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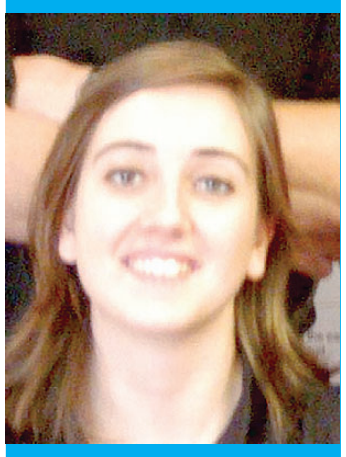

Fish farm consultant

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Save our post office

Last ever panto?

An annual island institution could be flattened this year.

The popular Lamlash Pantomime is under threat because its home for the last two decades is set to be demolished.

After this year's performance, 25 years association with Lamlash Community Centre will be over and the play will be homeless.

The centre is due to be demolished when work on the new high school is completed by summer of next year.

Reports indicate that the new school has been designed with a section to incorporate a community facility for the purposes of plays and other leisure activites.

Not big enough

But producer Maureen Smith has seen the proposed plans at a recent meeting and has said they are not going to be big enough for Lamlash Drama Club which runs the play.

Speaking about the possibilities of this being the last ever pantomime, producer Maureen Smith said: 'We certainly don't want this to be the case but the new facilities don't look big look enough.'

Lamlash Drama Club has used the community centre as their base since it was formed in 1979 and enjoy having their own corner in the building for their own equipment.

Maureen has produced the Lamlash pantomime for the last 21 years and over that time she has seen children who went along now bringing their children.

She continued: 'The members of our company are Island wide.

'It's very seldom on an Island that young children would get the chance to visit a panto, as it would involve an overnight stay for them. We have always been able to put a show on for the youngsters and adults.

'We really don't know what will be happening to us this time next year, we would be hoping to use the new facility in the high school but it could be cost prohibitive and too small.

'Availability could be an issue to us as you can't just rehearse one night a week for a month or two to put on a pantomime; it takes months of preparation.'

From a logistics point of view the club is concerned about getting equipment moved to rehearsals.

The new facilities make no provision for storing equipment', said Maureen, 'We have a huge wardrobe, props and flats all stored in Lamlash. A portable cabin or a large garage would be needed to store all of our stock.'

Determined

With all of this in mind the group is even more determined to make this years pantomime a huge success.

Maureen continued: 'We want to make the final panto in Lamlash Community Centre one of the best and we need actors and actresses, young and old, to make this a success.

'Anyone interested in being involved on or off stage is more than welcome to come along as the show has still to be cast so you could get a part if you are unlucky enough!'

Anyone interested in taking part is invited to call Maureen Smith on 600488 if more information is required.

Rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7.30pm and everyone will be very welcome.

Ian Struthers taking a stroll on the shore at Clauchlands with Jemima, a four-year-old female Harris Hawk. He has a collection of birds of prey in his garden in Lamlash and will soon be giving evening classes on his hobby at the Learning Centre. b38ian1

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Hearstart update

Heartstart organiser Carole Boon would like to remind anyone who has participated in a Heartstart class over the last two to three years that it is now time for a refresher.

As some aspects of the teaching have changed she feels that the general public should be kept up to date. Any person who has taken part in a class and would like an update should contact Carole on 700658. She said: 'It only lasts two hours at no cost to you; what is two hours compared to someone's life?'

Post offices under threat

Katy Clark MP met with Janice Small, postmistress, in Brodick last Saturday to discuss the plight of Arran's rural post offices.

All post offices in rural locations throughout Scotland are threatened with the proposal that Post Office card accounts could stop in 2010.

The MP for North Ayrshire and Arran said: 'I am very concerned about the future of local post offices, particularly on Arran where they provide such a vital service for the community.

'It is no longer possible to buy your television licence or TV licence savings stamps in the post office.

'Stamps can now be bought in shops and vehicle licence tax discs are available over the internet. All of this is taking business away from post offices and making it more difficult for branches such as those across Arran. I am campaigning in Parliament for more support to be given to local post offices and in particular for the card account to continue.

'I would urge people on Arran to sign the petition which is still available in all branches.'

Brodick postmistress Janice Small said: 'We have collected nearly 1,000 signatures so far in Brodick alone and I would like to thank everyone for their support and also reassure customers that even if the card account is withdrawn they can still access their pension or benefit at the post office through one of our partner banks.'

Postmistress Janice Small with MP Katy Clark outside Brodick Post Office with the petition. b38pos1

Milk tanker involved in String accident

A car was involved in a collision with the milk tanker on the String road on Wednesday morning 20 September.

The car driver, a local woman, was released from the vehicle by emergency services and taken to Lamlash hospital with minor injuries. The tanker driver was shaken but not otherwise injured.

There were no charges and police indicated that wet road conditions were the cause of the accident. The String road was closed for about two hours.

Hiker rescued by team effort

Arran Mountain Rescue Team has praised the assistance received from a police helicopter during the search for a lost hiker last Friday.

The foreign hiker raised the alarm at 5.15pm after he suffered a blackout in the dense forestry north of Loch Garbad and was unable to continue walking.

After coming round the man found himself lost and suffering from exhaustion.

In spite of his limited English he was able to call out the Arran Mountain Rescue Team, AMRT, using his mobile phone and a police helicopter was scrambled to assist in the search.

A spokesperson for AMRT said: 'Without the police helicopter assistance it could have been a long night for the team.

'The hiker was also able to give some clues to his position and the police helicopter was called out to try and locate him, as daylight hours were limited.'

Sixteen AMRT members who had responded to the call out had a difficult time making their way through dense forestry and blown timber. He was quickly located by the helicopter which was able to pass on the co-ordinates to the team who were able to lead out the lost hiker before nightfall. They took him to Lamlash hospital for a check up.

Dog plucked from ledge

A sheepdog had a lucky escape after local coastguards plucked it from a 150 ft high ledge.

Eleven-year-old Cairn had gone missing from his home over the weekend sending the owners into a panic.

However on Sunday afternoon owner Willie Robertson saw the dog stuck on a ledge near the Kings Caves and called out the local coastguard team.

Bill Currie, Deputy Coastguard leader had to perform a cliff descent. He said: 'My plan was to get to the dog, put him in one of our equipment bags and get him pulled to safety.

'But he was too big so I ended up having to descend to the shore with him in a make-shift stretcher.

Bill said the dog was over the moon to see him and kept licking his face. 'I fed him Penguin biscuits to keep him happy,' Bill said.

A midge-eaten Bill reunited Cairn with a very pleased family.

He concluded: 'It was a text book case and a good rescue for us; the training just clicked into place.'

Coastguard Bill Currie with rescued sheepdog Cairn.

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Boat train won't wait

Public transport users could be in for major headaches following the announcement that the train will 'essentially' no longer wait for late ferries.

To compound this devastating news the X15 Stagecoach bus service, which is timed to meet the Arran ferry and carry passengers to Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station, ceases at the end of September.

However train operator First ScotRail say they have no choice in the matter because holding a train impacts on the whole schedule.

At the recent Shipping Services Advisory Committee meeting on Bute, local councillor Margie Currie heard of this new policy that will affect ferry-train services up and down the Clyde.

Also at the meeting was Chris Carberry of Strathclyde Passenger Transport Glasgow.

Cllr Currie said: 'There should be a sensible and reasonable time for the train to wait. Calmac and First Scotrail need to liaise with each other when delays are possible.'

A spokesperson for First ScotRail said: 'We work closely with our industry partners to provide an integrated transport system - which includes ferry connection times.

'If a ferry is considerably late arriving however, we are not able to wait for it due to the impact this would have on the timetable further along the route as well as to a considerable number of passengers.'

Five minutes

The spokesperson explained that even five minutes is deemed to be considerably late and 'essentially' the train will be unable to wait at all for a late ferry.

Daily public transport user Bernie Mitchell-Luker of Lamlash believes FirstScotrail to be right in their decision. 'It's fair comment,' he said, 'You can't expect to personally phone Calmac or Stagecoach saying that you're running late and will they please wait for you.'

'If people feel strongly enough about the train not waiting then they should consult the transport authorities requesting a train service which operates specifically to connect with the ferry.

'Trains have to get to other places in a specific time; it could be serving the Ardrossan run in the morning and in the afternoon become an Ayr train so any delays cause big problems.'

The X15 bus service has been running for the summer months and many locals have been singing its praises. But as stated in the timetable the service will finish at the end of September.

A spokeswoman for Stagecoach said: 'The service was due to come to an end at the end of September. We are currently reviewing it for next year.'

However Cllr Currie heard at the meeting that Strathclyde Passenger Transport is bitterly disappointed in the usage of the service. She said: 'I would doubt it will ever come back but it was a good service and if this is to be the case then it will be a great pity.'

Request

North Ayrshire Council put in a request to Stagecoach for them to run the bus over the three week Christmas and New Year period but the answer was a firm 'no'.

Local community councillor Campbell Laing said: 'At the start of the month Pirnmill senior citizens had occasion to use it when visiting Glasgow and found it be an extremely good service.'

Bernie concluded: 'Personally I feel missing a train is a small price to pay for living on such an wonderful and secluded island.

'Man gone berserk'

Saltcoats police were called to Ardrossan harbour on Monday afternoon 18 September to meet the Arran ferry *MV Caledonian Isles* after a disturbance was reported on the 4.40pm sailing from Brodick.

Four police vehicles and officers were on hand as the ferry docked at Ardrossan. Foot passengers were kept on the vessel as officers went aboard to attend to the incident.

