h 17m.

All the major prize winners appropriately received bottles of Glen Rosa whisky, from the sponsors, The Arran Distillery, but they wisely decided not to use this as part of the immediate rehydration process. The organisers wish to thank Distillery Visitor Centre Manager, Robin Bell, for continuing this sponsorship.

The Arran Mountain Rescue Team checks all the runners through the seven checkpoints, and is able to provide medical and other assistance to runners as required. The organisation would like to thank them also.



Gordon Allsop of Arran Runners descends Beinn a Chliabhain.

Brodick and Lamlash continue winning runs

Both Brodick and Lamlash hit three goals last weekend to continue their winning runs in the Arran Football League.

In their respective matches both teams saw off the opposition three goals to one, Brodick seeing off Northend and Lamlash beating Shiskine.

Results of matches played, Saturday 17 June: Shiskine 1, Lamlash 3. Goalscorer for Shiskine: Alan Johnston. Goalscorers for Lamlash: Bobby Sloss (2) (1 pen), Jamie Duncan. Shiskine player of the match: Alan Johnston. Lamlash player of the match: Lee Little.

Brodick 3, Northend 1. Goalscorers for Brodick: Ian Keen, Euan Smith, Freddie Galbraith. Goalscorer for Northend: Mark Whetton.

Brodick player of the match: Gordon Robertson.

Northend player of the match: Jamie Wallace. Southend - Bye.

Fixtures: Lamlash v Northend and Southend v Brodick, both kick-off at 6pm.

Memorial match this weekend

Islanders are encouraged to come and watch the Bryan Allsop Memorial Match this weekend.

Organisers hope a large crowd will attend to support Sannox Cricket Club and the British Heart Foundation for which a raf-

fle is being held on the day. The match is scheduled for noon today (Saturday) but will be moved to Sunday if the weather is too bad. The opposition is Chevin from Bryan's native Derbyshire.

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7-a-side semi-finalists



Arran Junior Football Club got to the semi-finals of a seven-a-side tournament in Lochgilphead last week. During the tournament the boys won four and lost two matches. Saturday morning training will restart after the summer holidays.

Arran golf results

Brodick Ladies

Tuesday 13 June, Wilkie Trophy (Stableford) SSS 67 CSS 66, 27 Played.

1 J Glen (19) 39 points bih, 2 L Trickett (36) 39 points, 3 C Robertson (26) 38 points.

Arran Golfers Association

Result of the Arran Golfers Association Junior Kelso Cup. Venue Machrie Bay Golf Club Wednesday 14 June 2006.

'A west side story for the Shiskine Lads'. 2 - ball foursomes on handicap.

The final was scheduled for the 7th, however Shiskine were unable to field their team of four youths and the event was re-arranged for the 14th.

The Lamlash Team of Robbie McGunnigle, Mathew Evans, Euan Evans and Gary Adams turned out

to defend the title they have held for the past 4 years, with a quiet expectation that it would become 5. The Shiskine team of Alan Jeffrey, Connor Smith, Mark Sherwood and Sandy Kerr had other ideas.

In the first game Lamlash were soon 4 up with only one stroke involved, a few mistakes and good performance by the Shiskine team drew level by the 16th and ended the game 2 up.

In the second game the Lamlash pair who were giving away five strokes struggled against the jubilant Shiskine who played consistent quality golf and built their early

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