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Arran doctors 'rubbish' newspaper claims they are abandoning NHS



Doctors Victor Noguera and Alicia Salceda bid farewell to the people of Arran outside the war memorial hospital in Lamlash. b27doe1

Departing doctors have no ill feelings

Arran doctors Victor Noguera and Alicia Salceda have 'rubbished' a story in a Glasgow broadsheet stating they have 'caused vacancies' on the Island.

The couple, who have worked on the Island for three years were shocked to read the article in the national newspaper.

Dr Noguera said: 'We are leaving, but only because our contract has come to an end.'

'The vacancies have not been caused by us.'

'The NHS has known since last year that we would be unable to stay on under the terms of our current contracts.'

'The article made us sound like we are abandoning a sinking ship - this is not the case.'

The article also claimed the couple 'work from the same practice'.

'This is rubbish,' said Dr Noguera, 'I am based at Brodick Health Centre and Alicia in Lamlash Medical Centre.'

'On the back of the article many people have been coming up to us and saying: 'Why are you leaving us?' but it's not like that at all.'

The couple are now beginning to think about starting a family and in order to do this they needed to be sure of longer term contracts on Arran and reduced working hours for Dr Salceda.

Dr Noguera continued: 'All of the doctors on Arran have been very supportive and said they would try and help with our contracts.'

'However, we don't want to get

into a bartering process with our contracts.'

'Looking at what we were offered made us think: If that is the best they can offer we will need to review our situation.'

The couple are set to leave Arran at the end of July to work as doctors in New Zealand. However they are both very sad to be leaving Arran and would like to have stayed on longer and have mixed feelings about leaving.

'We have had a terrific time, met many interesting people and are taking away many fond memories.'

Dr Noguera said: 'We have only been able to secure another year on Arran, which will then be reviewable annually - this is no use for us.'

'The NHS needs to provide more flexible working conditions and more options.'

'We are sad to leave but excited by our new jobs.'

The couple, who own a house on Corrie Shore, would really have liked to remain on the Island and have not ruled out coming back in the future.

Dr Noguera said: 'We were considering starting our family on Arran and we gave it a lot of thought.'

Dr Salceda said: 'Arran is a good, safe place for children. We did try very hard to blend into the community.'

Dr Noguera was a member of the local lifeboat crew for a while and Dr Salceda taught Spanish for a time in the community.

They even planned to have their German Shepherd dog, Argon, working for Arran Mountain Rescue Team as he is trained to work as a search dog.

Always keen to promote a healthier lifestyle the couple were regulars at the gym.

Dr Noguera said: 'We pride ourselves on being the fittest doctors on Arran.'

'We always strived to provide a good example while helping people to get fit.'

The couple will still be practising medicine in rural areas and have successfully gained positions working at North Island near Napier in New Zealand.

Dr Noguera concluded: 'We really have had a terrific time on the Island and have met many interesting people; we are taking away many fond memories and would just like to say goodbye to all the people we have met.'

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Arran based musical in spotlight

A musical set on Arran and written by an island-based writing team will tonight, Friday 7 July take part in the dramatic finale of a Highland-wide quest for a new musical.

Balloons, by Arran-based writing team Alison Prince and Andrew Keeling is set on Arran,

sometime in the future as global warming threatens the island communities.

Ullapool

The cast of *Balloons* will join 85 other actors, musicians, directors, musical directors, technical crew and production staff are travelling to Ullapool this week-

end to begin a hectic week of rehearsals prior to the dramatic final of the Highland Quest Search for a New Musical.

The Showcase Weekend will take place at The MacPhail Centre on 7 and 8 July. The week before there will be a flurry of activity as highlights from each of

the five final entries are rehearsed and prepared for performance before an audience and judges.

Tonight

Tonight the show begins at 7pm and the audience has an opportunity to vote for their choice of winning musical.

This result is carried forward to

the performance tomorrow night beginning at 4pm when the judges select their choice.

The winning entry will then be produced into a full length musical that will be the opening production in the newly build second theatre at Eden Court in 2007.

Youngster has lucky escape in busy weekend for coastguard

A young Arran boy had a lucky escape last Sunday when he fell off a pier and landed in a boat moored below.

Eleven year-old Scott Currie of Lamlash had been out playing with two friends in Lamlash on Sunday evening when they decided to cycle to the end Lamlash Pier.

As Scott began to dismount from the bike his foot became caught in the pedal and he lost his balance. He came off his bike and fell 15 feet off the end of the pier. But instead of hitting the water he landed in a small rowing boat owned by the Holy Isle Ferry.

A concerned visitor suspected that the youngster could have been drowning and called out the Coastguard while a sailor coming ashore from his yacht saw the injured boy, took him ashore and drove him to Lamlash War Memorial Hospital where he was released within two hours. He was suffering from a bump to the head and knee and now has a black eye.

The following day a member of the public in Lochranza reported seeing what they thought to be a flare lying on the shore at The Crow, near the pottery, in the village.

Five of the local coastguard team were called to the scene at 7.30pm and performed a thorough beach search. After some time the coastguards found an orange grease gun canister which they believe may have been the 'flare'.

Deputy Coastguard Leader Billy Currie said: 'We are treating the incident as a FAGI - false alarm with good intent. Dialling 999 was the right thing to do.'

On Tuesday morning a yacht

belonging to a local boat owner from Brodick was washed up onto rocks to the front of the Shore House at 8am.

A member of the public called the local volunteer Coastguard team, many of whom were enroute to their work.

Billy Currie said: 'Charlie Weir's fishing vessel *Kimberley* was in the area and we requested his assistance.

'He stood by and then tied a rope to the mast of the 30ft yacht, pulling it to safety.

In the event of these situations developing around Arran, vessels in the area are requested to help - but they are under no obligation to do so. 'The Coastguard would like to thank Charlie for standing by and giving his assistance,' added Mr Currie.



The 30 ft yacht on the rocks in Brodick Bay on Tuesday morning. b27yac1

Lochranza Choir supports Cancer Research

Following their successful spring concert under the leadership of Betty Buchanan, the members of Lochranza Choir wish to express their thanks for the support they received.

Once again the members have agreed to continue their policy of donating the proceeds to Cancer Research and a cheque for a further £500 has been sent to The Beatson Cancer Research Endowment Fund. This is the fourth time the group have donated money to The Beatson, averaging between £250 and £500 on each occasion. A CD recording of the concert has been professionally compiled and copies of this can be had from Moira Martin (830335), or by contacting any of the choir members.

Lost and found

Found

A gold chain was found at the McLaren Hotel.

For further information please telephone 01770 302558

Lost

A silver bracelet with sentimental value has been lost in the Brodick area.

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Saddle out of action for weeks

The path leading from Glen Rosa to Glen Sannox via The Saddle will soon be out of bounds.

Work starts this coming Monday and is expected to last for six weeks to repair erosion damage to the path

Malcolm Whitmore, the Arran Access Project Officer said: 'The work at the Saddle is part of the major programme of path improvements taking place throughout the island.

'The pass between the two glens has become badly worn and tracks lead the unwary walker onto dangerous ground.

'The aim of the work is to create a clear route to the rock scramble down into Glen Sannox and at the same time repair and stabilise the damaged ground.

Airlift

Because of the need to airlift materials into the work site and due to the risk of stone falling whilst work is in progress the path will be temporarily closed to allow the work to be completed safely.

The work will be undertaken by specialists Upland Contracts who will be staying in the Corrie Bunkhouse whilst on Arran.

The five-man team has been appointed to complete the task as part of the Arran Access Project Phase 3 working for the Arran Access Trust and funded by a partnership of Heritage Lottery Fund, Argyll and Islands Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Partnership Programme, Forestry Commission Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage and North Ayrshire Council.

Malcolm concluded: 'We would ask for walkers to avoid the area whilst the work is in progress.

'The route should be a lot safer and more durable once the job is completed.'

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First ambassador of the season



Eleanor Hamilton outside Fellview with Golden Retrievers, Kendal and Rowan. b27dog1

A Brodick woman has become the first to be nominated this summer season as an ambassador for Arran.

The Arran Ambassador scheme has been set up as way of recognising those hard-working staff in the Island's service industry who have gone the extra mile to provide a good service.

Customers who are impressed by service they have received are encouraged to complete nomination forms found in various island establishments.

Eleanor Hamilton of the Fell View, Brodick, has been nominated twice this month on separate occasions.