Arrested

A police spokesman said: 'A 30-year-old man had gone berserk on the ferry and was charged with alleged breach of the peace and resisting arrest.'

He was taken to Ayr police station and detained in custody.

George Nicholson, Ben Hadfield and seated are Esther Hernandez and Steven Bracken of Marine Harvest. b38fis1

Fish farm proposal open day

Only 25 people attended the two Marine Harvest open days at Auchrannie to view plans for the new fish farm proposed by the company off Dunfion.

Ben Hadfield, environmental and technical manager said: 'We were pleased to have the opportunity to explain our proposals for the salmon farm. Views of concern and support were expressed over the two days.' Local community councillors will make a fact-finding visit to Lamlash Bay fish farm and the proposed new site at Dunfion this Saturday.

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Members of Arran Alcohol Forum with a cheque for £400 in front of Lamlash Co-op.

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Leaflet launch for alcohol forum

Alcohol is the most commonly used drug among young people on Arran.

That is the message of the Arran Alcohol Forum which is targeting 12 to 16 year-old local youngsters. 'We are not about moralising,' said Colin Turbett. 'We are trying to minimise harm among youngsters. Parents need to think about their responsibilities.'

The forum has just received sponsorship of £400 from the Co-op Community Dividend Fund towards the production of a series of leaflets aimed at making children and parents aware of the dangers of alcohol. The Arran Alcohol Forum is a multi-agency body whose purpose is to educate young people and their parents on alcohol use and its risks. The forum is supported by the police, health, social services, Arran High School, North Ayrshire Council Community Learning and Development Youth Services, the Arran Council of Voluntary Service and various individuals.

A recent survey of Scottish schoolchildren found that on average 13-year-old boys drink the equivalent of five pints of beer a week. The Arran Alcohol Forum was set up in June 2001 and the main issues to be addressed were the culture of acceptance of heavy drinking on the Island by young people, binge drinking and parents being unaware of where their children were and what they were doing.

These new leaflets even show how to look after drunken friends by putting them in the recovery position and should go some way towards educating youngsters on the risks of alcohol mis-use.

Housing debate is gaining steam

One of Arran's most pressing problems is that of affordable housing, particularly for young people.

Many leave the Island in desperation and this week we highlight three local youngsters who are considering emigration as a serious option.

In *The Banner* two weeks ago Henry Murdo raised the dilemma and last week John Inglis added his thoughts. Now both local councillor Margie Currie and Russell Duncan of Brodick contribute to the debate.

Russell has lived on Arran all his life and speaks from the heart: 'Two or possibly three of my children and their partners wish to work and live on Arran. They are all in reasonably paid employment, doing jobs which are essential within the community and all are seriously considering emigration. The problem is a massive one and the long term consequences for the Island are disastrous.

'According to a recent survey, Arran is the third most expensive area in Scotland for first-time buyers, ahead of such affluent places as Glasgow West End, Edinburgh New Town, St Andrews and Eaglesham.'

The survey indicates a typical property on Arran for a first-time buyer would be priced at £164,500 compared with £45,000 in Rothesay and just £34,000 in Campbeltown. Based on a multiple of three for borrowing, a single salary of £52,092 is needed on Arran to get on the housing ladder.

Russell continues: 'The first-time buyer salary required here will be earned by very few people living on Arran and no-one at all in the young buyer age group.

'I heartily endorse the points made by Henry Murdo and John Inglis in *The Banner*. A major housing policy re-think is required if our Island is to have a sustainable workforce in future. We might be looking at a modern day version of the Highland Clearances if house prices continue to rise and nothing is done to provide affordable housing for our local young workforce.'

North Ayrshire Councillor Margie Currie adds her feelings: 'Both Henry Murdo and John Inglis have expertly expressed some of the real concerns about housing for local young working people.

'I wholeheartedly echo their views. In the last three years I have promoted my view that we need a more flexible local plan which would allow sensitive development in and around existing small settlements. New mains water supplies will help this.

'I have welcomed the proposals in the Alteration to the Local Plan but it may not be enough to solve the underlying problem. The current Housing Needs Survey being conducted by NAC Housing Services will help to address the situation in the public sector and set the parameters for a possible new release of designated development land.

'This, I believe, is only part of the answer for a number of reasons, for example, unless Communities Scotland allocation policy can be amended, 'local' is not first priority and many local young people would prefer to own their own homes, to self build or to live at a venue of their choosing.

'I do not believe that best policy is to continue to enlarge the bigger villages. That brings some of the risks associated with urbanisation.

'Dare I give instances of where that may work well such as in Kilmory or Pirnmill, which are smallish settlements with a good proportion of local people who understand and respect Island life and ways. That is one way of dealing with housing need in the public sector but it is not the only way.

'The other way is as John Inglis says, to have a flexible planning policy which does allow sensitive and appropriate, but not stereotyped, building in the countryside.

'Take Kings Cross or the Shiskine Valley for instance. They are beautiful parts of the Island characterised by houses dotted around the wider countryside but this is currently anathaema to planners.

'I also agree with both correspondents that there should be a category of conditional development to accommodate local people in local employment.

It will take more forceful representation to change things. My one voice isn't going to do that alone. The time for change if change can be managed is at the next update of the Isle of Arran Local Plan. Its not too early to start now.

'Perhaps with Henry, John and like minded others we could co-ordinate a group to put proposals forward for both public response and to put to NAC. I am happy to be involved in this.'

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Hands on hawking with local expert

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Ian is something of an expert on the subject and currently keeps six birds of prey including a four year-old European eagle owl, six year-old Alaskan red tailed hawk and buzzard at his home in Murray Crescent.

A Chilean family on holiday enjoy meeting one of Ian's hawks. b38bir2

On a guided session there is a chance to find out more about these stunning creatures at close quarters and even have a chance of feeding them.

It is a very social activity and when *The Arran Banner* joined Ian on one of the sessions the interested generated by the birds was remarkable. Everyone wanted to know more about the birds and look at them up close.

Ian said: 'The birds are very tying; I get nae holidays, or none to speak of. You can't put them into kennels as you would a dog or cat, but I really enjoy them.'

Ian retired as manager of the Lamlash Co-op this year. He said: 'It is terrible when your job gets in the way of your life. Now I have retired I can concentrate all my efforts into my raptors.'

His passion for birds of prey stretches back to his childhood and he is very focussed on the well being of his birds. 'I try to get them all out of their mews once a day and into the wild.'

They have a diet of one-day-old cockerel chicks but also enjoy quails, and particularly hare and venison that have a high calorific value.

Ian said: 'The one that makes the most mess during feeding is the cockerel but I get asked if I have anymore of them as people seem to enjoy feeding them to the birds.'

He explained that the birds are kept hungry before he takes them out as otherwise they would just fly off.

Ian has worked in association with the Field Centre in Lochranza showing the birds to groups of students and family groups who stay in the centre when it is off-season

'It is very rewarding working with young folk' Ian said.

His next plan is to run evening classes at the Learning Centre in Lamlash focussing on basic handling skills of birds of prey. He ran a similar course last year but feels that there should have been more field activities. Weather permitting he intends to have alternate weeks with the birds indoors and out.

Ian concluded: 'As the years go on you develop a spiel and I find myself using this for my students.'

Arran Banner reporter David Lloyd with a harris hawk at Clauchlands Point. b38bir1

The harris hawk Jemima poses for the camera. b38bir4

Poison talk raises money

£750 has been raised for the British Red Cross Transport and Escort Agency.

The money was raised after Dr Rosemary Radley-Smith gave an excellent and interesting illustrated talk on 'Home Grown Poisons' at Lochranza Village Hall.

A spokesperson for the group said: 'Our greatful thanks go to Lizzie Adams for organising the event, the Torrylinn Creamery and the Island Cheese Company for their generous contributions, Brodick Nursery Gardens and everyone else who kindly donated such good raffle prizes.'

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Arran youths with the Langside Youth Connexion group about to set off on their Goat Fell climb last Saturday. b38lam1

Youths raise funds for school

Over 50 youths and leaders were raising funds on Arran last weekend to help with the construction of a new infant school in the city of Moshi, Tanzania.

Dubbed Arran Youth Connect weekend it was organised in conjunction with Arran Churches Together and Langside Youth Connexion.

Eighteen Langside youngsters joined with 25 from Arran for a variety of events including a film show, disco, a walk up Goat Fell and a special service of worship.

The Reverend Angus Adamson of Brodick who was involved in the weekend event said: 'It was a brilliant weekend and we have raised a phenomenal amount; the total is not clear yet but it is certainly in the hundreds. of pounds.

The events were sponsored and one Arran lad, Neil Tait, raised £104 himself for climbing Goat Fell.

Angus continued:

'There was a special service on Sunday in Brodick Church which the youth connexion partly led.

'It was great and everyone seemed to enjoy it.'

High school news

Work Experience

Another year has past and yet again work experience has been and gone.

This year's work experience has involved many island and a few mainland businesses and industries. The two weeks of work experience, organised by Miss Wright, saw the 4th year pupils being split into two, making the school seem very quiet.

There seemed to be few problems as the pupils spent a week at a business either of their own choice or one which had been assigned to them by Miss Wright depending on a form they had filled in previous to the weeks.

This form stated what you felt you wanted to do later in life and also what you are interested in both inside and outside school.

Miss Wright said in a short interview, 'I would like to thank all the employers who provided placements for our pupils, and everything seems to have gone fine so far.'

One pupil who seemed ecstatic about his work experience was Thomas McMaster who spent a week at the Island Cheese Company in Brodick and came back to school with the offer of a Saturday job and a pile of cheese under his belt said, 'The job of dipping cheese and stamping them was definitely an experience although it was a little repetitive.'

