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Front row, kneeling: Shona Marsden and Margaret Green; back row from left: trainer/driver John Rankin, Keith Thompson, Sheila Gilmore, trainer Cathy Rankin and Margaret McGiver. b26red1

Arran's special transport team

A GROUP of islanders is preparing to help those needing special transport after completing a British Red Cross training course for Isle of Arran Transport Service.

The service offers transport for people of all ages who have difficulty with public transport because of infirmity or disability.

Five volunteers were put through their paces at the training course at the fire station in Lamlash.

They received training in first aid and in moving and handling people, for example, if they are in a wheelchair.

Sharon Reader of the British Red Cross base in Ayr said there was an increased demand on the island to use the special bus provided by the service, which is available to islanders and also to visitors. It is also used to escort people to the mainland who need to go on to hospital in Glasgow.

'I am not sure why there is an increase in demand but it is going up all the time, and we are continue to look for more volunteers,' she said.

Anyone interested in joining the service or who needs more information should contact the transport manager at the Centre in Ayr on 01292 263946.

Street lights spark row

PIRNMILL residents are blazing mad about plans to install street lighting, which the village has never had - and doesn't want.

The new lighting, five lamp-posts in all, are to be put up on a small new housing association development.

Now residents say their wishes not to have the lighting have been ignored and they should have been consulted.

They say they do not want what they feel will be a light pollution problem and the village has always been all right without lighting.

Going ahead

But the lights are going ahead, despite their objection, says North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) Jim Mason, of the roads department.

He said: 'In line with council policy, proposals for new developments should include a lighting plan.'

'In addition, the council has a duty of care to ensure that new roads are safe. This means that the developer must submit a lighting design for approval by the Council.'

'Lighting plays a part in letting drivers know different road characteristics such as warning that pedestrian movement is likely after possibly miles of unlit, unchanging road conditions with no pedestrian/vehicle conflict.'

But villager Marie Jeffrey says the wishes of residents have been ignored and as council tax payers they are paying for

'There is a lot of bad feeling in the village. Nobody wants them.'

something they do not want.

'This is not a road but a driveway to the development,' she said.

'It is a cul-de-sac that is to be lit. It is light pollution and I don't want it.'

'Every house in the village has lights on their homes which residents put on when they go out and switch off when they are in.'

Another villager, Maggie McEachern, was also adamant the lights were not wanted.

'I think for a council whose roads are in the condition they are on Arran, to decide this is almost comical,' she said.

'This is one of the best places in the UK for stargazing because the sky is above the island is unpolluted.'

Another villager, Grace Stewart, who has been allocated one of the new houses, was adamant the vil-

lagers did not want the lights.

'I am really against it and I, with Marie, campaigned against having them,' she told the *Banner*.

'The population of the village is 97 but we obtained 113 signatures because other people were so concerned.'

'It is really annoying because it seems the view of the whole of the village doesn't matter.'

'There is a lot of bad feeling in the village about these lights. Nobody wants them.'

'Pirnmill is unique in that all the houses face the sea.'

She added that the village may have accepted shorter lamp-posts even though they did not want them, but those in the current planning proposal were too tall.

'It is very, very rural here,' she said. 'They are treating Pirnmill as if it was a big town or another housing scheme and not as a rural area.'

Mr Mason added that while the developer had yet to submit an amended design for approval, the units installed would not be eight metres high, as had been mentioned locally, but would be five or six metres high and fitted with cut-off, flat glass lanterns to ensure low light pollution and avoid glare for drivers.

Community councillor Campbell Laing told *The Banner*: 'The people of Pirnmill have the full support of the community council on this issue. I have been in contact with NAC and they say that the developers have not submitted a new design. If the tall lights go up, they will be told to take them down again.'

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Kilmory cemetery extension gains council approval

RELIEF has greeted the news that an extension to Kilmory Cemetery is at last to go ahead. But villagers are still wondering when when the work will start after fighting for nearly 10 years for the ex-

ension. At a special meeting of North Ayrshire Council on Tuesday, members agreed to a recommendation that the council should use an area of ground lying to the south of Kilmory

church, which has been designated the most suitable. Application will now be made to Kilmarnock Sheriff Court for authority to designate the site as a burial ground.

Villager Edna Picken told

The Banner that the campaign for a new burial area at Kilmory began as far back as 1997 and it was hoped it would be able to be used by 2002.

This date was then postponed until 2004 but further hitches prevented it going ahead.

However, the decision has now been made and it is anticipated that the site may be in use by March 2007.

Edna said: 'I would hope the matter is now resolved and I would hope it would be up and running before March next year.'

'I already have my plot, so I'm all right, but I'm worried about other people who wish to be buried in Kilmory but who can't find space.'

'No one can predict when they will die, so I would like to see it up and running very soon.'

A report before the full committee on Tuesday informed members that the present burial ground had reached capacity.

When negotiations first began the Church of Scotland had expressed concern due to grazing rights.

Ian MacKay, assistant chief executive informed the meeting on Tuesday that this matter had now been resolved.

Negotiations to purchase the Kilmory cemetery extension site are now under way with the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland.

Funds are being made available through the cemeteries revenue budget.



Strathclyde police rescue launch at the scene in Brodick Bay on Tuesday.

Police launch assists off Brodick

ARRAN coastguard personnel have been called out three times in the last week.

On Tuesday they answered an alarm call after a man in a small motor boat lost engine power en route from Ardrossan to Brodick, three-and-a-half miles out.

Strathclyde police rescue launch, which was out on patrol at the time,

was called to assist and towed the man to Brodick.

Last Thursday the coastguards attended Corriecravie where a listening device had been washed ashore.

David McKinnon of the Marine Coastguard Agency on Arran said a full team turned out and cordoned off the area between 6pm and 10pm.

On Saturday a military explosives ordnance team arrived to deal with the device and to ensure it was not explosive. It was removed after the team gave the all-clear.

Later on Saturday coastguards searched for a jet skier reported missing between from Troon to Arran. They searched Brodick Bay and Lamlash Bay but the man was found safe near Troon. His machine had suffered engine failure.

Fire brigade round-up

Firemen on Arran dealt with three call-outs in the last week.

Fire fighters from Brodick and Lamlash attended Corriedoon Nursing Home, Shore Road, Whiting Bay, after the fire alarm on the premises went off.

The alarm proved to be faulty and no one was evacuated, a fire brigade spokesman reported.