One night a very wet and bedraggled couple came to Eleanor's door and she not only made them very welcome but washed and dried their clothes. Next morning it was still pouring so Eleanor took them on a tour of the island.

Eleanor also had a nomination from a world traveller who said that Eleanor's hospitality is second to none. On the nomination form she wrote that she had stayed in hotels and bed and breakfasts all over the world but none could match Eleanor for

hospitality. She went on say that Eleanor helped everyone she could whether they be guests of hers or not, she wanted everyone to enjoy Arran as much as she did.

Eleanor started coming to Arran 38 years ago for holidays. Later she met Gordon and brought him to Arran with her and he loved it and they married 14-years-ago. One day Eleanor came to Arran on her own where she saw Fell View quite by accident, when she went inside she felt at home so she put in an offer which was accepted.

On returning home she told Gordon what she had done. He remarked: 'Most people get a stick of rock, you come back with a house!'

They moved to Arran eight years ago but sadly Gordon died two years ago. He very much enjoyed running a bed and breakfast house and asked Eleanor to keep it going which she has done to the delight of her guests.

She told *The Banner*: 'I feel very humbled to be nominated as I am just one of a small army of ladies doing likewise.'

Eleanor will now be put forward on the short list for the coveted Arran Ambassador of the Year title.

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Local fire chief retires



David Miller former Commander of Strathclyde Fire Brigade's North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire Area. b27ret1

David Miller, the Commander of Strathclyde Fire Brigade's North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire Area retired on Friday 30 June.

He has been on the Island on several occasions and was held in high regard by all who met him. Bill McNicol, retained watch manager at Brodick fire station travelled to the mainland for retirement celebrations last Thursday.

David was born and raised in Ayr, and educated at Ayr Academy, and Ayrshire Area. In 1998 he was promoted and posted to the Services Directorate at Strathclyde Fire and Rescue. In 2002 the Chief Officer appointed David as the Deputy Commander of West Command that served Ayrshire, Inverclyde and part of Renfrewshire, and he served in this position until 2004, when he took over as the Commander.

Following a force restructure in 2005, David was then appointed the Commander of North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire Area, and became responsible for directing and overseeing all Strathclyde Fire and Rescue activities within the 18 Fire Stations the Area contains.

Looking back over his service he says 'It has been an honour and a privilege to have finished my career as Commander of the Area in which I was born and bred.

'I am fortunate to be able to look back on the last 33 years with real affection and pride. The Fire Service is a quite unique profession and has given me the opportunity to make good friends both inside and outside the service.

David a former county golf champion, has qualification for the Seniors' British Open Championship as his first retirement goal. The event, part sponsored will see many of the world's top players descend on Turnberry in July and will be live on Sky television. Thereafter his priorities will be spending more quality time with his family and cheering on his beloved Ayr United to promotion from the Second Division.



Old Vets medals go to a good home

Helen Smith with friends and family handing over the medals of her late husband Harry Smith, Dunkirk Veteran, to Rev Norma Moore minister of Jamestown Parish Church. It is home to a Dunkirk memorial chapel. Sadly Harry died in March in his 90th year in Lamlash. He and Helen lived in the village for many years. It was Harry's wish that his medals should be presented to the church. In January Harry successfully requested through *The Banner* that other Dunkirk Veteran's should contact him. Photo courtesy of Brian Averell.

Lamlash Gala Week around the corner

2005 was a bumper year as far as Lamlash Gala Week was concerned with record takings and more than ever donated to Arran organisations.

In fact, the organisers gave out over £5000 in all and this was mainly due to the support of the general public and the generosity of the sponsors who made it all possible.

This year they are hoping to at least equal that, but once again need *Banner* readers help to achieve this.

Lamlash will be the fun place to be between Saturday 15 - Friday 21 July

The organisers have tried to vary their programme a little this year but all the old favourites will still be there.

Any reader at the last night event last year when they had

'Elvis' entertaining, will remember what a great time was had by all. This year they have a fantastic band called 'WILD' who will be playing live music of the 50's 60's 70's and 80's so there's sure to be something there to suit most tastes.

They are a real, live, brothel-creeper, drainpipe-wearing, bebop type group who will really make the joint jump! Be sure to get your tickets from Lamlash Hall or call 600256 to book them.

Another event not to miss is the Grand Gala Race Night at Lamlash Golf Club - a great night of exciting horse racing and ladies don't even need to buy a hat! Members and friends are all welcome and for anyone not a member there's sure to be someone who will sign you in for the evening.

Posters are out now with a full programme of events and details of booking so look out for them.

Handbills with the programme will be in the shops and at the pier and tourist centre from 8 July. There will also be a full page advert about the Gala in the *Arran Banner*.

Most outdoor events will be at the public playing field next to the Lamlash Hall provided the organisers have good weather and the co-operation of the builders of the new school for the opening Saturday—that will be a great day! Anyone needing a stall or car boot pitch for July 15 please phone 600256 as soon as possible.

Organiser Maureen Simpson said: 'This could well be the penultimate Gala Week - who knows where we will be able to work from in 2008, but we hope things will sort themselves out by then. So please come along and support your community groups while you can and have a lot of fun at the same time.

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Drink driving

There have been three separate drink driving offences over the course of the last week.

A 46-year-old Southend man, a 34-year-old Prestwick man and a 26-year-old Banffshire man were all arrested for alleged drink driving offences.

All have been released and are waiting to appear at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

The Arran police will be continuing to monitor the possibility of drink driving on the island.

Breach of the peace

There were also three separate breach of the peace incidents.

A 21-year-old Brodick man and a 28-year-old Whiting Bay man were arrested for a breach of the peace outside a hotel in Whiting Bay in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Two Motherwell men aged 19 and 26 were arrested for a breach of the peace outside a Brodick hotel on Sunday evening.

They were released but reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

A 20-year-old Cheshire man was arrested for a breach of the peace in Blackwaterfoot on Monday and released for report.

The police will be monitoring the popular Shiskine Valley Sports Day event this Saturday.

Road accidents

Two separate road accidents occurred within hours of each other last Friday.

One car was written off and another badly damaged when two vehicles collided head-on on The Heights.

There were no serious injuries to the occupants of either vehicle. A report has been submitted by the police.

A 24-year-old Campbeltown woman was involved in an accident near Sannox when she hit a tree last Friday. She was shaken but not seriously injured.

It is believed that the accident may have been caused by a diesel spillage on the road.

No pirates in Lamlash Bay

A large ship in Lamlash Bay caused quite a stir on the island this week.

Initially there were rumours that pirates had landed and were about to invade Arran.

However *The Banner* is now able to quash these having managed to gain access to the 78 foot ship earlier this week.

The large ship is in fact the *Matthew*, an almost exact replica

of the ship of the same name that John Cabot sailed on a voyage of exploration in 1497 when he discovered New Foundland and Nova Scotia.

To mark the 500th anniversary

of his historic journey a replica *Matthew* was constructed and re-enacted the exact journey as part of Newfoundlands celebrations in 1997. It cost around £1.5 million to construct.

The ship is owned by a trust based in Bristol, now its home port and regularly carries passengers on harbour cruises and sailing trips.

Matthew arrived in Lamlash Bay on Tuesday afternoon carrying a small crew and some passengers, generating a lot of interest.

Skipper Rob Salvadge, who dresses in period costume plays the part of John Cabot. He told *The Banner*: 'To be able to bring a ship like this into a small harbour really is something. People are very excited by the visual appearance of *Matthew*.

'In urban areas a sense of the sea is lost, people don't realise just how tough it was for people at sea.'

On Wednesday evening the Arran Yawl *Eun na Mara* sailed out to meet *Matthew*.

Fraser Aitchison who is a custodian of The Gal Gael Trust, the team behind the boat's construction said: 'We went to meet the crew in our replica 9th century yawl - it was a case of the old meeting the new.'

As *The Banner* went to print *Matthew* was awaiting a voyage to the Tall Ships show in Glasgow.



The *Matthew* replica 14th century ship in Lamlash Bay with *Eun na Mara* on the starboard side. b27shp2

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High School News

End of an era for High School News

Claire is school dux

The resurrection of High School News has been in full swing since last September with a team of dedicated budding journalists working away each week covering a wide range of stories involving Arran High School.