Another excited pupil was Euan Smith, 'It was amazing! Loved it all, especially the lunch breaks that lasted for an hour and a half. I also really enjoyed going out with the roads department.'

Overall the weeks were very successful and very enjoyable. Everyone had a great time and all learned a thing or two about their work place and the type of job they do. We all hope that next year will be just as worthwhile and enjoyable. *Scott McMurray and Patrick McMaster, S4.*

Pupils Perfect Poetry

On Friday 8 September Burnside gallery held witness to a poetry extravaganza.

The workshop was hosted by renowned local poet Jason Watt, who was described by attendees Jess and Jamie as 'Ethereal and yet down to earth.'

It was a great success and nine Arran High seniors joined in on the last day of the three-day event.

To begin the workshop and to warm up the old grey cells, participants were invited to describe simple objects, such as leaves, stones and other curiosities.This alone was extremely inspiring and really got the budding poets working. Later on the poets of tomorrow were given lines which they extended into poems and stories.

After they had finished musing, they were given the opportunity to recite their poems within the group and receive feedback. They were then asked to compose pieces based on a person's physical aspects and link it to their subject's personality. Both participants enjoyed the afternoon thoroughly. 'We'll do it next year!' they said enthusiastically. *Jamie Cleland and Jessica Gillson, S5*

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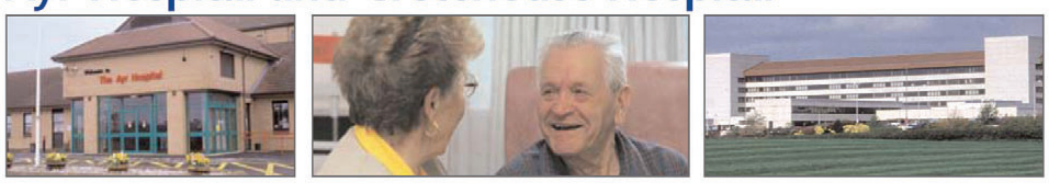

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Bird Notes for August
Swallows by Jim Cassels

Swallows are the very epitome of summer and in Europe swallows breed northwards as far as the Arctic Circle.

Flying, the swallow is most graceful. Its effortless twisting and turning in search of food is a delight to watch. They work hard to feed themselves and their young. Parent swallows feed a wide variety of insects to their nestlings — someone estimated that a brood of swallows will eat some 100,000 insects by the time they fledge.

This year a family of swallows decided to share their home with us. Swallows build their nests from mud pellets and dried grass, attaching them to a wall or wooden beam or in our case a downpipe. A lining of white feathers is added. Usually, four or five eggs are laid and pairs may have two or even three broods a year. Recently I had a walk round a farm. On this farm there were around 25 nests.

No wonder the place seemed to be full of swallows. After breeding, swallows begin to gather on telephone wires and other vantage points. Then one day there are none they are on their way to South Africa. Until the late 19th century, swallows were thought to hibernate under water; now we know that British swallows spend the winter in South Africa.

The trip between the northern breeding areas and southern Africa usually takes a couple of months but one bird flew 12,000km from Johannesburg to Russia in just 34 days! Swallows are able to obtain food while migrating. They travel during the day. Over the sea they skim the waves. The Sahara Desert is a long haul of several hundred miles which can last for two days or more with little opportunity for rest, water or food. Think of their journey at the end of another breeding year in Arran and please, let me know when you last see a swallow in 2006.

Enjoy your birding.

Remember to send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net.

I look forward to hearing from you.

A hungry young swallow awaits his parent.

A pair of swallows about to be fed.

Brodick Primary School Pupil Council in the grounds of their school. b38bro1

Pupils' new play area

The playground at Brodick Primary School has been improved by children of the Pupil Council with the help of eight local companies. The purpose was to make the area a more meaningful place with the theme of 'more people, more active, more often.'

The pupil council consulted with fellow pupils and staff in considering how to develop games opportunities to suit all ages. Thanks to a successful bid from North Ayrshire School Ground Grants Scheme, assistance from Ann Hart, active schools co-ordinator, and generous donations from local businesses the first part of the project has been completed. Before going to Arran High School, senior pupils Miles Mallinson, Jack Barbour, Emma Hill and Daniel O'Donnelly were able to see the fruits of their labours. Now the younger pupils intend to continue with phase two. Soon there will be basketball stands, new goal posts and picnic tables for the quiet zone.

Kilmory children teach the inspectors

Following their outstanding inspection report, Kilmory Primary Head Teacher Mrs Margaret Parker and pupils were invited to present two workshops at Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) annual conference in Dunfermline.

They were only one of 10 schools in the whole of Scotland to be invited to share the good practice witnessed during their inspection to be used as a comparison by HMI in future inspections. The theme of the workshops was about how children become independent learners.

Each workshop lasted 40 minutes and concluded with the P7 pupils very ably and confidently answering questions from HMI.

In a letter from Chris McIlroy, chief inspector and Peter Carpenter, lead inspector (primary) the workshops were described in HMI evaluations as 'brilliant'.

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Very important meetings. I'd thought they were a thing of the past for me. But today I found myself at the Auchrannie at a tourist board thing. Took me back to old times. Only this time I was not here to report, but to learn. Yet I couldn't help but observe.

This was about Arran and Iona. For those who don't know, Arran is an online booking system for accommodation on Arran and elsewhere in Scotland. Iona does the same for self caterers. Both are run by VisitScotland.com, which is not to be confused with VisitScotland. If they did not want to be confused they might have chosen different names. But the Arran and Iona bit is part private, part French owned, part owned by VisitScotland.

Our speaker, or perhaps teacher, wore a suit but no tie. A year or two ago I might have thought he'd come out in a hurry but that is how people dress now. He was quite good, slick, but how I wish he had been able to pronounce Scottish, and every other word which offered the opportunity for a glottal stop. I think Jack McConnell says Scorrish, certainly Alex Salmond does. Is it an affectation, or do they just not know?

There were 23 people present, five of them from the tourist board. All were keen to know how the system worked, quite a number already had complaints. And so many computer assumptions. I suppose most of you are completely familiar with shopping online, he said. No, I thought, but did not dare to say so. Might I have the courage to ask a question if I wanted to later? Almost certainly not. Jargon words were fully understood. Apparently Google is now a verb and some slightly derogatory mention was made about those who were offline. Offline? Is that me? Does that mean people who go into a shop and talk to an assistant and pay money over the counter?

Some present already had experience of Arran and Iona and not all were impressed. It will soon be a new system, he smoothly reassured, but still the complaints came. It was hopelessly complicated, it was a pig of a system. Briefly, he was ever so slightly on the back foot but a rapport was established and those who were already halfway there appeared to find he was completing their jigsaw for them

He put the VisitScotland web site on the large screen. It was familar and it was a good way to show it, how to move around the screen, how to update availability. He was showing, and this might easily have been a sales pitch, how those who took online bookings fared very much better than those who did not. There was no charge, except for the half percent credit card charge. No complaint there, except that it means putting all ones details, including bank details, into the internet.

It was a helpful meeting, even though I'm still confused. Yet there is something about people being carried away by computer systems. Quite a few appear to spend hours in front of a computer screen, and most have complete trust that all their details are perfectly secure. And everybody loves to flick away and show how clever they can be. He was flick, flick, flicking wildly by the time I mentally switched off.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

And Jesus began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." (Matthew 5:8)

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Letters to the Editor

Housing matters

Sir,

I was stimulated by Henry Murdo's recent article in *The Banner* and am writing to express my agreement with many of the points he makes.

The main problem as I see it is that we are governed from Ayrshire. All our needs are decided from a purely mainland view. As a result there is a total lack of sensitivity. We are being swiftly urbanised with unsuitable house designs, street lighting where it is neither needed nor wanted, unnecessary pavements and ornate seats more suited to Largs.

Our roads, as everyone knows are substandard, as are our disgraceful public toilets. One of the solutions to all of this is to get our own Island council with power over planning. Yes, start a petition. It would be well-supported.

Secondly, we could be lobbying politicians to let us be part of Argyll and the Isles. Why not? Over there all the facilities are superior to ours. I agree with Mr Murdo wholeheartedly about housing shortages. Why not repopulate North Sannox, Glenree etc with houses such as he describes in Skye? The deer will still have plenty of space, so the stalkers need not worry. Second homes have been greatly overdone although they have provided work for the tradesmen. The scenario that he depicts if we do nothing to make it possible for our young people to stay on our Island is quite frightening.

Yours,
Isobel Kay
Braeriach,
Pirnmill

Henry spot on

Sir,

Henry Murdo's paper in *The Banner* concerning the probable social future of Arran is spot on. This problem afflicts rural Britain as a whole. It is not helped by the current urban-minded Government that sees the countryside as urban plaything or theme park.

As to Mr Murdo's ideas, a communal buyout as at Gigha or Eigg or on the mainland at Assynt might succeed if the follow-up proceeds in harmony, unfractured by old scores. If transfer to Argyll is chosen, Argyll has a reputation for stinginess in certain aspects of public services.

The Isles of Scilly off Penzance with a population less than Arran's has been a county itself for over a century. Why not contact them for advice and ideas?

Yours,
Jeremy Godwin
15 Drovers Lane
Penrith

Ale tasting tour

Sir,

It was a beautiful warm and sunny day on Monday 4 September when my husband and I boarded the Arran ferry. We come quite often, but this time we were on a mission.

We are both members of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) and were visiting various hotels to taste the beers on offer. Our day started at the brewery run by Richard and Elisabeth Roberts. As usual the beer was in wonderful condition and tasted magic.