They were called out at 3.17am and were out by 3.23am, arriving within five minutes at 3.28am and leaving at 3.35am.

On Saturday Brodick and Lamlash raced to Arran War Memorial Hospital, Lamlash, after the alarm went off.

A fire brigade spokesman said the alarm had been faulty and there was no fire. However, fire fighters attended at 10.58am and left at 11am, with no action required.

On Friday June 23, retained personnel from Brodick and Lamlash were called to Alexander's shop in Main Street, Brodick, after a water heater exploded at 12.15pm.

Fire fighters were on the scene within four minutes and left at 12.30pm. The fire was out by the time they arrived.

Montrose House summer fete

MONTROSE House summer fete, Brodick, takes place this year on Wednesday July 5 at 2 pm within the grounds.

The fete is the main fund-raiser for The Friends of Montrose House, set up six years ago to make life better for residents and staff.

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Arran in line for sub sea cable?

PLANS to investigate the feasibility of a new electricity connection between Kintyre and the mainland, taking in Arran, have been announced.

Scottish Hyrdo Electric says several routes are being considered for the connection, which is needed to deliver power from new wind farms in Kintyre to the main electrical grid.

One option being considered is a subsea route from Carradale substation round the north of Arran and into the substation at Hunterston.

A route across Arran is also under consideration beginning further north on the Kintyre peninsula.

This latter option would involve the reconstruction of the existing overhead line from Carradale to the cable landing point.

Project manager Andrew Robertson emphasised that the utility company would work closely with any communities involved.

He said environmental issues were paramount in choosing the most appropriate route.

'We will be taking advice from the planning authorities and listening to local views to ensure we make the right decision,' he said.

Spin Off live in Brodick

MEMBERS of *Spin Off*, Arran Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers, will be appearing live and inter-active on most Thursdays during July and August at the museum in Brodick.

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Brodick's young trailblazers



James MacAleer helps to put up the Darting Squirrel Trail post watched by other young trailblazers. Not pictured are Michael Smith and Oisín Swinton-Boyle. b26tra1

NEW trails along the Merkland Walk at Brodick Castle and Country Park have been named by pupils at the town's primary school.

The children were asked by park staff to come up with some names for the trails, or parts of a trail, in a competition at the school and they all responded with eagerness.

The primary 1 to 7 pupils chose nine names and busily spent Tuesday helping to put oak marker posts up so visitors could recognise all nine trails.

Money for the project came from the Aggregates Levy.

The trails that were being named are: Toad's Trail (Matthew MacDonald, p1), Archie's Trail (Conner Percy, p3), Robert the Bruce's Trail (DD McAleer, p3), The Warrior's Trail (Fergus Gunn, p4), The Fountain of Nature's Trail (Michael Smith, p4), The Giant's Trail (Oisín Swinton-Boyle, p4), The Darting Squirrel's Trail, James McAleer, p6), Balmoral Ride (Finlay Sillars, p6), Wild Willow Trail (James Todd, p7) and the Trail of Thought (Lynn Ramage, p7).

Police files

Speeding charges

Three motorists in the last week have been charged with alleged speeding, with a further four charged for not wearing a seatbelt, in the latest police crackdown.

Police remind drivers and passengers that seatbelts must be worn for safety reasons.

Bowls hut break-in

A bowling green hut at Brodick was broken into over the weekend.

Police are appealing for witnesses.

Foot patrols begin again

Police on Arran are to recommence foot patrols following a similar successful campaign last summer.

A spokesman said crime figures were very low for the time of year and added that it was due to locals and visitors alike keeping vigilant and obeying the law.

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New port manager Colin McCort stands on Brodick Pier with Arran's second ferry *MV Saturn*. b26sat1

CalMac ties knot with new port manager at Brodick

There is a new face at Brodick Pier following the appointment by Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) of a new port manager.

Two weeks ago Colin McCort took up the position at the Island's main ferry terminal, a role he says he is greatly looking forward to.

However, Colin is no stranger to Arran and is a familiar face to islanders, having been employed for the last 14 years with coach transport company Stagecoach. Seven of these have been spent on Arran as operations manager for the company.

Looking forward to his new role, Colin told *The Banner*: 'I am delighted to have joined CalMac.'

Colin has a long history of working with the Island's transport infrastructure.

He said: 'I'm sure that my years in the transport industry will benefit me in my new position.'

Meanwhile, Arran's second ferry the *MV Saturn* has also been in service between Ardrrossan and Brodick for the last fortnight.

This is the second year the is-

land has benefited from two CalMac ferries operating over the summer months.

CalMac's regional manager Robbie Brown told *The Banner*: 'Those of us involved on the Ardrrossan to Brodick service are delighted to welcome *MV Saturn* and her crews back on the Arran service for the next 10 weeks.'

'It is most important that both Islander's and visitors make use of our second vessel who although now an 'Old Lady' gives a completely different travelling experience when crossing to and from Scotland in miniature.'

'*MV Saturn* also enables us to carry the many vehicles that arrive at Ardrrossan without a reservation and if weather conditions are kind gives us the opportunity to enhance the service we are able to offer our customers.'

He added: 'Please help prove that the Islanders want the facility of a longer day on the mainland by travelling on *MV Saturn*'s first and last sailings 7.15am ex Brodick and 6.30pm ex Ardrrossan.'

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Mountains climbed to raise cash for AMRT

Ben Nevis, Scafell and Snowdonia have all been conquered in an effort to raise funds for Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

Volunteers from the Cushman and Wakefield company, which specialises in the industrial property market, took part in a marathon climb which involved tackling all three peaks in one day.

The nine intrepid climbers, Tori Alldred, Karl Alldred, Jon Lock, Steve Dolecki, Sonia Thomas, Lucy Whittaker, Elayne Wilks, Gary Wilks and Paul Kirman, wanted to raise cash for Arran Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) after work colleague Graham McPhie fell on Goat Fell last September and was rescued by AMRT.

Although suffering serious neck and back injuries, Graham made a full recovery and the group wished to register their admiration for the volunteer rescue team which had come to their friend's aid.

Ben Nevis was conquered in five hours despite a good deal of snow on the top - and plenty of midges, and there then followed an overnight drive to Scafell for a 3:30am start.

Then it was off to Snowdonia where the team walked out from Pen-y-pass and reached the summit some two hours later.