Part of the reason for this successful return of High School News is due to Arran High being lucky enough to have had an extra English teacher over the past year. Miss Gibson, who we are sorry to say is now leaving the school for a permanent teaching post at Culloden Academy, near Inverness.

Miss Gibson has, for the last 10 months, been overseeing *The Banner* group, providing them with helpful advice and criticisms. Her influence has led to the standard that the High School News column has become renowned for.

Miss Gibson is not the only departure from the ranks of High School News. Claire Johnston has also come to the end of her reign as editor. However, we can exclusively reveal that the multi-talented, Gemma McDonald will be taking over this position in the new term.

Timothy Crockett, who has spent the last year being edited out of Liam and Calum's articles by Miss Gibson and entertaining *The Banner* group with jokes, is finally being allowed to have his voice heard.

He said: 'I'm honoured to finally being given my own by-line in *The Banner*.

'I'm very sad about the departure of Miss Gibson.

'She will be sorely missed around the school. Her bright and happy face illuminated corridors



The Arran High School Dux this year is Claire Johnston, former editor of the Arran High School News that regularly appeared in *The Banner*. Pictured with Claire is head teacher, Douglas Auld, outside the front door of Arran High School. Mr Auld said that this will probably be the last time a Dux photo is taken in front of the old doorway as the sandstone block with the name is to be removed and transferred to the new school in the coming months. Claire will be going to St. Andrews University in September where she hopes to study international relations and social anthropology. b27dux1d

wherever she went.

'Goodbye Miss Gibson, and good luck.'

We at *The Banner* group couldn't put it any better, but this is our attempt: 'As two of the school column's most talented writers, Liam and Calum are both absolutely flabbergasted and distraught that Miss Gibson's magical year at Arran High has finally come to a close.

'We shall deeply miss her insightful, if forceful 'suggestions' towards our articles. We also wish the best of luck to Mrs MacLean who will be overseeing *The Banner* group during our next session. This is our last article until August, so Calum Johnston, Liam Turbett, Claire Johnston and Jamie Cleland wish you all a wonderful summer.'

Fire re-lit at heritage museum

A much anticipated annual event takes place on Sunday 9 July when the fire is lit again in the Rosaburn smiddy at the Arran Heritage Museum.

Master Blacksmith Ian Wade and his son Ian make the trip twice a year from their home in Barrhead to demonstrate the ancient craft of shoeing a horse, their next visit is on 13 August.

On hand yet again will be 26-year-old gentle chestnut mare Sherma, who stands patiently while the smith fits her with a new set of shoes.

She never seems to be affected by the crowds and the excitement going on around her.

As at each of the special Sunday events at the museum this season the store room and workrooms will be open to visitors.

In common with most museums only a fraction of the artefacts held are on public display, so this is a unique opportunity to see the many items of all shapes and sizes, which are held in reserve, or are in the process of conservation and be shown what goes on behind the scenes by some of the volunteer conservators.

Why not try your skill at horse-shoe throwing and tombola, which are amongst the other attractions on offer on this special family day out.

This year substantial alterations to the display areas have allowed the museum to expand a number of their featured subjects, including The Clearances and Arran Post Offices.

So if it is some time since you were last at the museum why not treat yourself to another visit - you will be impressed and enthralled by the changes which have taken place.

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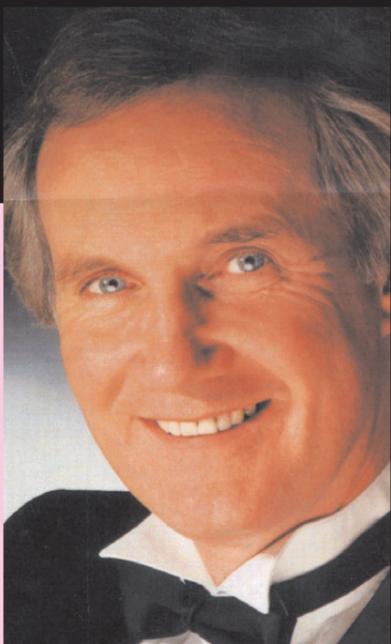
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Councillor Currie's comment



What North Ayrshire Council (NAC) does on Arran is well recorded or advertised in this paper.

What I do as your councillor and representative on NAC is a question which deserves to be answered.

It is mind-boggling not to mention physically impossible to keep abreast of every activity on the island.

I have enjoyed attending some of the milestone events in the last few weeks like Brodick Schools 150th Anniversary; the official opening of Cloudbase the amazing wigwam camp run by Arran Outdoor Education Resource for children from North Ayrshire in the hills above Whiting Bay, *West Side Story* a truly remarkable performance; a visit to Orkney as a member of COSLA Rural Affairs Committee on behalf of NAC looking at renewable energy projects and, last year, the memorable opening of the refurbished Kilmory Hall to name a few of the most pleasant aspects of the job.

Visits to Kilmarnock Prison do not fit the same category but are enlightening nevertheless.

The main part of the job is really dealing with hassle, large and small, and trying to bridge gaps and mend bridges when the local authority and community diverge in opinion.

Under this heading in recent months comes cuts in Social Services budgets. The Links Project (under the auspices of Arran CVS) has a pilot befriending scheme almost ready to go in Lamlash.

I hope that those badly affected by the loss of the garden tidying scheme will be able to access enough benefit to be able to employ a grass-cutter and that the grass-cutters, of whom there are many, will perhaps consider pensioners rates.

Following on from the wheelie bin saga (and I know that there are still some difficulties but our local officers have worked very hard to resolve these) is the closing of the Brodick coup and all that this entails. It brings the opportunity for radical change to rubbish collection on Arran. Domestic customers will be taken care of with a two bin collection on alternate weeks.

Commercial customers should witness little change but most questions arise from the larger businesses and, as a start to the resolution of their concerns, I called a meeting on Arran between NAC, Professor Jim Baird, who specialises in waste handling issues, and SEPA. I hope that, from contacts made, matters will eventually resolve. It will be more expensive to have this waste handled but it should be possible.

I was a little unhappy that the consultation commissioned by NAC with outside consultants did not appear to consult widely enough on Arran.

In the context of waste I am doing whatever I can to support the continuance of ARCO.

Another recent meeting which was held on the island at my instigation was with Councillor

Alistair Watson, chairman of our new Transport Partnership, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and representatives of transport within our community expressly to ensure that Arran receives appropriate representation on the new Partnership especially in relation to ferry services.

Through the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee I play an active part in pressure being applied to increase the winter service to the span of a working day on the island, an issue which I strongly support.

Other issues discussed at this meeting were roads (in the hope of eventually accessing EU infrastructural finance) and improved port facilities at Ardrosan. I have endorsed the sentiments of a petition presented to the council by the Pirrmill community about streetlights at the new Isle of Arran Homes development in the village.

Council have a legal obligation when a development fronts onto an A-class (!) road as this does, to provide lighting. I have challenged NAC Roads Dept. to come up with a policy for more sensitive and appropriate forms of lighting and pavements in rural locations.

It is disappointing to report that the proposed alteration to the Isle of Arran Local Plan (which I had welcomed as another tool to help the affordable housing situation) is being delayed by the intervention of SEPA Gateway who, under relatively new legislation to protect the environment, are demanding a full Strategic Environmental Appraisal for the Alteration.

NAC have argued that it is unnecessary by making a Referral to Scottish Ministers (a form of appeal) which I supported by writing to Ross Finnie, Rural Affairs Minister but all to no avail.

Although the travelling peoples' site at Merkland is being closed an opportunity has arisen for the National Trust for Scotland, the owners of the land, to form a small development in conjunction with Isle of Arran Homes which will house a number of their employees with, possibly, a few units to spare.

I have mentioned some of the topical issues with which I am pre-occupied. I have not touched on access, school boards, Montrose House, Destination Arran, planning -all of which are ongoing matters.