Then off to Lochranza where we drank Deuchars IPA; again a good pint. Next was Catacol Bay where two real beers were on offer; Arran Sunset and Bass and we were not let down. Off we went to the Breadalbane at Kildonan. The Deuchars IPA was in superb form and their lunch excellent. Off again to Whiting Bay and the Bar Eden. Deuchars IPA was the beer of the day and also the cheapest pint on the Island.

We then visited the Ormidale in Brodick and this is where the story starts and ends. Whilst sitting outside enjoying yet more ale such as Deuchars, Arran Sunset and Arran Blonde, big strong burly men kept coming and going, each carrying gladioli.

It was all very furtive and obviously some sort of strange local practice. In the corner of the bar there was a large bucket full of gladioli. It appears that this ritual has been going on for some years and there is fierce competition.

Allegations of flowers being bought from the local supermarket or stolen from gardens and many other tall tales.

I was asked to be judge and after much thought selected the best gladioli of the bunch. I handed over the prize of a hand-carved wooden figure of a gardener with a spade to Drew Raeburn whom it turned out had also been a previous winner. It was then the party started going with whisky, wine and beer being consumed in copious quantities. I don't know if we were sad or glad that we had to leave and catch the ferry back home.

However, we would like to thank the pubs, hotels and the regulars at the Ormidale for making our visit memorable. We look forward to a return visit and maybe pick up with other CAMRA members.

Yours,
Pamela Smith
Ayrshire and Galloway CAMRA branch
Balgray Avenue,
Kilmarnock

Good Samaritan

Sir,

My wife Karen and I took two days break on the Isle of Arran, having driven from West Cork in Ireland to take one of our daughters back to Stirling for her second year at university. We had never been to Arran before but our daughter had visited in February and had said how the bus service was so good, even at that time of year. So we decided to leave the car and travel on-foot.

We visited the brewery and the distillery, then we enjoyed a walk to Catacol and caught the bus to the B&B we had booked. When we arrived at Blackwaterfoot, Karen suddenly realised with a panic that she no longer was wearing her bag in which we had everything!

This included our passports, Arran ferry tickets, ferry tickets back to Belfast, credit cards and money. We had just a few pounds on us, but no way of getting a meal, a bed for the night and no way of getting home.

Karen went to ask the bus driver if there was another bus that night. The driver and a gentleman talking to him were able to see at once that she was distraught and asked her what was the problem. Karen explained the story and how stranded we both felt.

The gentleman turned out to be the bus company's historian. He said he would take us back north in his car, but that he could only take one passenger as he only had a two-seater car so I went with him. Karen was comforted by an Arran lady, Anne Hemingway, who was back visiting her relatives for the week. I had a very interesting journey up to Lochranza with Bernard Mitchell-Luker, who had been born in Devon but had been living on Arran for 34 years and that he had been the lighthouse keeper at Holy Isle for some time.

We looked at the bench at Catacol but the bag was not there, so Bernard drove us on to Lochranza where I was able to find the bag just where Karen had misplaced it. Bernard would not take a penny for his trouble but I just feel that everyone should know how great this man is and how great Arran people are. What a wonderful community you have on Arran; may it prevail for ever.

Yours,
Meyrick Stephens
West Cork
Ireland

Ferry feedback

Sir,

I could not agree more with today's leader concerning the behaviour of some subaltern staff on the ferries regarding their recent 'scientific customer feedback' research.

Only one sentence comes into mind: 'I only believe in those statistics I've falsified myself.'

Yours,
Bruno Baumgärtner
Argentine House
Whiting Bay

Scouting story

Sir,

I am hoping that the people of Arran will be able to help me.

Scouting is celebrating its 100th year in 2007 and to this end I would like to be able to tell the history of scouting on Arran. If you or members of your family have been involved or have any information regarding this, no matter how small, or photos that perhaps we could borrow for an exhibition next year I would be very grateful.

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Yours,
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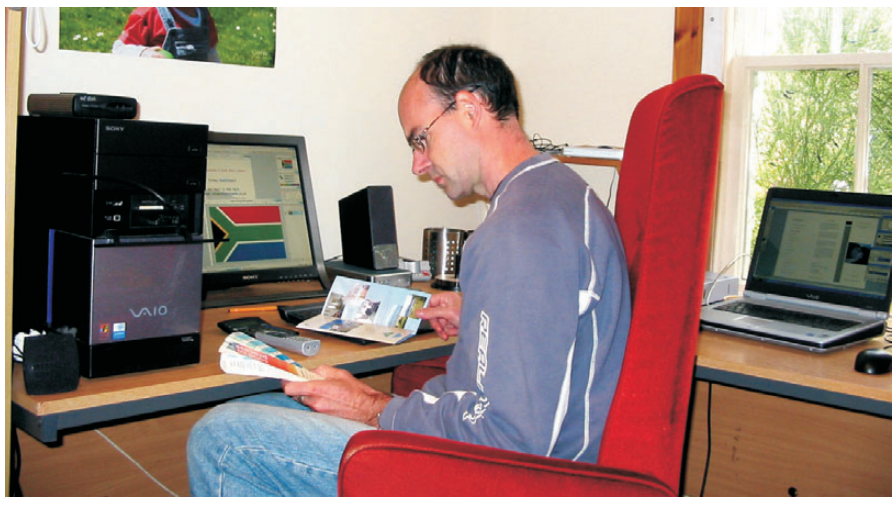
Arran Graphics hits 10 year mark

It has been ten years since Graham Chappell and Andrew Grazier signed the forms to establish Arran Graphics & Computers Ltd. Now in it's eleventh year, the word "computers" in the business name stands only as a reminder of the many PCs that were built by the company in the mid to late 90's. Since then, graphic design has taken over the business, which works strongly with printing companies throughout the UK.



left: Graham at his office, with the tools of his trade.
above: Some of the latest print items the company has designed and produced.

With no previous experience or qualifications in the design industry, producing the first artistic efforts on an ageing computer was not always as easy as it looked.
"It was a bit of a risk so I said nothing," laughs Graham, looking back on those earlier periods in the company's history. "People were coming into the office asking for print items I had no idea how to produce. I didn't want to turn them away so I nodded politely and then, after they left, I read a book on how to do it!"

Gaps in the market

Arran Graphics and Computers was set up to fill more than a few gaps in the local market. There was a very unreliable photocopy service and virtually no-one on the island who was specialising in the supply of personal computers, at a time when both services were in extremely high demand.
"It was manic," Graham says. "We'd just moved into the office at 'Chestnuts' and all of sudden I was doing 500 photocopies every morning and Andy was up to his ears in motherboards - whatever they were! I would go home and learn design work in the evenings and use that experience the following morning on the next customer's work."

After two years, Andrew was servicing computers away from the office so much that it made no sense to have a base in Brodick. He returned home to work, where he now provides web site and PC services.
"Andy's in the Arran Index, or just ask the nearest 3 people - chances are at least one will have engaged him at some time! But people still get us confused," says Graham. "In fact we do still collaborate on things as the need arises, but we are both working from private addresses now. I miss those early days though. We used to waste a lot of time watching golfers fluff their drives from the second tee at Brodick Golf Club!"

By 2000 some very significant printing orders were being placed, not least of which was the company's largest single contract to date, the Isle of Arran Heritage book.
"It was a fun job, in a crazy sort of way," Graham recalls. "We typeset so much material that I virtually learnt the history of Arran in the two years that this job took to complete. By the time it came to the very last proof-read we'd missed the deadline with the editor so I flew out to her house in southern France and we did the final edit on my laptop, sitting on a patio and drinking chardonnay in the sunshine!", he adds.

Design to Print

Like many design agencies, Arran Graphics has little by way of actual print equipment. A litho press, capable of carrying out the majority of work that the company does, would cost over a million pounds and wouldn't even fit on the ferry! Hence, the company uses substantial print suppliers in Nottingham, Cheshire, Glasgow and London most of the contracts it undertakes.
"Sourcing and continually monitoring print suppliers maintains quality and value wherever possible," Graham says. "However, I've dealt with one company in particular from the start. At one point I was one of their most prolific customers and I like to think we've influenced their price lists and products somewhat."

Proof of the diversity of Arran Graphics' print products is probably not far from under your nose. Somewhere in your home or office will be a sandwich label, an ice-cream tub, a product tag, or a leaflet which originated, in design form, from the company.
"I even walk through airports and spot my designs sometimes," Graham says. "I've sent artwork and printed goods to southern California, Kenya, Japan, The Cook Islands and several European countries, but 95% of what I do is found right here, on Arran.

Arran Graphics has been strongly supported by businesses on the island, whether small one-person operations, or larger companies with greater demands. As these companies have grown in recent years, so too has Arran Graphics, quietly working in the background to produce literature for the Arran Brewery, Isle of Arran Distillery, Taste of Arran, Arran Chocolate Factory, Arran Access Trust, Arran Dairies, Balmichael Visitor Centre and many others.
"Wooleys of Arran are almost daily customers," Graham says. "From producing 25,000 labels a year for their Oatcakes, we're now up to around 400,000 a year. At any one time, I have around 100,000 sitting in my office, ready for drilling."

Future Plans

Now operating from a private office, plans to expand the company have been restricted partly by suitable premises and also the lack of experienced staff. But there's more to it than that. "It's a strange industry. I can work for one hour and the end result is a hundred thousand leaflets," Graham says. "The company is hugely competitive because not only are my overheads ridiculously low but with my printing contacts being so committed to offering me a good deal, my customers are often paying much less than they could find anywhere else - even on the internet."