The three mountains had been climbed in total of 22 hours and 25 minutes, with the exhausted team aiming to raise more than £1,000 for AMRT. However, such has been the response to their fundraising effort, the group believe that they may achieve as much as three times their target.

Arran Mountain Rescue Team is almost totally supported by fund raising by team members and donations from the public.

Kilmory gains £41,000 towards community transport project



Mandy MacDonald and Phylis Picken hold a large tub of cash collected during the Kilmory community group's fundraising backpack session at Marks and Spencer's Braehead store at the end of April

A community transport project based at Kilmory is among 15 projects throughout Scotland to share in over one million pounds funding.

The Kilmory Community Fund is to receive more than £41,000 from the Executive's Rural Community Transport Initiative to replace an existing community bus which is now more than 10 years old.

The 1996 yellow Ford Transit has served the southern end of the Island well but is becoming too expensive to maintain.

The newly announced Rural Community Transport Initiative funding will be phased over three years with £2,087 being released in 2006/07, £3,920 in 2007/08, with the remaining £5,175 being made available in 2008/09.

Transport Minister Tavish

Scott said: 'This devolved government is committed to improving transport links for people living in areas where they are limited.'

'Already community minibuses, dial-a-bus services and car sharing schemes are making a real difference for people living in Scotland's rural and remote areas.'

'This latest funding for areas of North Ayrshire will help bridge the transport gap for groups such as the elderly and the disabled.'

Kilmory villagers have been busy fundraising for their new bus with a £100 sweepstake on the island and the group recently took part in a backpacking session at Marks and Spencer's Braehead store when one generous customer donated the £100 note which became the sweepstake prize.

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Don't miss the Arran Ferry Tales boat

Next Saturday, July 8, the final week of rehearsals for *Arran Ferry Tales* begins.

The show is turning into a very funny mixture of singing sheep, dancing golfers and a touching tale of someone who doesn't want to leave the island.

Music is arriving by the hour, the band is up and running, and actors are studying the script.

There is still room for choral singers, so if you fancy joining the chorus for two performances on the following Saturday, July 15, just turn up to one of the general sessions listed below and join in.

Sunday July 9, 3pm - 6pm and 7pm - 9pm, Whiting Bay.

Monday July 10: 7pm - 9pm Lamlash

Tuesday July 11, 7pm - 9pm Lamlash

Wednesday July 12, 7pm - 9pm Whiting Bay

Thursday July 13, 7pm - 9pm Whiting Bay

Friday July 14, 7pm - 9.30pm Dress Rehearsal, Whiting Bay

Saturday July 15, Performances 3pm and 8pm, Whiting Bay

Additional rehearsals for principals and band players are scheduled, as those concerned will know.

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Arran Golfers' Association

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Everyone was trying their level best to excel and produce golf to beat their opponents, yet played in a jovial sporting friendly manner.

The climax of this year's competition was played in wonderful weather conditions, creating a superb atmosphere with the competitors and spectators who were treated to a fine display of golf by all the teams. It was most encouraging to witness the number of people who turned out to support the teams and the competition.

David Jeffreys, greenkeeper at Machrie Bay, presented a course in good order, with a few tricky pin positions which tested the competitors.

The first semi-final was between the host club Machrie Bay and Lamlash who narrowly beat Whiting Bay in the first round. Lamlash represented by N Young, R McGunnigle, D MacFarlane and J Murchie. Machrie Bay by A Jeffrey, H Bannatyne, D Markham and B Sherwood. Both teams produced quality gold, for the 29 holes completed Lamlash were three under par, winning the match by seven holes.

The second semi-final was between Corrie and Lochranza Castle who narrowly beat Brodick in the first round. Corrie, repre-



sented by J Adams, R Logan, E McKinnon and S Beardsley. Lochranza Castle by J Innes, D Henderson, D Logan and A Napier. Corries were in control of this match for most of the afternoon, winning by five holes overall. The first game being six up with the other one down.

The final: Lamlash began by producing the same standard of play as the afternoon. Corrie responded by holing some excellent putts. An incident occurred at the second hole when Lamlash declared that the ball had been touched at address, awarding the hole to Corrie. Considering the position of the match and emotions involved this was a remarkable exhibition of honesty, for which the sport of golf is renowned.

Undeterred, Lamlash matched the golf being produced by the Corrie lads and soon after established a lead which was never relinquished to win the match by eight holes, both games being four up.

Three other moments worthy of mention which contributed to the day's entertainment. The first two involved Jamie Murchie of Lamlash - at the 280-yard sev-

enth hole his drive was 20 yards through the green. At the 246-yard ninth his drive ended out of bounds 50 yards down the beach.

The third involved both Lamlash and Corrie when the pin position at the fifth resulted in three putts from both inside three feet, Lamlash winning the hole in five.

The association thanks Machrie Bay for the courtesy of the course and for providing referees for each game.

The next association event will be the Champion of Champions at Corrie in August.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday June 25.

24 played in beautiful conditions with scoring low again. CSS-62. 1 David Morrison 63-5=58

2 John Pennycott 64-3=61 (bih).

Scratch was won by David Morrison with 63 and there were magic twos from David Morrison, Jamie MacPherson, Fraser Barr and John Christie.

Congratulations to Lamlash for winning the Hope Cup again.

Fixtures: Sunday July 2 Morton Quaich, Wednesday 5 Summer Trophy

Golf News

Brodick Golf Club

Sweep Sunday June 26, 22 played.

1 Steven Bunyan 3 62, 2 Iain Macdonald 7 62, 3 Sam Mccalla 12 63

Scratch Steven Bunyan 65. There were 4 twos, Steven Bunyan getting two.

Fixtures: Sunday July 4 Centenary Quaich. Sheet on board draw Saturday July 3.

Brodick Golf Club

Ladies section celebrates its 75 years in style

Sixteen ladies gathered to play in the annual Captain versus Vice Captain Anniversary Shield competition, where Isobel MacDonald's Captains team won 6-4 over the Vice Captain, Carole Arthur's team.

This is the first time in four years that the Captain's team has triumphed!

Several past Captains joined to celebrate our 75th and Isobel shared some snippets from previous minutes of the Ladies section which included the fact that in 1950, the Gents Captain donated a 'nice nightdress' to be raffled and it raised £8-11d!

Mhairi MacMillan was asked to cut the beautifully decorated cake supplied by Wooleys, as she was the Captain in 1963, obviously a very young Captain! The ladies then enjoyed champagne, cake and chat till the early hours!