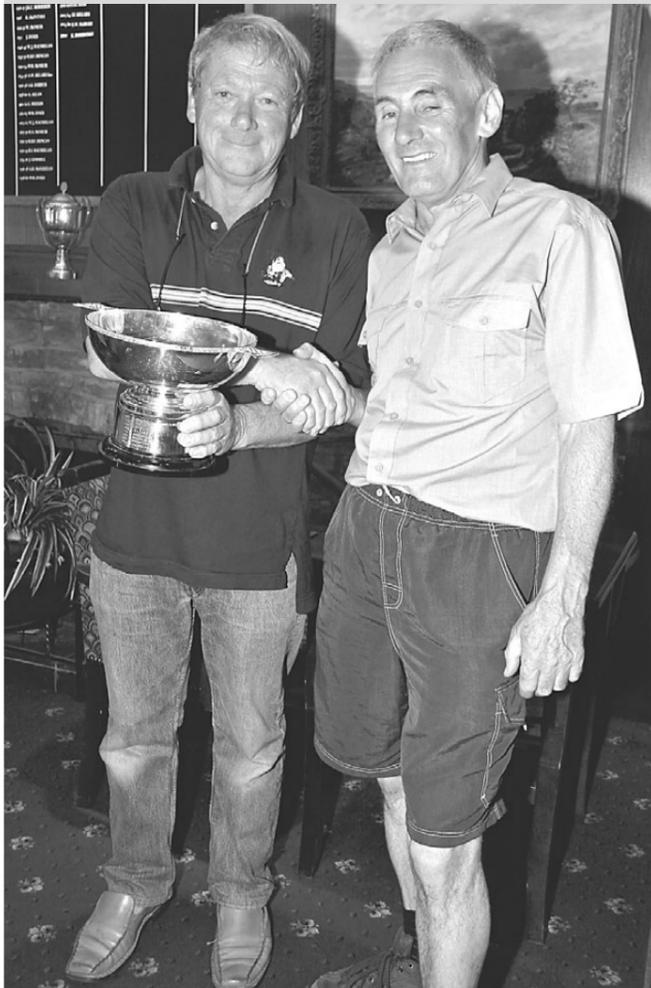
Councils have a recess in July but, unless I take a few days off, my job on the island never ceases.

I enjoy meeting with Arran people at all times.

If I can help to solve even a small problem for someone then I feel that it is worthwhile. I hope that people know that I am accessible and approachable and, hopefully, sometimes useful. Otherwise, don't vote for me again!

Margie Currie,
Eastland, Shiskine 860525

Walker wins Brodick Centenary Quaich



Brodick Golf Club Centenary Quaich (Stableford) was played for on Sunday, July 2. Winner Bryce Walker on 39 points (bih) is seen being presented the trophy by club captain Kerr Robertson. Results on the day were: Sweep: 1 Bryce Walker 39 points bih, 2 Neil Frost 39 points, 3 Iain MacMillan 38 points. 23 played with a CSS of 64.

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ARRAN'S WEEKLY PAPER Saturday 8 JUL, 2006

Long a devotee of the Screen Machine, it is fine to see that it has returned to Arran so soon. However it has a new parking place. Now it sits outside the Auchrannie instead of that very visible and public position at the sports pavilion.

Surprised, we asked why. Apparently the sports committee was asking for a parking fee in the region of £400. It would be foolhardy of me to venture an opinion on whether this is a fair charge or not but, after a quick calculation of the approximate take, it would certainly make a sizable dent in it. We did not hear how much the Auchrannie charged but it might even have been free.

Overall the new site is in some ways less good, not only for me, but for the Island as a whole since this unique contraption is virtually a tourist attraction in itself. On their May visit I had some foreign guests to whom I had described the Screen Machine. They could scarcely believe that a cinema travelled around on the back of a lorry. Leaving before its first showing, they did manage to see it being set up. As they were leaving, a little disappointed that they were not here long enough to see a film, the driver/projectorist invited them inside and gave them a short private showing.

On the other hand it is a great position for the Auchrannie and, since guests will enjoy having a real cinema on their doorstep, it will very possibly result in bigger audiences. Writing this on Monday the Screen Machine has only nine seats left at the moment and will only sell these at the door. Unfortunately other sales are now online. Apart from not everybody being able to do this there are also those unwilling to put credit card details online. After all, you never know what happens to them then.

In fact I do have internet access, but it is a pretty dodgy thing. Having made arrangements with the tourist board to join its website, I decided it would be prudent to see what had been put in for us. But I was completely unable to find the appropriate site.

However, as one does, I entered something different, a single cottage name and not a specific web site name. Imagine my astonishment that not only did several things pop up in the initial choice page, but one included my name under the heading Spotlight - Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Monthly. So I clicked on that and found a spiel about the former owner/editor of the Arran Banner now marketing cottages and following this was quite a long quote, attributed to myself, about now seeing tourism from the other side.

Being honest, I had to admit that it was something I might easily have said, but it was the surprise of finding that somebody had gone to the trouble of putting bits about me on the Internet. There was something next to it about the Arran Tourism Forum, a body I have never had anything to do with. Quite scary in fact but not serious. But if that is what can happen with innocuous information, what more can be done with one's credit card details handed out willy nilly online?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' *Galatians 5:14*

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Letters to the Editor



Ball nearly spotted

Sir,
I am delighted to have won a near-miss prize in the recent *Arran Banner* Spot the Ball competition.

Don't worry, it is already in the Shropshire savings pot for our return visit to your wonderful isle.

Our stay on Arran and our tour of the west of Scotland was magnificent. Scenery, weather, a warm welcome, and good accommodation. Ferries went like clockwork, a super holiday.

I must give thanks to staff at the Brodick terminal tourist information office. They went out of their way to help me with times, etc. for the Western Isles Ferry Co., and the envelope for my entry.

We have already spread the word and eagerly await our next trip to such a beautiful part of the world.

Will definitely enter the competitions whenever I see a copy of *The Banner* again; many thanks.

Yours,
D G Hickman
Wellington
Telford, Shropshire

Valley Sports

Sir,
Shiskine Valley Sports Day (SVSD) on Saturday 8 July heralds the start of the village summer fund raisers on the island.

This year we are continuing with the very popular Shiskine Valley sweepstakes and donkey derby and helicopter rides as well as introducing some new attractions with the jousting and pony and trap rides.

As ever we hope to continue the fun on into the evening and have the marquee jumping to the sounds of the Micky Kemp Band from London who come with a personal recommendation from Alan Johnston who guarantees they'll have everyone dancing. We are grateful to the Rotary Club for doing food and soft drinks, providing an area away from the bar for under 18's to quench their thirst after all that dancing.

Every year we remind parents to lock up their drinks cupboard and invite you all to come to the dance and see your little darlings home safely. We want everyone to have a good time and being ill

behind the beer tent is not to be recommended; neither is passing out on the beach and not even reaching the dance.

We are all looking forward to a successful weekend. Hope to see you there.

Liz Kerr,
SVSD Committee, Shiskine

Brodick Church

Sir,
Once again these fun events come round and Brodick Church fete on Saturday 22 July is a most colourful show.

All the usual games and stalls will be there with a new toy stall. Then there is the duck parading the streets selling 'eggs'. These eggs will be put in the Cloyburn on the Saturday afternoon.

Look out a new treat with Trevor the Tractor.

Support for the fete and the auction on Thursday 27 July in Brodick Golf clubhouse at 8pm would be greatly appreciated, as would goods for the stalls and prizes for the games.

Yours,
Duncan Cameron, Brodick

High school Reunion 1968 - 1972

Sir,
It is a well known fact to people of a certain age that the years pass much quicker now than they did when they were younger. So it is much to their collective surprise that the pupils of Arran High School's class of 72 will all be celebrating their 50th birthdays over the next few months.

To mark this milestone year a reunion is being planned for 16 September 2006 when it is hoped that as many of the pupils who were part of that class (at anytime during the four years) will come along for the get together.

Of course many of us still live on the Island and meet regularly in the Co-op and many although no longer living here are easy to contact through family and friends.

However, there are some pupils who, once they left the school dropped out of Arran life and are harder to find so this letter is initially to warn the class that the reunion is in the offing and also to appeal for information about former classmates in particular: Jimmy Chapman, Kevin Groves,

and Jennifer McBride.

The time and venue for the reunion have still to be arranged but please keep September 16 free for a trip down memory lane and if you do have details on how to contact any of the people mentioned please contact either myself on 860442, Elma Judge on 860369, Karine Bannatyne 860527 or Janette Head 700666. Yours,
Jenni Turnbull
The Lade, Shiskine.

Swaziland project

Sir,
I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the people of Kilmory and the Southend 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 southender.

Yours,
Fraser Gough, Carlo,
Corrie Shore

Great Glen walk

Sir,
Sally Brookes and I would like to thank everyone who so generously sponsored our walk of the Great Glen Way in May in aid of the Kilmory Community Bus.