As repeat orders often mean less design work on a daily basis, Graham believes that he can manage to fit more time into new products for his customers on Arran.
"Most people don't know much about the print industry, what it offers or where it's heading. The truth is, it's undergoing a major change right now and the benefits to everyone are huge. My customers, whether knowingly or not, seem to rely on me to inform them of anything new that comes out. It's simply good business practice to try to keep things up to date and pass the information on," he says.

So, is this the secret behind the company's success?
"That, and the local support that I am so grateful for. I know my long-standing customers very well now and I try to give them, and my newer customers, the best deal possible. I make an effort to see my customers face-to-face. It's crucial to understand their business as much as possible and if that means, for example, I am asked to sample pints of beer at the Brewery in order for me to fully appreciate their products, then I'll just have to do it!"

An exhibition of digital art and other design products is being held by Arran Graphics at the Auchrannie Spa on 28 September.

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Campbell and Keir continue their winning streak

Angus Campbell and Alison Keir continued their winning streak to lift the *John Thomson Quaich* in the last trophy race of the Arran Yacht Club season last Sunday.

According to the Oxford English dictionary, a veteran is someone who has grown old or has long experience either in service or an occupation. Quite a few of the regular dinghy sailors could qualify in both categories considering the number of years they have been on and in the water.

Malcolm Kerr has many years of life and sailing under his centreboard but he showed a distinct lack of the latter at the start of the race for the John Thomson Quaich. He mistook the start time by one whole minute meaning his Albacore was in a very poor position when the horn sounded, a mistake from which he never recovered.

Angus Campbell, a veteran winner as well as sailor, had a flying start in his GP14 and was first round the windward mark in the Lamlash Bay moorings before tackling the long beat to Kings Cross. A few tactical tacks gave him pole position over the other GPs sailed by Gavin Fulton, Gus MacLeod and the comparative novice Greg Hamill. Davey Boyle's faster Albacore gradually drew ahead with Malcolm struggling to catch him. The wind which was strong and gusty at the start gradually fell away but the heavy swell at the south channel marker makes rounding it quite treacherous. Davey then Angus followed by Malcolm made it unscathed as did the following GPs led by Gavin, Gus and Greg, who had sailed an excellent beat in one of his first cup races as helm to keep up with Gus.

The wind was now behind them but flicked about giving the GP crews plenty of work keeping their spinnakers flying. They sailed deeper into the channel back towards Lamlash, a tactic which paid off, especially for Angus. By the time the dinghies rounded the corner of Holy isle he had gained a good lead over the Albacores which had taken a tighter course.

Another long reach took the fleet to the north channel marker, where the gusty wind and heavy sea made it another hazard to gybe around. Paul and Sue Archer, who up to then had been doing very well in their first club race decided not to risk it and turned their wayfarer round not far from the buoy.

The last mark successfully manoeuvred, a close reach took the boats back to Lamlash. Angus saw his enormous lead gradually eroded by first Davey, with Malcolm chasing and probably still regretting his bad start. The Albacores eventually sped past on the plane, Davey taking the finish horn first. Gavin made up a lot in the last leg but Angus had almost three minutes over him on corrected time and won yet another cup race and the John Thomson Quaich for the fourth time.

The cup races are over and the club championship is won by the true veteran Angus yet again, but there are still a few more club races to decide the runner-up, with Gavin and Gus being the main contenders.

Results

John Thomson Quaich 1 A Campbell and A Keir GP14 (One hour, nine minutes and 53 seconds), 2 G Fulton and D Schofield GP14 (One hour, 12 minutes and three seconds), 3 D Boyle and J Leckie Albacore (One hour, 12 minutes and eight seconds), 4 M Kerr and S Knox Albacore (One hour, 12 minutes and 26 seconds) 5 G MacLeod and E Borland GP14, 6 G Hamill and B Barr GP14.

Angus Campbell and Alison Keir rounding the South Channel buoy just off Holy Isle on their way to winning the *John Thomson Quaich.* b38ang1

Friends of Brodick Castle

The first meeting of the new season is on Wednesday 27 September at 7.30pm in the castle tea-room.

Andrew Farrington returns to tell the group of his experiences on the Isle of Sanda.

Lamlash Bowling Club

Closing Day
Saturday
7th October
@ 2pm

All welcome
Teas and Raffle

Thumbs up for new rural show venue

The new venue for this year's rural show has been described as 'completely successful'.

At a meeting of the Isle Of Arran SWRI Federation earlier in the month the ladies decreed that holding the event in Brodick Primary School had been a big hit.

For the first time in living memory the show was not held in the same location as the Arran Farmers' Show.

This led many to say that it would be a mistake for the group to divorce themselves from it, however it would appear this has not been the case.

The Farmers Show moved to Brodick Castle Drive Field in 2006; the first time in nearly 60 years it has had to move.

This came about because construction of the new high school in Lamlash got underway on the former site of the show earlier this year.

Meeting report

At the meeting the group's new president Eunice Williamson welcomed the delegates and thanked everyone for their help in making this year's show such a success. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, Margaret Stewart gave her show report.

The judges were impressed with the quality of all entries, with one cautionary note, which was to urge knitters to pay greater attention to finishing off their garments. The number of entries for the Christmas arrangement was disappointing, but members noted that decorations such as holly weren't available in August.

Judges queried the new star marking system that was introduced in favour of the traditional first, second and third placing. In noting the judges' comments, the meeting considered retaining the new system but adding a 'best over-all' in each class. Delegates were asked to take this proposal back to their Institutes for consideration and to advise Mairi Duff as soon as possible.

Next year every member will be given five raffle books to sell, the meeting also decided that the heading on the show schedule be changed to 'Rural Handcraft Show' instead of the present 'Rural Industries.'

Delegates unanimously congratulated Lamlash Institute for gaining most points in the show.

Both Lochranza and Shiskine expressed the wish to donate trophies for next year. Lochranza in memory of Mrs Brenda Waddel and Shiskine in memory of Mrs Helen McAllister, both of whom passed away this year. This item was remitted to Institutes for a decision.

Rally

The Rally will be held in the Kinloch Hotel on Thursday 2 November, the nominated speaker is yet to be confirmed. Menus were distributed and transport will be arranged as before. Members wishing to attend are asked to give their names at their first institute meeting. Each institute is asked to give a raffle prize.

School

Members were asked to nominate a subject for a two-day school and advise Elma Stevenson as soon as possible.

Kilmory fete

The annual Kilmory September weekend fete will be held at the village hall this Saturday 23 September.

All people who have sold raffle tickets should return the stubs and proceeds to the hall before the fete.

This is also renewal time for the 250 club. All members who have not yet renewed their numbers should contact Phyllis on 870263 or Ann at the hall on 870345 before the fete.

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150 Years of Brodick School, Pirnmill Through The Years, Clearances and Emigration, Arran Post Offices and Telephones
Archives and Genealogy Service (Wednesdays, only, or by appointment)
Delicious meals and snacks at Cafe Rosaburn (closed Tuesdays)
Rosaburn, Brodick Open daily 10.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m.

26th photo competition

We start this week by showing a selection of excellent entries that didn't quite make it to the final cut

The 2006 *Arran Banner* photographic competition came to a close last week with a final flurry of late entries. After the usual slow start there has been a steady stream of photographs coming in to *The Banner* office by email, disc and good old-fashioned prints with a total figure of over 350 entries. Once again, the standard is remarkably high making it a difficult task for the judges to come to a decision. However, a winner and runner-up has been selected in each section which will be announced in *The Banner* published on Saturday 7 October. Over the next two weeks we shall print a selection of the best entries which didn't quite make it onto the winners rostrum but are well-worth publishing. If possible we will also feature a 'best of the rest' on Saturday 14 October.

Above: *Colourful Holy Isle* Helen Bright, Harrogate. Top: *It's my turn now.* Susan Russell, Hamilton Left: *Pistol packin'; Sammi and the Mud Pie King*. I Walker, Lamlash

Tarzan cat Patsy Keen, Kildonan.

Tractor driver gets full marks Jenny Meade, Brodick Pharmacy.

Fun on the open-top bus over castle speed bumps June Wallace, Edinburgh.

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Thursday 28th
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Brodick Castle Rangers Centre
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Arran Riding Club
Sunday 24th
September 11am
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Training with
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Sunday 1st October 1pm
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BANNER

WHAT'S ON...