Many thanks to all who came, the greenkeepers for the course as usual in immaculate condition, Stacey for the sandwiches, Wooleys for the Cake, the Club for the champagne and Rene for opening it. I look forward to seeing you for our 100th in 2031.

Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club

Ladies' results:

Nancy McCutcheon, date June 22, CSS 44. 15 played.

Silver: 1 P Adamson 49-8=47 27 points, 2 C Arthur 23pts, 3 F Crawford 22 pts.

Bronze: 1 D Sherwood 23 pts, 2 J Turnbull 23 pts, 3 J Rankin, 22 pts.

June medal played Sunday June 18: 1st Class (0-7) 1 Stewart Black 45-5=40, Sweep £3.75, 2 Duncan Markham 48-6=42, £2.25, 3 Willie Kelso, 48-3=45, £1.50.

Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club

Youngest ever gents' champion

Alan Jeffrey became the youngest ever gents' champion of Shiskine Golf and Tennis Club on Sunday when he defeated former champion Colin Allison on the 18th.

In the Ladies Final, the match between former champions Carol Arthur and Fiona Crawford also went to the last green where Fiona emerged victorious and clinch her fourth title.

In the Duisky Cup Final, Billy Paton defeated Allan Napier on the 19th green.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday June 26, Stableford. 1 R Welford 34pts bih, 2 M Elliot, 34pts, bih, 3 C Pattenden 34pts.

Congratulations to the Hope Cup team on reaching the final. Well done, Lamlash, on winning and a special mention to Machrie Bay for their hospitality and the excellent condition of the course.

Fixtures: Sat July 1, Sweep at 1pm. Wed July 5 Wednesday Night Medal 5pm.



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Seal of approval to postcard talk

A TALK entitled *Arran Postcards* was the subject of a fascinating talk to members of Arran Antiquarians and several visitors by Stewart Gough of Brodick on Monday June 19.

Stewart talked about being given a book of postcards in 1980, which led to his wanting to collect mail with the franking of all of the island's post offices.

These were often on postcards and this progressed to his interest in Arran's postal history and the start of his collection which now totals 4000.

Ten years ago he joined Strathclyde Postcard Club of which he is now secretary.

He told the assembled that the first postcards were issued in 1870 and in 1899 became a standard size with the address on one side and the message on the other.

In 1902 the back was split for both the address and message, with a picture on the front. This was the gold age of postcards. Many people communicated by postcards, the card frequently being delivered the next morning.

One of Stewart's prize possessions is a card from 1920 signed by the Duke of Montrose. His collection is in topographical albums although he does collect modern cards as well but he believes they are not so interesting as they only show landscapes and seascapes.

Stewart's enthusiasm and good humour was evident from the beginning of his illustrated talk and he allowed us the privilege of seeing his collection afterwards. Altogether a splendid talk and all too quickly over.

The next meeting will be on July 17 when Peter Aitcheson of Lochwinnoch will talk about *Revolution! The Extraordinary First World War Adventures of Charles Mackinnon Hendry of Brodick*. The meeting will be at 2pm in Brodick hall. All welcome.

Island beaches on SNH survey list

ARRAN'S loveliest beaches are now included in an environmental survey which has now been launched on the worldwide web.

The survey, by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), is one of the most comprehensive of the nation's beaches ever undertaken.

Details of the 647 sandy beaches noted in the survey include the particle size of sand to sand dunes and other features.

Reports for the survey conclude that beaches in the north, south and west of Scotland all showed a high proportion of erosion.

Among Arran's best beaches are Blackwaterfoot and Kildonan.

They form part of important tourism research, says SNH advisory

officer Alistair Rennie. 'The reports provide detailed information on Scotland's incredible array of sandy beaches,' he said.

'They were originally written to help assess suitability of Scotland's beaches for tourism, but they have become the definitive comparative study of our beaches that are extremely valuable in their own right.

'They will be of interest to people who want to find out a bit more about their favourite beach or the number and types of beaches in their area.'

The *Beaches of Scotland* survey can be viewed on SNH's website.

First Responders play their part

North Arran First Responders has been up and running very successfully for three years now, giving valuable service and support not only to the north end of Arran, but, on occasion, much farther afield on the island when called upon.

However, through natural wastage, people leaving the area, injury etc the original magnificent dozen has been reduced to nine.

With two responders on duty 24 hours a day, and allowing for holidays, the commitment has been severely increased.

Fortunately the group have had a number of volunteers awaiting training and on the first weekend in May a paramedic/training officer came over to the island and conducted a training course for the new volunteers in tandem with a refresher course for the existing responders.

Having completed the final written examination all responders are now awaiting the arrival of two invigilators for the practical examinations, which are expected to be conducted within the next few weeks.

Once having cleared that hurdle the new responders will become operational as soon as the appropriate paperwork is complete.

The course was held with the generous co-operation of the Field Study Centre, who provided the venue.



New responders with trainer from left are Morag Campbell, Gemma Blythe, Vicky Milne (with Annie), Lyndsay Patrick, Hugh Fee (Paramedic Trainer), Jean Wilkinson, Alasdair Ferguson, Andy Wilkinson. b26res1

Da Vinci Code on Arran

THE Screen Machine 2 will be at the Auchrannie Hotel Brodick on Friday June 30 until Monday July 3 showing the *Da Vinci Code* (12A); *Prime* (12A) and *The Wild* (U). Please check screening times with Screen Machine to avoid disappointment

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Walking up the Auchrannie Road the other day, I was surprised at just how built up it has become. Unsurprisingly with so many new dwellings it has also become very busy. Two of us, plus dog, spent much of the time hard-pressed against the hedges to allow vehicles to pass. More often it was to allow two vehicles to pass each other, for this track, which has recently gained a proper road sign at the bottom, has no regular passing places, but rather occasional widenings which permit drivers, after much manoeuvring and reversing, to get up and down.

At the top one comes to the entrance to the new houses. It may well be that the access road is at the other side. One would hope so, for to gain access from Auchrannie Road would merely put further strain on it.

Wherever one goes these days there are problems of movement, from traffic jams, to diverted ferries, to airport delays, to shortage of parking spaces and there isn't a lot of point in huffing and puffing about it. Indeed, it's all part of life's rich tapestry. But when it comes to new developments there is a whole army of planners to ensure that whatever is approved will not unnecessarily increase inconvenience, or danger, and that it does meet minimal standards of safety. These planners have a host of rules about where properties might and might not be built, to putting in finished access roads before completion, to the types of materials used, to lines of sight for approaching traffic.