A big thank you to Kilmory Shop and Lagg Hotel for hosting sponsorship forms, and to Kilmichael Hotel and Sannox Cricket Club for their generous donations.

We raised £890.10, £163 of which was collected at the Co-op on 13 May.

Very many thanks to the Co-op for allowing us to collect, and to the kind people who popped monies into the collecting tins.

We enjoyed the walk through wonderful scenery; were very lucky with the weather that week, being drizzled on for a couple of days and scorched for the last day into Inverness, and felt that four sore knees and one blister were very well worth the effort.

Yours,
Viv Parks
Kilmory House, Lagg

Sargent fund

Sir,
As part of the end of term activities at Arran High School we asked girls and boys taking part

in the inter house football to get parents and friends to sponsor them.

The money raised would go to CLIC Sargent cancer fund for children as part of their Kick for CLIC Sargent national appeal.

The competition took place on 28 June in glorious sunshine and the pupils not only enjoyed themselves, but they exceeded my wildest expectations on how much they raised through sponsorship.

On the 29 June I was able to pass over to CLIC Sargent a cheque for the fantastic sum of £1517. 22p. Huge and heartfelt thanks to all the pupils who threw themselves into the task of raising sponsorship with such enthusiasm. Thanks to the senior pupils who helped so much with the organisation before and during the event. Finally thanks to all the parents and friends who contributed so generously to this worthy cause. Well done - have a good summer.

Yours,
Ian McLaren
Depute Head Teacher
Arran High School, Lamlash

Funding children

Sir
I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the 'Arran Villages Together', to update our kind supporters about the continued fundraising efforts of the Machrie Ladies' Craft Group.

They will be attempting, at the Shiskine Valley Sports Day, on Saturday, 8th July, to raise further funds to support Janette Smith's programme of work helping a group of poor children from a Tsunami affected region in Sri Lanka. Great strides have been made over the last five months in reconstructing, equipping and staffing a wee nursery school to provide free education to a maximum of 30 children. There is much to tell about the progress being made with this project and we will have photos and a written report displayed in our 'primrose' tent, along with a stall of handmade cards and good quality second hand books for sale. Please come and support this small but enthusiastic fund raising group.

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Yours, The Machrie Ladies' Craft Group

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Arran charity to benefit from three peaks climb

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The mountains were, Snowdon in Wales, Scafell pike in England and Ben Nevis in Scotland.

Willie Logan's team completed the challenge in 22 hours and 30 minutes. Earlier this year The Banner published Willie's letter appealing to readers for sponsorship.

The letter offered readers a choice of two charities to support.

The charities that will benefit are; The Arran hospital supporters league and Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) who provide hospice

care and services for children and their families from all over Scotland.

Willie said: 'We have had a tremendous response to this appeal both here on Arran and in Greenock. A cheque to the value of £70 will shortly be presented to the treasurer of the Arran hospital supporters league.

'A cheque to the value of £1,290.15p was presented to The Children's Hospice Association Scotland.

'I would like to thank everyone on Arran who supported this appeal by donating sponsor money. I would also like to thank my sister

'Fiona Beatan who worked tirelessly gathering sponsor money and raised over £500. Thanks also to Cladoch Sawmill at Brodick for the generous donation to



Robert Floyd, Willie Logan and Leo Whelan present a cheque for £1,290.15 to CHAS representative Susan Cartwright.

Arran hospital supporters League.

'Finally thanks to my support

team and good friends, Robert and Leo; I couldn't have done it without you.'

Music and art in Lochranza

Martin Stephenson will be playing material from his amazingly large repertoire on Friday July 14 at Castlekirk Lochranza, to celebrate the opening of an exhibition by Arran surrealist/landscape artist John Alexander Knox.

Long recognised as one of the U.K's finest writers and performers, Martin's career started in the eighties when as frontman of the Daintees he gained a reputation for being the poetic voice of the working class.

At Castlekirk, where he played to a full house last time around, Martin will be supported by Scott Macdonald who is probably Scotland's busiest solo artist, having played over 60 gigs this year, some of them in places Visit Scotland didn't know existed.

John Alexander Knox

Those of us on the island who are familiar with the landscape paintings of local artist John Alexander Knox, and may not have seen the other side of the man, now have a chance to view some of the work he usually reserves for private clients and gallery owners with a taste for the surreal.

Sometimes described as disturbing, John's 'mindscapes' combine familiar earth, sea and sky images with his private thoughtforms, executed with the photorealistic skill that has gained him a growing international reputation amongst lovers of art that's not just decor.

Since gaining a BA in Art and Design from the Charles Rennie Macintosh Glasgow School of Art, John has lived and worked in Namibia and Europe. He now resides half the year in Boston USA and the other half in Arran, where he spent most of the life. He now shares with us through this truly beautiful exhibition which opens at Castlekirks Green Harper Gallery on the evening of Friday 14 July.

Arran Dancers plan for the future

The dancers have become quite a permanent fixture with Lamlash Gala Week and have been the recipients of their generosity

They look forward to all dancers who are available coming to take part next Saturday 15 July.

As usual they will gather at the Lamlash Community Centre at 11 - 11.30am to rehearse before joining the parade and performing soon after.

The group would like to thank the dancers who at short notice put on a 'mini' performance for the residents of Montrose House and Brodick Kirkcare.

They dancers hope they enjoyed the brief display by the children.

Partly because of the show planned for Saturday 2 December, but also to increase the scope they can offer dancers, Arran Dancers are putting forward an extended timetable from August for consideration, while the late sailing lasts.

Having enjoyed 'West Side

Story', a personal favourite of the group's Janet Primrose, not least because of the dancing, Arran Dancers think it would be great if some of the high school dancers would like to continue their enthusiasm and join them for their show in senior theatre class (possible 5.15 - 6.15pm after the summer) and boys, are included.

They will be including excerpts from musicals.

The high school shows have always been amazing, dramatically and musically and the Arran Dancers think it was great to see this other aspect being developed further, namely choreography. The whole show was wow.

Any queries over the Gala, classes or the show, contact Janet Primrose on 07920 001256 or Ann on 302063.

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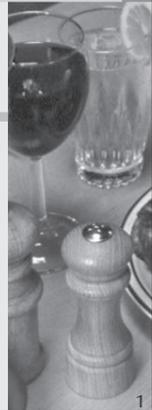
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Winner Colin 'Slim' Campbell with his trophies. He is seen with fellow competitors. b27car4

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Slim drives to car club victory

Andrew 'Slim' Yates retained the Gavin Robertson trophy as the best Island driver when Arran Car Club held its open weekend. Slim also took the Filtec trophy as overall winner on the Open event. Arran Car Club hosted its second open auto test weekend with another great turnout from the local lads and some familiar faces from the mainland.

With weather on their side the event started at Kings Cross Marine Harvest fish farm and then, after a few running repairs and changes, on to Torrylinn Creamery where the crowd had some great entertainment.

Back to Kinloch Hotel for a quick prize-giving where Gus 'Thrasher' Campbell had taken an early lead with son Mark leading the juniors.

Saturday started, hazy for some, at their last test at Arran High School then up the hill to the water works for another enduring hike for the cars and the spectators before the group headed off to the Drift Inn for a super lunch and a light refreshment.

This year they were lucky to have Hawthorn Quarry courtesy of the Forestry Commission. This was a chance for the car club to show its commitments to safety and the competitors to show their skill through the very dusty conditions.

Back to the Kinloch for prize giving in the squash courts where Slim Yates had caught up and passed Thrasher Campbell throughout the day but Mark was keeping the Campbell name up in the top slot with the juniors.

The club had their annual dance at Shiskine hall where the Queeves and Steve Kelly kept a packed hall on the dance floor.

On Sunday competitors and spectators were off to Kildonan after the chance of a last minute field from the very kind George MacDonald.

An afternoon in the sun could not be complete without Fiona, Isabel and Mandy at the helm of a BBQ firing Gally burgers and Gillian's Lorne. The ever growing crowd were kept entertained by quality driving, surprisingly reliable cars and John Popplewell.

With the silverware polished it was down to John and Keir Robertson to present the Gavin Robertson Cup back to Slim Yates for a second year, as local winner.

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Mull of Kintyre Air Show Weekend

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Conner Smith was on hand to present the Filtec overall trophy also to Slim after he had fought off the mainland-based opposition.