EVERYDAY

Brodick Castle Gardens & Country Park
11am - 4pm
Arran Heritage Museum, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Trout fishing, boat and bank fishing, Loch Garbad, Arran Anglers
Lamlash Tennis Club 10am - 8pm

SATURDAY 23rd September

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football coaching, 10.30am - noon
Arran Dancers Brodick Primary School 11am - 4.15pm.
Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club, Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm
Karate Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am & 12.30pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 6.30pm
Brodick Bowling Club rink game 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 2.30pm
Over 21's disco, 10pm, The Ormidale
The Junkyard Dawgs, Cameronia Hotel, 9.30pm
Cricket, Sannox CC v Kilmarnock CC v Scott Weir XI, 20/20 matches, last of the season, Sannox Oval 12pm
Coffee morning, Lamlash Church Hall 10.30am
RNLI Shop open 2 - 4pm
Kilmory fete 2pm

SUNDAY 24th September

Alcoholics Anonymous, St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
Open Folk session night, Ormidale, 9pm
Asthma Breathing Workshop, Ormidale, 3pm
Family Games Kids & Adults. Auchrannie Games Hall 2 - 3pm
Arran Riding Club, Combined training
McRasta, Kildonan Hotel, 2pm
Craft Market, Whiting Bay Hall, 11am
RNLI Shop open 2 - 4pm

MONDAY25th September

Senior Fitness, Auchrannie, 9.30am & 10.45am
Over 50s Badminton, Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Football coaching, Ormidale Park, 6 7.30pm (8-16yrs)
Badminton, Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm
Quiz, Cameronia 9.30pm
Weightwse, Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm
Open folk sesson, Kildonan Hotel, 9pm
Lamash Bowling Club, Rink Game 6.30pm
Brodick Bowling Club rink game 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game,6.30pm
Cardiac Rehab, Auchrannie, 12.45
Circuit Training. Auchrannie 6pm

TUESDAY 26th September

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
Art Group, Kilmory hall 2 - 4pm
Pop quiz, Ormidale Hotel 10pm
Loch & Cat Coffee morning, hall 10am - 12pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Rotary Club 7.15pm Auchrannie Spa
Senior Fitness 9.30am &10.45am, Auchrannie Gym
Scottish Country Dance Group, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Indoor Bowls meeting, Cruise Bar, 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 27th September

Advocacy service, drop in session, ACVS office, Lamlash 11am-1pm
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
Brownies and Rainbows, Brodick Church Hall, 5.30pm, all welcome
Hockey, Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game 6.30pm
Brodick Bowling Club rink game 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling, Rink Game, 6.30pm
Accoustic Jam Session, McAlpine Hotel
Circuit Training. Auchrannie 6pm
Whiting Bay SWRI, open meeting, Whiting Bay Lesser hall 7.30pm
Shiskine Beavers, 6pm - 7.15 Village hall
Friends of Brodick Castle, 7.30pm, Castle Tearoom
Arran ladies Darts AGM, Kinloch Hotel, 7.30pm

THURSDAY 28th September

Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am
Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm
General Knowledge Quiz, Ormidale, Brodick, 10pm
Rock school, youth centre. Lamlash 7 - 9pm
Brodick Bridge Club,McLaren Hotel 7.15pm
Coffee Morning St Molios church, Shiskine 10.30 - noon
Citizens Advice open 10am -2pm
Badminton, Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm
Lochranza Craft Club, Hall 2pm
Senior Fitness, Auchrannie Gym, 9.30am & 1.45pm
Only abs, Auchrannie Studio, 5.30pm
Outdoor run, Auchrannie, 6pm
Arran Junior Singers, practice, Whiting Bay school 6.45pm
Cardiac Rehab, Auchrannie, 12.45
Pilates, Auchrannie 6pm
Beavers 6.15pm to 7.15pm, Lamlash Comm. Centre
Cubs, 6.15pm to 7.15pm, Lamlash Comm. Centre
BellyDancing, Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Embroidery Club, Library, 7.30pm
Horticultural Society Garden Club,Plants in Thailand, Ranger Centre, 7.30pm
Arran Music & Drama AGM, Brodick Hall 7.30pm

FRIDAY 29th September

Arran Pipe Band practice, Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Quiz night, Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9.00pm
Citizens Advice open 10am - 2pm
Loch & Cat Coffee morning 10am - 12pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club Quiz nights 9pm
Aquafizz, Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am
Water Polo, Auchrannie Pool, 7.30pm
Over 21's disco, 10pm, Ormidale Hotel
Scottish music, Kildonan hotel, 9pm
Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning, Lochranza village hall 10am
Opening of Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, Community Garden, 6pm

SATURDAY 30th September

Save the Children, Beetle Drive, Kilmory Hall 7pm
Roots of Arran Fruit cultivation workshop, McAlpine Hotel, 11am

McRasta
Kildonan Hotel
Jazz &World Music
(on the lawn if fine)
Sun 24th Sept
2pm on

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LIVE MUSIC
Friday 22nd September
Johnny Hill
Saturday 23rd September
The Junkyard Dawgs
Both nights 9.30pm till late
Over 18's only. ID will be requested

SAVE THE CHILDREN
Beetle Drive
In Kilmory Hall
On Saturday 30th September at 7pm
Finger Buffet, B.Y.O.B., Raffle
Tickets – Adults £4 Children £2
From committee and Book and Card Shop

JOIN THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING
The annual event of The World's Biggest Coffee Morning will take place in Lochranza Village Hall at the usual time of the coffee get together on the 29th September. All the money raised from the coffee, cakes and raffle will help MacMillan provide vital support from those affected by cancer. Cancer may touch all of us at some time and a cup of coffee with friends is a great way to help a fantastic cause.
For more information phone Moira on 830339

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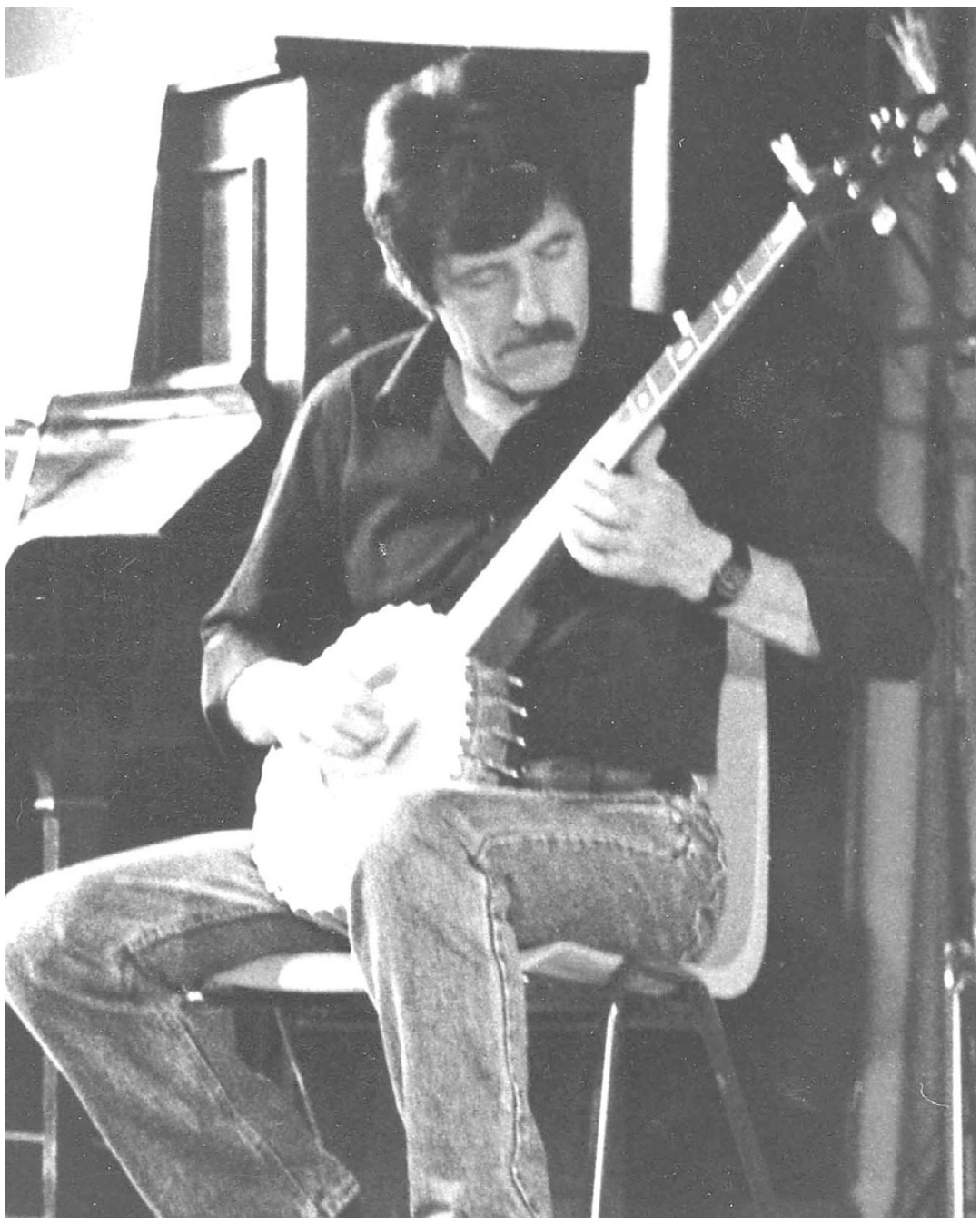


George McGovern 1942-2006

George McGovern was born in Paisley on 2 May 1942.

After serving his time with Weirs he had a brief spell at sea, returning to be a turner at Howdens. Through his love of music, George met Zoe. They married and had children Geoffrey and Stephen before moving to Arran in 1972 where his brother Johnny already lived, and turning a rundown cottage into a home.

Their family was completed after having their third son, Robbie. George and Johnny worked together until George began working for Harry Wilkinson and then getting a job with the Hydro Board. He remained there for over 20 years until he had to retire and take early retirement after a terrible accident. Music was a major part of George's life. He was renowned for his talent and modesty as a musician, taking no recognition for his introduction of classical banjo to the west of Scotland.

George was an unassuming, genuine, pleasant and patient man, always obliging locals and tourists to yet another rendition of Duelling Banjos. He made many friends through his music and was respected by all for the effort he put into everything he was involved in, from the origins of the Arran Folk Festival to his endless input into the refurbishment and running of Whiting Bay Hall.

A loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, George will be missed by not just his family but by all that were lucky enough to have met him. Everyone though will be left with memories of a quiet, funny, talented man.

The McGovern family.

George McGovern - an appreciation

George McGovern was my friend, a statement I am very proud to make as so many people felt honoured by his friendship.

He was that rare beast, a man who served the community in so many ways but who never sought the limelight, who did the really vital jobs but never wished for recognition or for high office, who was utterly self effacing but whatever job needed to be done for the benefit of others George would do it willingly and with the minimum of fuss. He was also immensely talented in more ways than any man has a right to be.