There also appear to be rather a large number of items about which they will not express an opinion, things which are ostentatiously dismissed as not being planning matters. However, all the unseemly crush in Auchrannie Road looks to my untrained eye as if it comes well within what are planning matters.

For many people getting something passed by planning is quite a challenge. I know a couple at the southend who have been refused permission to build a house for their own occupancy, on their own land, and almost out of sight of the road. Had it been within a village envelope, or had they been able to convince the planners that they were agricultural workers, as many do, it might have been permitted. On Arran for almost 30 years and now at retirement age, yet unable to afford an existing house - whose prices are being forced up by building limitations - they have had to leave the Island.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. *Ephesians 4:32*

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Letters to the Editor**Help was service at its very best**

Sir,

I would be very pleased if I could use the pages of your newspaper to express my thanks to the people in Brodick who came to my assistance following a fall outside the Book and Card Shop on Tuesday May 16. In particular I would like to thank the young man who alerted Brodick Medical Centre and very kindly escorted me there while my husband sorted out the various bags I was carrying at the time. He was wearing a tee-shirt bearing the message: 'I'm not completely useless. I serve as a bad example to others'.

On the contrary, he serves as a very good example of the caring and kindness of strangers, as do the other patients who very patiently waited while I jumped the queue, so to speak.

I would also like to thank the staff in Brodick Medical Centre for the prompt and caring attention I received for my injuries. They are an excellent example of the NHS at its very best.

I am pleased to say I have now almost completely recovered, apart from a few bruises and tender spots.

Yours,
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Big Lottery community funding

Sir,

As part of their Investing in Communities manifesto, the Lottery has £257 million available to bring real improvements to communities in Scotland.

Earlier this year the Big Lottery introduced Investing in Ideas funding in Arran Community Groups may also already be aware that the Big Lottery launched new funding in May this year.

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The Big Lottery is coming to North Ayrshire on July 24 and has arranged for short discussions with groups who feel they may have an eligible project under this new funding. The venue is the Claremont Hotel, Kilwinning, and to book a place you can telephone Dianne White on 01294 465401.

Further information on the new funding can be obtained from the Big Lottery website, or Arran Council for Voluntary Service on 01770 600611.

Yours,
Jim Nichols
Arran Council for Voluntary Services
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Lamlash

Play-group backpack thanks

Sir,

We are writing to say thank you to the customers who so generously donated money to Whiting Bay Playgroup during the recent bag-pack at the Co-op. We raised £360.

The money will go towards buying new resources for the play group, for which staff, children and parents are all extremely grateful.

Yours,
Liz Jardine
Whiting Bay Playgroup Leader
c/o Pillar Box
Whiting Bay Post Office

Swaziland donations

Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the people of Kilmory and the South End for their kind donations to my project in Swaziland during Sarah's birthday party. I am

deeply touched by the generosity of all concerned and reminded of fond memories of my time as a 'south ender'.

Yours
Fraser Gough
Carlo
Corrie Shore
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Rescue thanks

Sir,

We would like to thank the kind people in Corrie, especially Marion Donovan and Anne McLetchie, who came to our rescue on Monday June 26 when our car suffered a very unfortunate accident and we were left stranded.

Having spent a lovely weekend in Corrie and being due to return home in the afternoon these two ladies gave us helpful advice and support, took us to the ferry and made sure all was well before we left.

We are most grateful to them. Thank you again.
Yours,
George and Doreen Prentice,
Castle Douglas

Saturn timetable

Sir,

It's great to hear that CalMac is supporting the Island's tourism by putting on the *MV Saturn* again this summer.

Perhaps if a bit more thought is put to it the time-tabling will not be the same as it was last summer when the extra runs basically covered the same hours in the day as the *MV Caledonian Isles*, and that this year the opportunity will be taken to put on earlier and later ferries.

This can make a huge difference to overseas visitors who have to spend extra nights on the mainland on the way to and from Arran simply because of the ferry time-tabling.

Craig Selkirk, Seven Mile Beach, Tasmania

Happy holidays

Sir,

We have just returned from a holiday with our family and friends - 23 of us - and once again, for the 22nd year, have had a wonderful time.

We went to see the *Sound of Music* at Brodick Hall.

The cast did a great job, the mother superior and Maria had lovely voices and the children were a joy and worked so hard. The scenery was great - obviously the backstage hands must have put a lot of work into it.

We visited, as every year, the school fair/church fair at Lamlash (bought up all the plants) and had a lovely welcome at the church service. We bought our stone man at the Whinns (we have more than he has), candles at the candlemaker (who showed us her garden), everyone most kind and friendly.

The island brings us back with our family year after year, it is so beautiful. I have just finished reading *Feet on the Ground*, by Jean Fforde, which I enjoyed very much.

Hope to visit next May in our hired cottage by Brodick Golf Course where our family plays its own Arran challenge.

God bless the Island and all on it.

**Margaret Pullan,
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No anti-English feeling here

Sir,

My wife and I have just returned home from our holiday on your beautiful island.

We brought back our usual batch of presents, however, I've just noticed one souvenir I can well do without - tar!

A fine spray on my car bonnet and both sides which is going to take a lot of hard graft to remove. What genius in the North Ayrshire Council Roads Department decided that the height of the tourist season is a good time to re-surface the island's roads, although I must admit that they can certainly do with some TLC.

What happened to the alleged anti-English feeling in Scotland that the papers told us to expect? On the boat, in the pubs and in the shops nothing but smiles and offers of help.

Hopefully both the weather and the roads will have improved when we return in the autumn. So, see you then, God willing!

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Arran schools rise to jewellery challenge

All schools on Arran have had the chance to work with professional jewellery maker Suilven Plazalska this year as part of the Elements of Change residency project.

Suilven has spent one day a week with pupils creating exciting and unique pieces of jewellery. The work produced by Brodick, Corrie, Pirmill, Shiskine, Kilmory, Whiting Bay and Lamash Primaries and Arran High School will be exhibited at The Burnside Gallery alongside Suilven's work.

Each school was given a different design brief, tailored to the class age range and size, to increase confidence, encourage expression and develop skills in an enjoyable way.

All the pupils went through the same design and making processes and techniques over the seven-week blocks.