The Arran Car Club would like to thank everyone who entered and who helped. It takes a lot of people to pull this weekend off and many remain unseen.

A big thank you goes to Shonagh Murchie, Emma Popplewell, Ronnie and Denise Mann, Fiona Yates, Mandy MacDonald and Isabel Mulholland.

The club would also like to thank everyone for their continued support, Marine Harvest, North Ayrshire Council, The Letter Farm, The Forestry Commission, Scottish Milk, George MacDonald, Galbraith The Butchers, Millers Butchers, Kinloch Hotel, A and C Cameron, B.P Fuel Marketing and Scottish Water.

Thanks also go to Conner Smith, John, Wilma, Mali and Keir, even with his broken leg, for taken time and making their way to Kildonan to present the trophies, this was very much appreciated.

The club hope to see everyone there next year 1, 2 and 3 June 2007.

Results

- 1 Andrew Yates
- 2 William Currie
- 3 William Campbell
- 4 Chris Haw
- Juniors - Mark Campbell



Above right: Andrew Yates of Kildonan in his Vauxhall Nova drives to victory in both the local and overall championships b27car1



Right: Ross Auld of Kildonan in his Vauxhall Chevette rattles through the quarry b27car1

Mull of Kintyre Airshow

ISLANDERS looking for excitement quiet close to home will find the 2006 Mull of Kintyre Airshow preparing for take off next month.

This two-day event, which will take place on Saturday 22 July and Sunday 23 July, promises to be a great day out for the whole family, with a host of great attractions throughout the weekend.

The Saturday event will see world motorbike stunt champion, Kevin Carmichael take to the Tarmac along with fellow rider Arian Van Zweden.

As well as these heart-stopping stunt riders, there will also be vintage car, motorbike and lorry competitions, fly-ins by vintage and classic aircraft, as well as a spectacular fly past from a B1B Lancer Strategic Bomber. This magnificent US Airforce plane uses Stealth technology.

Sunday's event will see planes of all shapes and sizes taking to the skies. The warbirds display will include genuine World War Two planes - a British Spitfire, an American P-51 Mustang and a German Messerschmitt 108. A Battle of Britain memorial flight will involve a C-47 Dakota and two 208 Squadron Hawks. The RAF Falcons Parachute Display Team will also be descending on Kintyre.

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SATURDAY 8th July

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am - 5pm
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
Over 21's disco, 10pm, The Ormidale Hotel, Brodict
Shiskine Valley Sports Day
Fallen Angel McAlpine Hotel, 9pm

SUNDAY 9th 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
Horseshoeing demonstration, Museum 1.30pm

MONDAY 10th July

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
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
Coffee morning, Whiting Bay Church Hall 10.30am
Justice & Peace Group meeting, Ormidale

TUESDAY 11th July

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
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
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WEDNESDAY 12th July

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
Advocacy service, drop in session, ACVS office, Lamlash 11am-1pm
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
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Hockey, Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
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Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 7pm
Open folk session, Pierhead Tavern 9pm
Guided Harrier Walk, Kilmory Hall, 2pm
Accoustic Jam Session, McAlpine Hotel, 9pm

THURSDAY 13th July

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
Shiskine Playgroup, Shiskine Hall, 9.25am-12.05pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
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 10.30 - noon
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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
Craft Market, Whiting Bay Hall 10am
Save the Children, Summer Fayre, Brodict Hall 10am - 2pm
Unity Feast, Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Mick Kemp Band, McAlpine Hotel, 9pm

FRIDAY 14th July

Arran Art Gallery Whiting Bay 11am-5pm
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
Over 21's disco, 10pm, The Ormidale Hotel, Brodict
Smoke House Boys, McAlpine Hotel, 9pm

SATURDAY 15th July (non regulars)

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Kilmory village lifeline going strong

Lifeline services in the village of Kilmory continue to go from strength to strength thanks to the efforts of a hardworking couple.

Last September Linda Rose and John Sullivan from Brentwood in

Essex were holidaying on the island when they spotted Kilmory Village Stores for sale.

They had never been to Arran before and practically bought the shop on the spot and now nine

months later it is fully operational and also houses a post office and employs five local people.

Linda, who previously worked as a cancer nurse is now fully trained to work in the post office

and John still works as a shipping broker. Thanks to Broadband he has no problem keeping in touch with his mainland office.

The couple are thoroughly enjoying the rural lifestyle and have no intention of altering the fabric of the buildings.

John said: 'We hope we are putting life into the community.'

'It is easy to destroy a small place by moving in and taking down buildings to turn them into houses, we have no intention of doing this.'

Margaret Murray of Corriecravie is just one of the staff employed at the stores. She is the chef in the refurbished *Toby's Tearoom*, she said: 'It is a must for the community to have a good meeting place. The business is really starting to build up and I am looking forward to the Saturday night bistro we are starting.'

In spite of the tranquil nature of the area there were some unexpected noisy neighbours for the new owners to contend with. Linda said: 'The cavities of the shop walls are providing a home to some 400 Common Pipistrelle Bats. They are really noisy.'

The couple are delighted to have the sights and sounds of the country around them. Linda commented: 'Back in Essex we had very little wildlife in our area.'

John concluded: 'We are very keen to support local events.'

'For the future we intend to develop the business more and hope to make it a focal point in the community.'



Linda Rose and John Sullivan in Toby's Tearoom. b27tob1

Scottish Opera's Die Fledermaus comes to Arran

Following the sell-out success of *La Bohème* in Spring 2006, Scotland's national opera company will once again be coming to Arran with a brand new production of Johann Strauss' operetta, *Die Fledermaus*.

Mistaken identities, flirtations at a masked ball, elegant frivolities and confusions of all kinds provide a delightful vehicle for some of the most captivating music ever written.

The ball scene alone includes two of the best known choruses in operetta, 'The Champagne Chorus' and the famous 'Laughing Song'.

This new production, directed by Lee Blakeley and designed by Adrian Linford, will see Strauss' masterpiece updated to the present day, with the staging wittily reflecting society's current obsession with wealth, appearance and the culture of disposable celebrity.

Director Lee Blakeley said: 'This production is not going to be a big state-of-the-nation piece, quite simply it's about doing something that is entertaining.'

Music Director Oliver Rundell will accompany the talented cast of eight young singers (including two Scottish singers who will be making their debut with the Company) on the piano, as they bring *Die Fledermaus* to life.

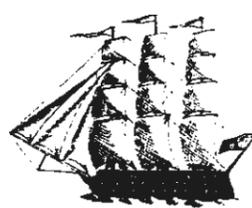
Alex Reedijk, General Director of Scottish Opera, said: 'I am delighted that we will back on the road in Autumn with this 19-date tour of *Die Fledermaus*.'

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**ISLE OF ARRAN LOCAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT BRIEF:
ANCHORAGE NORTH, BLACKWATERFOOT**

Notice is hereby given that the Development Brief for Anchorage North, Blackwaterfoot, Isle of Arran has been approved for public consultation. This consultation is confined to issues of detail contained in the Development Brief only.

Copies of the Development Brief and response forms have been deposited at: Lamash local office; Arran Library Brodick; Perceton House, Irvine; and Cunningham House, Irvine. These documents are available for inspection free of charge and can also be accessed on the Council's website at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/localplans

Response Forms should be submitted to the Assistant Chief Executive (Development and Promotion) at the address below on or before the 31st July.
Brian MacDonald, Assistant Chief Executive, Development and Promotion, Perceton House, Irvine KA11 2DE

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO START PREPARATION OF
ALTERATION NO 1 TO THE NORTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL
PLANS: RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
NORTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN (EXCLUDING ISLE OF
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North Ayrshire Council intends to prepare Alterations to the above named Local Plans in respect of Rural Development Policies.

The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

The Scottish Ministers have determined that the Alterations to the Local Plans are likely to have significant environmental effects and that Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.

An Environmental Report will be prepared which will evaluate the likely significant environmental effects.