In the minutes of Whiting Bay Hall Committee meetings, the phrase 'George to attend' appears with marked frequency. In the following minutes 'job done' or 'successfully completed' takes its place.

He was a superb player of the banjo and taught his friend Billy Connolly to play to the highest standard. Without mentioning it to anyone he entered the Glasgow Music Festival and won first prize in his class.

Once I brought a professional folk band called The Folkal Chords to Arran. One of them was a flautist with the SNO another a cellist with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and George guested with us for several gigs to prompt the question from a normally fairly critical group – where did you find him he's fantastic?

His service to the arts in Arran was unsurpassed. In addition to doing lighting and sound for the Whiting Bay summer play for about 20 years, he did the same job for the annual Dramafest for 13 years. This festival brought nine or 10 different teams from furth of the Island each year and meant about 120 performances in total, each requiring individual lighting treatment and none of which he had seen before. Generally single handedly he did all the rigging and with a sympathetic ear provided each club with the lighting they required and always in a courteous and obliging manner. He was not just the electrician but a self taught lighting expert with sensitivity and sympathetic understanding of what was required to provide the correct effect and mood.

Musicians too felt the benefit of having George doing the lighting for them. He understood what was required and only this year, the Scottish jazz all stars who have played all over the world said they had never experienced better lighting. I well remember percussionist Evelyn Glennie, whose previous two concerts had been in Tokyo and the Albert Hall saying Whiting Bay Hall was the best lighting she had encountered.

Whiting Bay Hall was rebuilt mainly due to his inspiration and determination. It is safe to say that without his drive the Hall would not be the superlative venue it is today. Many people gave of their time and massive effort. George once remarked to me that people had been known to receive decorations from a grateful government for doing less work than Elizabeth Watson put in to that enterprise.

The hall committee tholed the frustrations of dealing with the funding bodies and then those who were appointed to supervise the spending. Many a time George remarked that, if he could have afforded it he would have paid the builders from his own pocket rather than have them put up with the interminable wait for sums due which these bodies imposed.

Finally, George's funeral at Lamlash on Friday 15 September was attended by over 200 people including Billy Connolly who had flown in specially, a more eloquent tribute to him than any that I could make.

We can say with absolute certainty, we will not see his likes again.

Bill McLaughlin

PHT Lamlash

Music this September Weekend

Friday 22nd - **Junk Yard Dawgs**
(Blues and Rock)
From 9pm – over 18's
Saturday 23rd - **Copy Kats Karaoke**
From 9pm – over 18's
Sunday 24th
Junk Yard Dawgs back by popular demand combined with Flanigans Allstars to make a music festival Sunday
From 2pm

Indoor winter bowls at Auchrannie

Meeting at Cruise Bar at 7.30pm on 26th September

All bowlers and non bowlers welcome to discuss arrangements for winter season

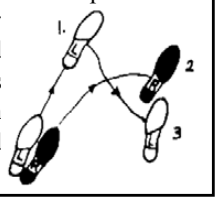
Roots of Arran

Workshop on fruit tree cultivation

Saturday 30th September
11am – 5pm
McAlpine Hotel
£15 non-members, £10 members, £5 concession

HAPPY DANCING FEET

The Margaret Hart Scottish Country Dance Group's first Meeting of the season is on Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm in the Brodick Church Hall. Meetings are every Tuesday night thereafter. All members and visitors are very welcome. Nothing beats Scottish Country Dancing for a combination of mental exercise, physical exercise and sociability. Do come and join us.



LOCHRANZA & CATACOL VILLAGE HALL

The Opening of the Village Hall Community Garden

will take place on
Friday 29th September at 6pm
In the form of a BBQ (price £1 a burger)
Please come along & bring your own bottle

CRAFT MARKET
Whiting Bay Hall
Sunday 24 September
11 am - 3 pm
Unique Local Crafts - Jewellery - Collectables
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Charity Stalls - Home Baking - Refreshments

What's on
at the Ormidale Hotel in Brodick

Friday 22 September – *Disco* – over 21's
Saturday 23 September – *The Saturday Disco* – over 21's
Sunday 24 September– *Open Folk Session* 9.30 pm
Tuesday 26 September – *Pop Music Quiz* – questions to suit all ages 60's –2000's
Thursday 27 September – General Knowledge Quiz
Friday 29 September – Disco – over 21's
Saturday 30 September – Saturday Disco – over 21's
All events except Folk Night start 10pm

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at Legal and Protective Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine* between the hours of 9.00am and 4.45pm on weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) excepting Saturdays and Public Holidays.

Written representations may be made to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective Services) at the address below within the specified time from the date of publication of this notice. Any representations received will be open to public view.

*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

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/06/00823/PP **Address:** Rosebank, Cordon, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8NQ **Proposed Development:** Erection of extension and conservatory to rear of detached dwelling house

Application No: N/06/00869/PP **Address:** Corriecravie Moor, Sliddery, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8PE **Proposed Development:** Erection of detached one and a half storey dwelling house

Application No: N/06/00896/PP **Address:** Gate Cottage, Machrie, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8DS **Proposed Development:** Erection of one and a half storey extension to side and rear to form annexe to existing dwelling house

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

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

Application No: N/06/00903/PP **Address** Site To The South Of Creag Nam Maol, Sannox, Brodick, Isle Of Arran **Proposed Development** Erection of 3 temporary 30 metre meteorological masts for a period of approximately 6 months Ayrshire Structure Plan Policy(s) :- Arran Local Office Local Plan Policy(s) :- ENV1 ENV6

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications for development affecting the setting of a Listed Building. Written comments to be made within 21 days.

Application No: N/06/00858/PP **Address** Fairholm, Catacol, Lochranza, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8HN **Proposed Development:**
Erection of extension to side of detached dwelling house

Ian Snodgrass
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE

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SHISKINE VALLEY TRUST

The Directors of the "Shiskine Valley Trust" invite interested members of the public to an informal discussion at the Shiskine Golf Clubhouse on Thursday 28th September at 8pm.

At this informal meeting it is the intention of the Directors to report current projects and receive any suggestions for future projects.

Notice for Customers of Arran Lamb Co

Re;- Abattoir Services

Due to the closure of the landfill site at Brodick and their inability to accept abattoir waste beyond the 31st October 2006, there may be a suspension of abattoir services.

Could any customers requiring abattoir and cutting services in the near future please contact Iain Anderson on

07962219481 / 01770850264 or email iain@arranlamb.com

For more information or to book animals in for the month of October.

ARRAN LADIES DARTS LEAGUE

AGM

To be held at Kinloch Hotel on Wednesday 27th September 2006 at 7.30pm

New Teams Welcome

Murray Tosh MSP
(Conservative, West of Scotland Region)
Will be holding a surgery in the
Ormidale Sports Pavilion
on
Monday 2nd October
between
11am and 12 noon.

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12.5 hours per week
Lamlash Primary School

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Part Time Cleaners*#

£5.6697 per hour (pro rata to hours worked annually)
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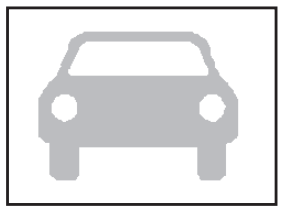

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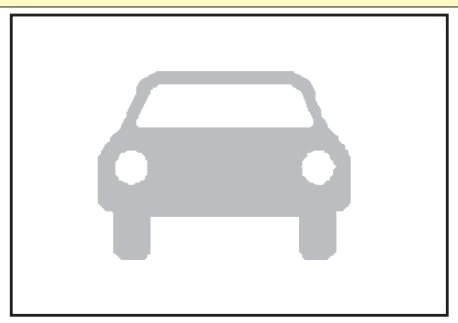

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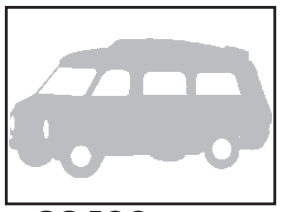

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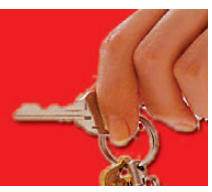