Suilven said: 'I wanted to challenge preconceived ideas about

'The work produced by schools is outstanding'

craft but also provide staff, whom I encouraged to take a hands-on approach, with skills and strategies to facilitate projects once the residency is complete.

'I hope the young people will have a greater understanding of jewellery and perhaps consider a career in art, craft or design.

'However, by emphasising experimentation and idea development, rather than finished pieces, I'm sure they'll look at the world differently too.'

Hazel Townsend of Develop Craft Ayrshire said: 'The work produced by the schools is outstanding.

The schools have really embraced the project and the work produced has been innovative and of a very high standard.

The exhibition will give pupils, parents, teachers and visitors to Arran the opportunity to see all the work produced together and displayed in a professional setting.'

A programme of free workshops will run alongside the exhibition, giving children the opportunity to create a permanent glass maze in The Burnside Gallery Sculpture Garden and allowing children to work with ceramic artist Hanne Mannheimer.

Elements of change 3 - Arran Schools Exhibition, The Burnside Gallery, Auchrannie Road, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8BZ.

Preview June 30 at 7pm, exhibition July 1-10.

Opening times 10.30am-5.30pm, admission free.

Island farmers invited to environment conference

Farmers and crofters on Arran are being encouraged to attend a European environment conference being held on the island of Uist in the Outer Hebrides.

The machairs, or shoreline grazing land similar to that found around the coast of Arran, of the Uists are the venue for a major two-day conference focusing on the role of agriculture in the management of environmentally significant areas.

The Uist machairs are designated under European legislation designed to protect habitats and species of international importance and the event will discuss how current policies are influencing the management of these important sites.

Ena MacDonald, a well-known North Uist livestock breeder and one of the conference organisers told *The Banner*: 'It is particularly relevant that this European

conference is being held now when decisions are being made on how rural development funding is spent over the next six years.

'Mechanisms such as support for Less Favoured Areas and agri-environment assistance are a crucial part of ensuring that High Nature Value farming systems are viable in the Uists. The machairs are important largely because of the way that they are managed by crofters and we need to ensure that rural development funding is well-targeted to help crofters continue to manage these important sites in the best way for their conservation.

'High Nature Value farming is now firmly on the European agenda and we will be looking at ways in which policies can help ensure that these farming systems are sustainable into the future.'

The conference, jointly organised by the Scottish Crofting Foundation and the European Forum for Nature Conservation and Pastoralism brings together crofters, farmers, policy makers and conservationists from Scotland, Ireland and Spain.



Shoreline grazing land or machair is coming increasingly under the environmental spotlight.



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Results:

Confined Class, 1 and Kingsley Cup R Howatson, with Spike, 80, 2 W Stevenson, Nell, 77, 3 W Stevenson Zac 76, 4 W Stevenson, Bill, 65, 5 W Stevenson, Arran Mist, 63, 6 J Murchie, Gem 60.

Seawinds Cup Junior Handlers: Cath McDairmid, Nap.

Maharranee Cup: W Stevenson, Nell.

McKeown Perpetual Prize: Ladies Cup Liz Robertson, Kyle.

Arran Cup, bred in Arran: N McEachern, Molly.

Kildonan Hotel Cup, two local dogs: W Stevenson, Nell and Zac.

Royal Bank Cup, two mainland dogs: A McDairmid, Hemp and Nell.

McBride Trophy: A McDairmid, Hemp.



Left: John Craig (Midge), John Clarke (Moss), Willie Coutts and Wullie Stevenson (Nell) during the trials. b26dog2

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Princess Antoinette Trophy, style: A McDairmid, Hemp.

Open outrun and lift: N McEachern, Molly; confined: J Clarke, Moss. Open fetch I Brownlie, style; confined: W Stevenson, Nell.

Open drive: A McDairmid, Hemp; confined: W Stevenson, Bill. Open pen: SL Davidson, Jim; confined: J Murchie, Rob. Open shed: I Brownlie, Bess; confined: R Howatson, Spike.

1st and Kildonan Open Cup: A McDairmid, Hemp, 93, 2 SL Davidson, Jim, 91, 3 JS Templeton, Ted 90, 4 A McDairmid, Nell, 90, 5 SL Davidson, Shep, 89, 6 C Davidson, Tweed, 88, 7 P Hetherington, Joy, 87, 8 A McCuish, Mist, 85, 9 N McEachern, Molly 84, 10 M Reilly, Sam, 83 (Neilston)

Top right: Helen Leith of Belfast, George Rod, Jeff Brookes and Jack Murchie keep an eye on the action during the sheepdog trials.

Below: John Clarke, who entered Moss in the trials, George Tod and Willie Cook pause to chat during the day's proceedings.



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Brodict Bowling Club rink game 2pm
RNLI Lifeboat shop open, Lamlash Pier 2-4pm
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 7pm
Newsband, Live at the Drift Inn, 9.30pm
Jumble Sale, Brodict Hall, 2pm
Table Top Sale & BBQ, McAlpine Hotel 1pm. In aid of Lamlash Primary School
Disco Dave, Cameronia Hotel, 9.30pm

SUNDAY 2nd July

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
Arran riding club, Junior show, Mayish Field, 11am

MONDAY 3rd July

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
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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
Coffee morning, Whiting Bay Church Hall 10.30am

TUESDAY 4th July

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-noon
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
Lamlash Church guild fete, Community centre, Lamlash, 2pm
Coastal Way work party, meet Brodict School 8.30am

WEDNESDAY 5th July

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
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
Arran Salmon Fisheries Board AGM, Blackwaterfoot Lodge, 7.30pm
Montrose House Fete, Brodict 2pm
Am Binnein, Strenuous Walk, Brodict Castle, 10am

THURSDAY 6th July

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
Rock school, youth centre. Lamlash 7-9pm
Brodict Bridge Club, McLaren Hotel 7.15pm
Coffee Morning St Molios church, Shiskine 10.30am-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
Spinning & Weaving, Museum 11am-4pm
Royal British Legion Scotland, McLaren Hotel, 2pm. Speaker Peter Morrison
Seashore Scramble, Brodict Castle, 2pm
Craft Market, Whiting Bay Hall 10am

FRIDAY 7th July

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-noon
Buteyko Asthma Course, Ormidale Hotel. 7pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club Quiz nights 9pm
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am
Water Polo, Auchrannie Pool, 7.30pm
Castle Secrets Adult Tour, 2pm, Brodict Castle

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Northend	5	0	-22

Island children scoop picture prizes in Glasgow

Lamlash and Pirmill pupils come top in calendar competition

WHEN it comes to painting pictures Arran's youngsters have it covered, it seems.