Further information on the Alterations can be obtained from North Ayrshire Council, Development and Promotion, Development Plans, Perceton House, Irvine KA11 2DE. The determination can be inspected at Perceton House and at the Council Office, Lamash, Isle of Arran. It can also be viewed on the Council's website at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

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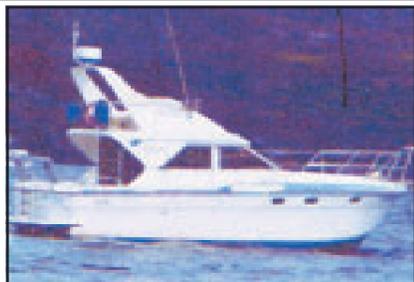


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Now in its 26th year the 2006 photo competition will follow the usual highly successful format. It is open to both residents of and visitors to Arran, and entries should be in one of two classes: People (and/or animals) and Places. The only proviso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

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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.

The closing date is Tuesday 5 September and the decision of the judges is final.

Send your entries to: editorial@arranbanner.net, or, if technology is not your thing you can still send us prints of your favourite photos by filling in the address form. Please send a SAE if you would like your pictures returned.

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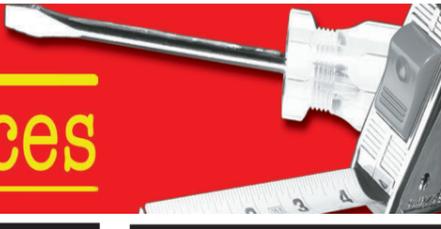
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St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday, 9 July: Holy Communion, 11.00 am. Revds Tony and Pam Burdon, York Diocese.

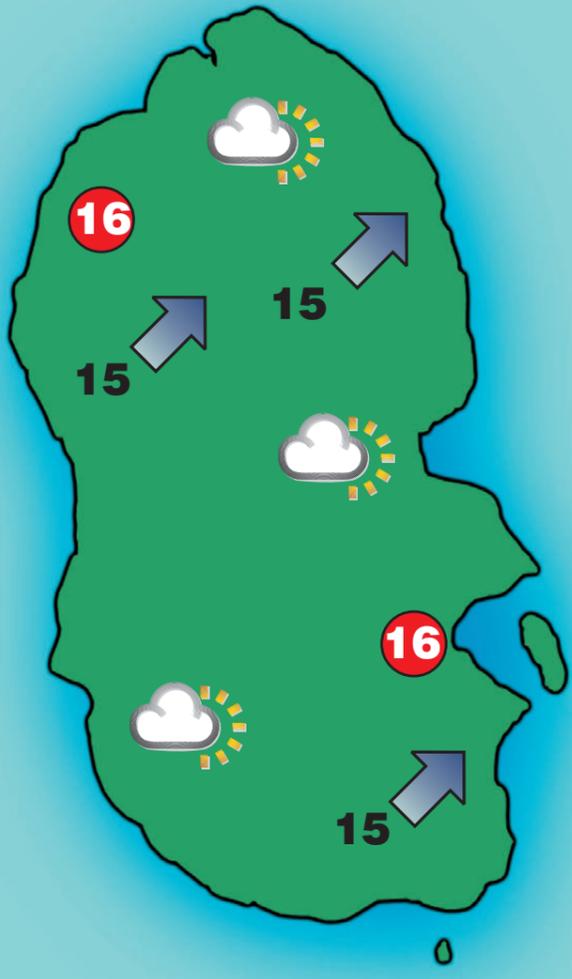
Coffee after service.
Wednesday, 12th July: 12.00 noon,
Holy Communion.
All Welcome.

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 9 July at 11 am in the Free Church building, Brodict (beside the Post Office).
Rev Colin Mutch.
'The Young Church in Action' Signs, Wonders and Consequences.
Acts 5: 12 - 42.
Everyone warmly invited.

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 9 July
Trust Housing Lounge
Glencloy Road, Brodict
11am.
Evening Service 7pm
5 Glen Road, Brodict
Rev D.N. MacLeod
All welcome.



Saturday, July 8

Sunny intervals throughout the day.
Fresh breeze. Maximum temp 16°C.

Sunday, July 9

Sunny day with a strong breeze
Temperatures around 17°C.

Monday and Tuesday

Monday will be a sunny day with rain
Temperatures near normal at 16°C

Ferry Crossings / Sea States

Ardrossan / Brodict - Moderate

Claonaig / Lochranza - Moderate

Summer serenade

For the 11th year running George Macilwham, Jean Bowden, David Murray and John Forgie will be presenting their unique "Summer Serenade" in Corrie Church - a superb evening of music, song and laughter.

There will be two performances on Tuesday July 18 and Wednesday July 19 each beginning at 8pm. Tickets are available from Corrie Stores and the Book and Card shop in Brodict.

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PERSONALS

BIRTH



ROBINSON

Andy and Angela are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Alfie Daniel, on June 16, 2006, at Arran Memorial Hospital. A little brother for Bailey. Special thanks to midwives and attending staff.



CAMPBELL

Willie and Alison are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Lewis Gavin Campbell, on June 28, 2006. A little brother for Jenna and Callan. Thanks to Fiona Hamilton and the staff at Ayrshire Central.

PERSONAL

WATKINS Congratulations

Margaret and David on your Ruby Wedding Anniversary on **July 8, 2006**

With all our love to a special Mum and Dad, Gran and Papa - from - Graeme, Laura, Brian, Ellen and Niamh

THANK YOU

The Allsop family would like to thank Sannox and Chevin Cricket Clubs and all those involved in making the Bryan Allsop Memorial Cricket Match on Saturday 24 June such an enjoyable day. It was a fitting tribute to the memory of our beloved Bryan.

THANKS

The Committee of the Kilmory Community Fund would like to give a huge thanks to everyone for their tremendous support and the generous donations made during our efforts to raise funds for the new Community Bus. With the success of the grant application to The Rural Community Transport Initiative and Awards for All along with our own funding now in place, we hope to have the new bus possibly by October. The new bus will be an upgrade to a Jumbo Ford Transit (wheelchair accessible minibus) and fingers crossed it will be yellow.

The £100 sweepstake will run for a further two weeks at Sliderry Supplies, so if you haven't spent a pound to win a hundred, this is your last chance.

DEATH

WATERSTON

Previously at Kirkcare, Lamlash, then Craigelea, Whiting Bay, Mrs Sheila Waterston peacefully passed away at Crosshouse Hospital on Friday, June 30, 2006. Sheila's family wish to thank Doctors, Nursing Staff, Home Help Carers and all at Craigelea Care Home and Mary and friends at Kirkcare for the kind care and attention given.

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Brodict Golf Club

Ladies

Tuesday 27 June: Stronach Cup (Foursomes Competition Stroke Play) 24 Played

Winners M Roxburgh & E McKellar 64 1/2 points

Runners up P McDonald & S Anderson 66 points.

Gents

Club championship final played Saturday 1 July. Finalists - Steve Bunyan (defending champion) and Ewan McKinnon.

The match got off to a sizzling start with Steve chipping in from just off the green for a birdie 3 at the first. Ewan responded immediately with a fine birdie 3 at the 2nd, one of several holes where severe pin placements rewarded accurate approach play. The match stayed all square until the 5th, where a solid par from Ewan put him one up, but an excellent par 3 at the difficult 8th brought Steve back to level. The 9th was halved in pars, the match all square at the turn.

The inward half was tricky, with a strong gusting breeze, and fast running greens. Steve won the 10th and 11th to go 2 up, but Ewan showed his character with a fine run of par golf in difficult conditions from the 12th to the 17th, and found himself one up on the 18th tee. Yet another fine tee shot saw him well placed just a few yards off the green, and when Steve failed to get down in 2 from an awkward position on the other side of the green, victory was Ewan's.

Congratulations to Ewan on win-



ning his first Brodict championship. Still just 17, he adds to his championship win at Corrie this year, and there must surely be more to come. Congratulations also to Steve, for contributing so much to an exciting match, and with 11 Brodict Championship wins to his name already, surely still young enough to be a serious contender for a few more years.

Both finalists afterwards paid tribute to head green keeper Keith Aitken and his team, for the superb condition and presentation of the course.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 2 July. 23 played in the Morton Quaich. First with a super score (and a new handicap!) was Jim Hailey with 77-20=57, second was John Dick with 73-14=59, third Keith Kelsall with 83-22=61, and fourth John Pennycott with 71-

9=62.

Scratch was won by John Pennycott with 71 and although there were no magic 2s, John Dick went one better with a hole in one at the 17th! Congratulations to John for his first ever hole in one and also to Jim Hailey for winning his second competition of the year.