For two Lamlash primary pupils who travelled to Glasgow to receive prizes for their work had a pleasant surprise when they found that a third pupil from the island had also won.

Isla Yuill (primary 7) and Georgie Wood (primary 6) had travelled to the Burrell Exhibition to receive their prizes after winning in the North Ayrshire Council competition to design a page for the ABC calendar for next year.

On arrival, who did they meet but Pirmill Primary School pupil Natalie Innes (primary 7) who was a runner-up.

That meant that the three winning prizes were all from Arran. All three enjoyed the ceremony and received prizes.

In addition, Isla and Georgie took back a cheque for £250 for their school and Natalie received a cheque for £100 for Pirmill primary.

Isla's drawing was of Goat Fell and Georgie's was a pastel picture of Sannox Hill.

Natalie did a cartoon drawing of an artist painting a ship.

After the ceremony Isla and Georgie saw the degree show at Glasgow School of Art.

Both girls say they want to study art when they are older.



Natalie Innes of Pirmill Primary School received a cheque for the school and a certificate when she attended a prize winning ceremony at the Burrell Exhibition in Glasgow

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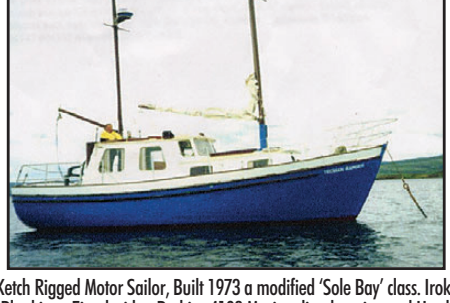
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 1992

Applications for planning permission - Notice to be published in accordance with Article 12(5) Written comments to be made within 14 days.

Application No: N/06/00580/PP Address: Tor Nan Euan Shannochie, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8SJ Proposed Development: Erection of 2 no single storey extensions to vacant dwelling house to include re-roofing and conversion and alteration of both to form dwelling house to include erection of 2 no single storey extensions and formation of dormer

Application No: N/06/00621/PP Address: Kirkend Nursery, Whiting Bay, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8RG Proposed Development: Amendment to previous consent 05/01056/PP to increase width of 1 no dormer window and extend floor area of balcony

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Application No: N/06/00429/PP Address: Dippin Lodge, Dippin, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8RN Proposed Development: Alterations and extension to dwelling house and erection of detached garage incorporating playroom

Application No: N/06/00548/PP Address: Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8DP Proposed Development: Erection of log cabin for commercial use as museum reception/shop

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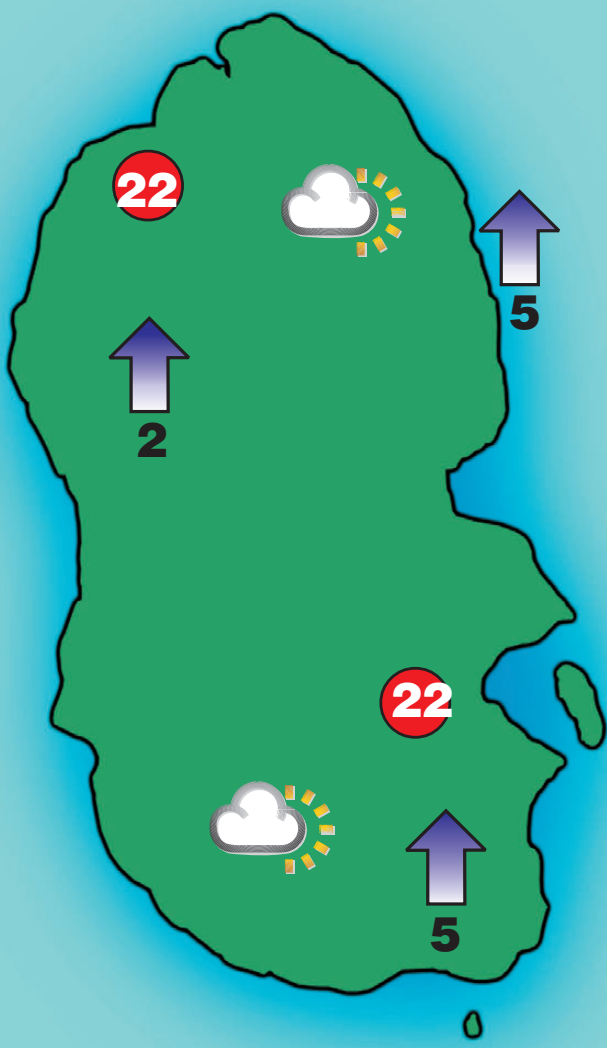
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Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from **Saturday, July 1, 2006** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	0310	3.2	0909	0.7	1605	2.8	2136	0.9
Sun	0347	3.1	0951	0.7	1643	2.7	2218	0.9
Mon	0425	3.0	1038	0.8	1724	2.7	2303	1.0
Tues	0510	2.9	1131	0.9	1811	2.6	2356	1.1
Wed	0602	2.8	1232	0.9	1905	2.6	****	**
Thur	0101	1.1	0704	2.7	1333	0.9	2011	2.6
Fri	0211	1.1	0815	2.7	1431	0.9	2228	2.8

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



Saturday, July 1

Cloudy with the threat of a light shower throughout the day. Becoming warmer on light southerly winds. 21°C.

Sunday, July 2

Remaining dull with showers some of which could become longer spells of rain. Temperatures around 22°C.

Monday and Tuesday

Brighter and drier as the wind moves to the east and freshens. Temperatures rising to 23°C

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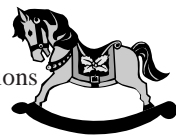
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

McARTHUR (Audrey) - Hamish, Ella and Moyra would like to thank all relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy following their recent bereavement. Special thanks to the Rev Elizabeth Watson for a lovely touching service and Peter for funeral arrangements. Also thanks to Ralston for his help. Finally thanks to all those who kindly donated to the RNLI, our mother's favourite charity.

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Breeze decides Middleton Cup

It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good, so the saying goes, and it was certainly the case with Arran Yacht Club's Middleton Cup race round Holy Isle on Saturday.

Seven boats set out in a light but steady breeze towards the Hamilton rock buoy. Malcolm Kerr, with a brand new set of sails, decided that the direct route was the best and tacked out directly towards the buoy. Angus Campbell, Gavin Fulton, Iain Hunter, Davy Boyle and Gus MacLeod all decided to hug the Clachland shore as the wind started to fail.

Meanwhile the young ones, Neil Hunter and Scott Curie, followed in Malcolm's wake. First round the buoy was Malcolm and as there was virtually no wind he headed off into mid channel, followed later by most of the others, who thought they were leaving Hamilton Rock close to port rather than the buoy to starboard. Gus changed his mind halfway up the bay and followed Malcolm's lead but, on rounding the buoy, headed off towards Holy Isle to catch the tide running up the shore.

After a desperate struggle to find wind Malcolm re-entered Lamlash Bay at Kings Cross nearly two hours after starting with a substantial lead over the rest. Neil and Scott, having made

it to the Hamilton Rock buoy, could see the becalmed fleet in mid channel; decided discretion was the better part of valour and accepted a tow home from Neil's mum Sally.

Malcolm was well down Lamlash Bay when the rest of the fleet, led by Gavin in his new white GP14, appeared some 20 minutes behind him and started the run down to the finish. Then the breeze started to become patchy, leaving areas of mirror-calm sea between them and the finishing line. Malcolm maintained his lead and eventually, over an hour-and-a-half after coming round the corner at Kings Cross, drifted across the line.

Now comes the sting in the tail and the reason for the saying.

As he crossed the line a breeze sprang up and the following boats all accelerated and wiped out Malcolm's substantial lead so that when handicaps were applied Gavin Fulton was the winner, followed by Angus Campbell.

Thanks go to Billy Currie to timekeeping, Alastair Bilsland, Bill Barr and Geoff Norris for rescue boat duty.

Results: 1 Gavin Fulton and Donald Scholfield, GP14, 3hrs.14mins.14secs; 2 Angus Campbell and Alison Keir, GP14, 3.16.02; 3 Malcolm Kerr and Susan Knox, Albacore, 3.18.03; 4 Gus MacLeod and Eric Borland, GP14, 3.21.11; 5 Iain Hunter, Laser, 3.22.26, 6 Davy Boyle and Dorothy Hutchison, Albacore 3.25.03.

Jennifer wins silver at Scottish championships

Island runner back to top form after illness

Arran top athlete Jennifer Emsley ran her way into second place to notch up a silver medal in the 5000 metres at the Scottish Athletics U23 Track and Field Championships.

It was her first 5000m track event and marked a return to form for Jennifer who in recent months has had to overcome an iron deficiency.



Jennifer on her way to coming second in the 5000m at Glasgow.

She competed in the colours of her mainland club Centrat AC, which is based in Stirling, where she is at university.

Back in Arran for the summer, Jennifer will be competing in local races, including Brodick Highland Games, and other track events on the mainland.

After that exciting times are ahead as she goes off the Strathbourgh as part of her university course in French, German and international business studies.

She hopes to join a club while there but will be travelling back for major cross country races during the winter season.



Jennifer Emsley with her silver medal from running the 5000 metres



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Sannox cricketers win Allsop memorial match

Sannox CC v Chevin CC - The Bryan Allsop Memorial Match

A short prayer of remembrance on the wicket preceded the match to celebrate Bryan Allsop's life and commitment to Sannox Cricket Club.

Sannox won the toss and elected to bat in overcast and drying conditions. Colin Haggarty, opening, achieved a career best of 28 after a marathon 95 minutes at the crease, finally bowled by Searson.

Scott Weir at number three sent Chevin fielders scurrying, hitting a feisty 59 before being run out.

Mark Williams, re-discovering old form, knocked an exciting 38, while captain Eric Dunn continued to impress with 21.

Chevin's correct bowling and good fielding kept extras down to only eight in 40 overs.

Sannox veteran and founder member Rod Smith made an unbeaten 10 and Gordon Allsop, Bryan's son, made one, not out, the first Allsop run for Sannox for

a long time.

Sannox finished their innings confidently on 174 for 8.

The players come off for the lunch interval to a tremendous spread put on by the Allsop family. An array of raffle prizes decked the tables and many tickets were sold in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

Sannox took to the field with a spring in their step realising that Chevin had to make some 4.3 runs per over to win.

But the spring in the Sannox step soon became a slow plod as the Chevin openers powered their way up the score sheets.

Chevin's captain and number one bat Alex Burnham was in devastating form, scoring regularly with impunity. He stayed at the crease for almost an hour and was finally caught for 78 by Gordon Allsop off Pomeroy's bowling. He and number four Ian Smith eased the Chevin total to



The teams line up at the memorial match with the trophy in the middle and David and Audrey Allsop, centre.

well over the 100 mark and sent Sannox fielders to every corner of the Oval.

It all looked bleak as the match seemed to be getting away from the Arran men.

In what was a sporting gesture towards his own team mates but finally proved to be a tactical error, Smith retired on 51 not out. A total that had seemed to be accelerating away from Sannox suddenly slowed and although the odds were against them the Sannox boys never lost sight of the possibility of a win.

In the 34th over, Chevin needed only 19 runs off the last six overs.

Sannox fought every ball and Chevin wrung every run out of the fielding side.

By the end of the 39th over Chevin, on 170, were within five runs of victory. Three singles came in the first five balls. It all fell to the last ball and Brian Roberts of Chevin knew he had to swing the bat. And he did, the

ball coming to rest in the grateful hands of Sannox's Rod Smith. Chevin 173 for nine.

An Arran victory and not a potato in sight.

Captain Dunn's figures at eight overs, three maidens nought for 20, could rightly feel cheated of any wickets. Scott Weir, putting on his bowler's hat, took four for 24 off eight overs.

Bryan Allsop's bat was the prize the teams had been playing for and it was presented to Captain Dunn to mark the first holders of the Bryan Allsop Memorial Trophy.

There was an exchanging of tokens and much distributing of raffle prizes and a return match in Derbyshire was discussed.

The raffle raised £200 for the British Heart Foundation and David Allsop thanked everyone who helped to make the day a success.

Next Sannox match is the big one against Oban to decide the league at Sannox on July 16.



Scott Weir on his way to a feisty 59



Audrey Allsop receives a silver plate on behalf of Sannox from Chevin



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