Fixtures

Saturday 8 - Cancer Relief Competition open to Ladies, Gents and Juniors. £5 entry for adults and £3 for juniors. Money raised to local cancer charity. All welcome.

Sunday 9 - Whiting Bay Improvements Competition.

Wednesday 12 - Summer Trophy.

Sunday 16 - Raymond Curtis Salver - open to Ladies, Gents and Juniors.

Ladies

The Alice Toomey Trophy was played on Sunday 25 June. 1 Margaret Stewart 97-34=63, 2 Mary Dick 102-35 = 67.

The July Medal was played on

Sunday 2 July and risking life and limb Jean Davidson won with a 92-27=65.

The Cancer Relief is on Saturday 8 July.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies

Wednesday 28 June: Thistle Brooch Competition. CSS : 66.

1. B. Livingstone 69-6=63, 2. G. Wallbank 102-36=66, 3. J. Barclay 83-15=68. Best Scratch, B. Livingstone 69.

Places still available for Lamlash Ladies Open on Wednesday 19 July.

Gents

Thursday 29 June, summer cup, 36 played, CSS64

Sweep: 1 Hugh Thomson 89-24=65 better last 3, 2 Robbie McGunnigle 71-6=65, better inward half, 3 Graeme Andrew 75-10=65 BIH over John McGovern. Best Scratch Jamie Murchie 69.

Magic twos, 1 at 4th John McGovern, 1 at 4th Jamie Murchie, 1 at 16th Robbie McGunnigle.

Sunday 2 July, Tom Graham Open, 18 holes. Thirty-three played, CSS63.

Sweep: 1 Graeme Andrew 66-10=56, 2 Ian Murchie 63-6=57, 3 Jamie Murchie 61-3=58, 4 Robert Calder 65-6=59. Best scratch Jamie Murchie 61.

Magic twos, R Calder 1 at 15th and 1 at 16th, 1 at 4th R McGunnigle, 1 at 8th Ian Murchie, 1 at 4th and 17th G Andrew. Well done to Graeme on winning Tom G Graham Open and to Jamie Murchie on his 61 scratch.

Fixtures

Saturday 8 July at 12.30pm a draw will be made for start

Sunday 9 July, Jameson Cup at 9.30am and 1pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Wednesday night medal 28 June.

1 E McKinnon 59-3=56, 2 J Milesi 82-24=58, 3 A Cummings 77-17=60.

Saturday Stableford, 1 July.

1 R Welford 38points bih, 2 A Napier 38 points.

Fixtures

Saturday 8 July, Commemoration shield/Lorimer Rosebowl. Open to all AGA members, draw at 9am and 1pm.

Wednesday 12 July, night medal from 5pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Ladies

Twelve hole medal winners, Thursday 29 June.

1 J Rankin 65-18=47, 2 J Turnbull 62-13=49, 3 E Kelso 62-10=52, scratch P Adamson 59.

K Maxwell Sunday 2 July,

1 J Rankin 61-21=40, 2 W MacCallum 50-8=42, 3 M Pollock 53-7=46, scratch W MacCallum 50

Gents

18 hole medal Wednesday 28 June. 1st class, 1 B Sherwood 77-9=68 bih, 2 J Stewart 72-4=68, 3 T Gowan 74-5=69. Scratch J Stewart 72

2nd class 1 J Martlew 84-16=68, 2 R Green 84-22=72, 3 J Adam 95-19=76

Victory shield 2 July. 1st class: 1 A Napier 42-4=38 bih, 2 G Andrew

43-5=38, 3 A Hay 42-3=39, Scratch J Hay 40. 2nd class: 1 G Sutherland 49-9=40bih, 2 G Martlew 49-9=40bih, 3 L Cawley 48-8=40bih.

Fixtures

Shiskine Valley Sports Texas Scramble Sunday 9 July phone 860226 for times.

Gents: Tuesday 1 July, visitors v locals.

Wednesday 12 July 18 hole medal.

Saturday 15 July 12 hole medal

Ladies: Thursday 13 July vice captains prize

Thursday 20 July 12 hole medal.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Club championship finals day, Monday 19 June.

First match presidents cup between Donald Logan and Duncan Markham.

Donald went into a five hole lead but Duncan fought back to just 2 down before going down at the 16. 3 & 2.

Second match - the first ever ladies championship for the Liz Robertson, Rosebowl between Elizabeth Ross v Mary Wilkinson. Elizabeth playing very steady golf was a comfortable winner.

Third match, the mens championship between Brian Sherwood and Alan Napier.

This was a close game with Brian going 3 up after. But Alan fought back to just 1 down at 15 but 3 pars by both players to finish, giving Brian a win by one hole.

Golf News



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The first three finishers hit the front right at the start. Billy Richardson (363), Alastair Morrison (353) and Kerry Wilson (384). b27run1



Gordon Allsop concentrates on the road ahead, while Tommy Gilmore presents his better side to the camera. b27run2

Irvine runners set the pace at Arran Half Marathon

Runners from Irvine dominated this season's Arran Half-Marathon with Billy Richardson taking the men's title and Jan Roxburgh the ladies' title.

Eight-two runners assembled at the harbour side in Blackwaterfoot last Sunday for the annual race, which takes in Shiskine, Torbeg, Machrie, Machrie Moor and the String Road.

Miraculously, the scorching weather of Saturday gave way to grey clouds and a cooling breeze by noon on race day. Even better, the sun came out again after the race and the runners and spectators could enjoy a refreshing drink on the terraces of the Kinloch Hotel.

Irvine's Billy Richardson dominated the latter stages of the race, finishing in 71minutes 54seconds, ahead of Dumbarton's Alastair Morrison on 72:08 and Girvan's Kerry Wilson 72:42. Lee Richardson in fourth and Douglas Connery in eighth joined Billy to secure the team prize for Irvine.

Jan Roxburgh made it a treble for Irvine by winning the ladies' race in the excellent time of 83:18, eleven minutes ahead of the next lady, Marie McChord of Kirkintilloch Olympians 94:08. Lorna MacInnes of Giffnock North was third lady in 95:37.

Even with the cloud cover, runners need to take on plenty of fluid during the race and we are very grateful to the families and



Billy Richardson finishes first. b27run3

friends who manned the water stations at Ashlar Farm, Gate Cottage, Bridge Farm and Shiskine. Kinloch Hotel provided the changing and showering facilities, as well as tea, coffee and some stronger drink as well after the race.

Arran's Gordon Allsop was running his first race in the Veteran age category, finishing in 82:10 and taking the first local and third veteran trophies.

Brodick man, David Black was one of the most ecstatic finishers, beating his target time by nearly four minutes with 88:11. Kirsty Barton from Kilpatrick 1:44:54 was the best supported runners. Her team, complete with 'Go Kirsty' placards, popped up all over the course to cheer her and all the other runners. Kirsty's grin at the finish showed how much she

had appreciated their efforts.

Other local runners were Mike Mellor 97:30, Tommy Gilmore 1:51:04 and Derek Shand 2:26:21, plus the Whiting Bay trio of Jan Emsley 1:53:40, Vicky McAllister 1:55:56 and half marathon debutante Gail Marshall 2:08:00.

This is the final Arran Runners event of the year but there are still plenty races on the island over the summer, including the Shiskine Square race, July 8, Kildonan Fun Run July 11, Sport Relief Mile July 17, Urie Loch Hill Race July 18, Brodick Highland Games August 8 and the Corrie Capers events.

Brodick Bowling Club

Winning Rinks:
Monday 26 June - I Hendry, Skip, R Peacock.
Wednesday 28 June - B Hendry, Skip, L Hendry.
Saturday 1 July J McConnachie, Skip, J Lauder.

Football results

Thursday 29 June
Shiskine 1 Brodick 2
Shiskine scorers James Turnbull Craig Ingham
Brodick scorer Gordon Robertson.
Shiskine player of the match James Turnbull
Brodick player match Iain Keen (Keeno).
Saturday 1 July 2006
Southend 4 Northend 1
Southend scorers
Elliot Smith Fraser Barr Neil McKechnie Nicky Elmslie
Northend scorers Mark Whetton Southend player of the match Murray Picken Northend player of the match Scott Murdoch

Fixtures

Saturday 15 July Brodick Vs Lamlash 6pm Shiskine Vs Southend 6pm No match on Saturday 8 July due to Shiskine Valley Sports Day.

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The pain is almost over for Gordon Allsop. b27run4



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