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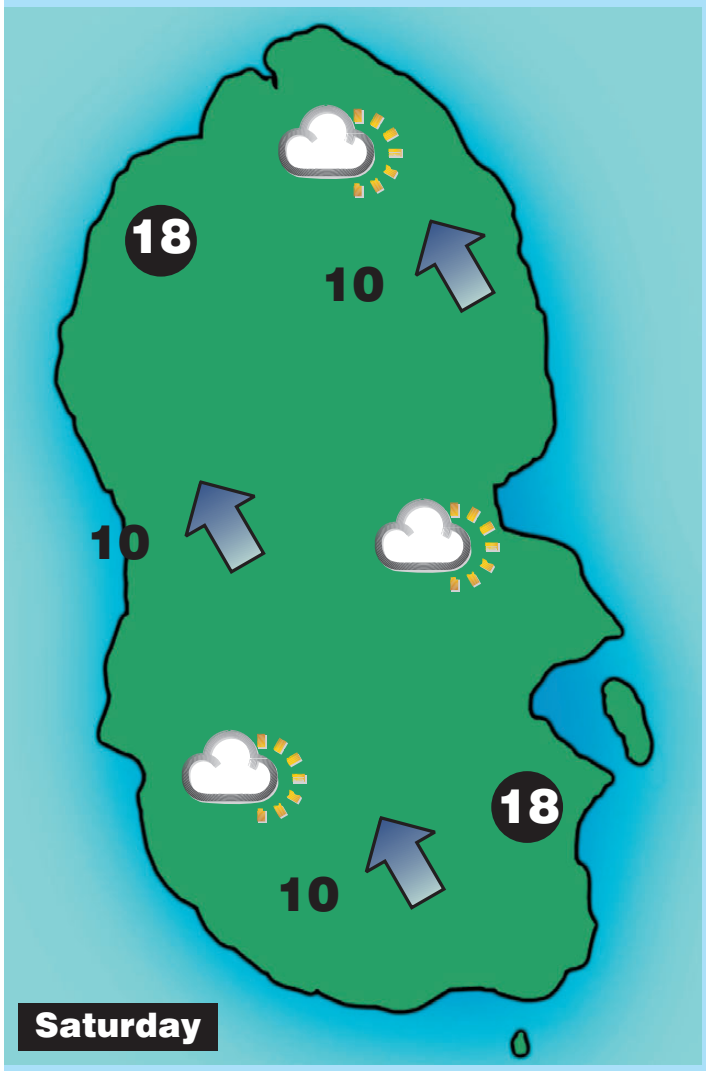
Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from
Saturday, 23 September 2006
are listed below with differences
for major ports listed beneath.
All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	0030	3.2	0604	0.5	1306	3.0	1821	0.6
Sun	0056	3.2	0628	0.5	1330	3.0	1846	0.6
Mon	0122	3.2	0653	0.5	1352	3.0	1914	0.6
Tues	0150	3.2	0721	0.5	1417	3.1	1946	0.6
Wed	0222	3.2	0753	0.6	1445	3.1	2021	0.6
Thur	0254	3.1	0829	0.7	1516	3.0	2102	0.8
Fri	0328	2.9	0913	0.9	1548	2.9	2151	0.9

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

Blackwaterfoot	+0.25	Machrie	+0.25
Corrie	+0.20	Lochranza	+0.15
Whiting Bay	-0.02	Brodick Bay	+0.25
Kildonan	-0.05		



Saturday, September 23
Sunny day with the possibility of light showers developing
Max Temperature 18ºC.
Sunday, September 24
Dry with good sunny spells.
Rain moving in later in the day
Temperatures around 18ºC.
Monday and Tuesday
Wet and breezy.
Temperatures around
13ºC
Ferry Crossings/Sea States
Ardrossan/ Brodick - Rough
Claonaig/ Lochranza - Rough

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NEWS

Arran Free Church of Scotland

Sunday 24 September,
Shiskine 11am.
Brodick 7pm.
Reverend David Karoon.
All welcome.

Lamlash Church

Sunday 24 September.
You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 11 am.
Mr. Alan Saunderson
Harvest Thanksgiving
There will be a Retiring Collection for the work of World Vision. Tea and Coffee served in the Hall after the service.
All welcome.

Church of Scotland

The parish of North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine.
Independent but working together.
Sunday 24 September
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times.
All welcome.
Brodick Church, 10.30am,
Corrie Church, noon,
Mrs Jean Hunter.
Lochranza Church, 9.30am,
Pirnmill Church, 10.45am,
Shiskine Church, noon,
Revd. Angus Adamson.
Shiskine service will be a service of Harvest Thanksgiving. Soup and sandwich lunch after the service. All welcome.

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church

Sunday 24 September.
Worship for Harvest Thanksgiving will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.
All welcome. After the service, there will be a harvest lunch and all proceeds will go to WaterAid - the UK's only major charity dedicated exclusively to the provision of safe domestic water, sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest and donations for this charity will be taken in place of harvest produce. Everyone most welcome. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service; please stay and enjoy more fellowship.

Arran Open Gate Church (Pentecostal, linked with New Life Church Prestwick)

We are a small group of people meeting in a warm, friendly environment, enjoying lively and meaningful worship in God's presence. New to Arran, or just curious you are most welcome.
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Kilmory Church

'A faith to proclaim.
A fellowship to share'.
Sunday 24 September, 10am.
Public worship and Sunday School.
All are invited.
Kilmory Church dates back to the mid 16th century. It is situated at the Southend of the island in a charming rural setting and is well worth finding. Look for the road side signs in Kilmory near the creamery. Holiday visitors of all faiths or none will be especially welcome.
Rev John Webster, locum.

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Vigil Mass 7.30pm.
Sunday morning masses 9.30 and 11am.

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

Sunday 24 September: Holy Communion, 11.00 am. Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee and congregational lunch after service.
Wednesday 27 September: noon, Holy Communion.
All Welcome.

Arran Baptist Church

Sunday 24 September 11 am in the Free Church building, Brodick (beside the Post Office)
'What Do You See?'
Tom Hutchison
and Alasdair Munro.
Everyone warmly invited.

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)

Sunday 24 September, 11am
Trust Housing Lounge
Glen Estate, Glencloy Road, Brodick
Evening Service 7pm.
Rev D. N. MacLeod
All Welcome.

Drop-in centre

Foreign workers, especially eastern Europeans, have become part of Arran society in recent years.

They work in the hotels, shops and construction sites but how many of us know even their names and just how much part of the community are they. Being away from home can bring problems of loneliness and isolation especially when language and culture are different and home is a long way away. Some employers do have occasional social evenings and there are English classes to help improve language skills. In order to offer something more, Arran Baptist Church is arranging a drop-in afternoon on Sunday 24 September from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Ormidale Pavilion for all foreign workers on the island.

PERSONALS

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Congratulations and good luck, Irene

from all the family

THANKS

Marvin and **Marion** would like to say a big thank you to everyone who made their wedding dance such a special night.

Many thanks for all the lovely gifts and cards received.

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Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 17 September and 13 played in the Bannatyne Cup in 'interesting' conditions - some balls disappeared into the mists never to be seen again!

A head count was required at the end to make sure there were no lost souls still searching in vain in the mist for balls, clubs, buggies etc.

The winner was Gus MacLeod with 74-12=62, 2 Nicol Auld 65-2=63 and 3 Gordon Provan 79-14=65.

The only magic 2 was scored by Gus at the 17th and Nicol's 65 won scratch.

Fixtures

Sunday 24 September - Medal. Sunday 1 October - Medal.

Ladies: The Ladies Prize was played on Sunday 10 September in lovely sunny conditions. Lesley had a great round and she wasn't even playing for money! First and Scratch Lesley Wood 81 -24 =57, 2 Jean Davidson 94-27=67. Many thanks to Celia Butler for the first prize.

Thanks also to Rob Stewart for the refreshments and lunch on our arrival back at the clubhouse and for presenting the prizes.

The Glenashdale was played on Sunday 17 September in very misty conditions. However not being able to see where the ball landed never mind the flag did not put off Susan Kidston who was first with 39 points, 2 Lesley Wood 29 points.

Fixtures

Mixed Fours start on Saturday 7 October and the October Medal is on 15 October.

Brodick Golf

Summer Cup Wednesday 13 September, css 64, 49 played. 1 Russell Duncan 9 59, 2 Steven Bunyan 3 62, 3 David Hendry 10 64 bih. Scratch Steven Bunyan 65.

There were 8 twos, Russell Duncan getting 2. This was the final round of this years summer cup.

Final Results: Summer Cup Net 1 Steven Bunyan 307, 2 Sam Mccalla 308 best 6th score, 3 Bruce Jenkins 308.

Summer Cup (Scratch Jug) 1 Steven Bunyan 321, 2 Greg McCrae 340, 3 Jamie Duncan 343

Jinty Trophy. 1 Jimmy Armit 11, 2 Steven Bunyan, Terry Raeside, Bruce Jenkins 10.

Eclectric Trophy, 1 Equal Greg McCrae & Jimmy Armit

Brandon Cup Sunday 17 September, css 63, 13 played. 1 Sam Mccalla 10 60, 2 Douglas Robertson 20 62, 3 Terry Raeside 7 65

Scratch Sam Mccalla 70. There were 4 twos. Congratulations to Sam winning the Brandon Cup, yet another example of the youngsters coming through.

Ladies

Tuesday 12 September. Second September Medal, 23 Played, SSS 67 CSS 67 1 Silver I Macdonald (16) 68B.I.H, 2 silver P Reid (16) 68. 1 Bronze M Cuthbert (26) 74. Scratch B Livingstone 76

Fixtures

Winter Cup will commence on Wednesday 27 September.

Shiskine Golf

18 hole monthly medal, Sunday 17 September: First class: 1 W Kelso 66-6=60, 2 A M Napier 71-5=66, 3 J Stewart 70-4=66. Best scratch W Kelso.

Second class: 1 S Garraway 79-15-64, 2 G Martlew 80-14=66, 3 D Brown 88-16=72.

Lamlash Golf

Thursday 14 September, summer cup, 12 played, css64.

Sweep: 1 Ian Bremner 67-6=61, 2 John McGovern 70-7=63. Best scratch Dougie McFarlane 65. Magic twos: 2 Ian Bremner, 1 at 14th Dougie McFarlane, 1 at 4th John McGovern.

Sunday 17 September, final round of scratch cup, 15 played, css64. Winner of scratch cup, Ian Murchie 138. Congratulations to Ian.

Runner-up Neil Young 140. Sweep: 1 Billy O Connor 87-22=65, 2 Ian Murchie 70-4=66 bih over. 3 Neil Young 71-5=66 bih over. Alan Hart 84-18=66. Magic twos: 1 at 5th David Ross. Well done to Billy in winning sweep. Best scratch Ian Murchie 70.

Fixtures

Friday 22 September, quiz night in clubhouse. Saturday 23 September, 'Ken Western Texas scramble' see starters for time etc.

Sunday 24 September, final day of medal shield at 9.30am and 1pm.

Ladies

Wednesday 13 September, Medal Competition. 1 B. Livingstone 71-6=65, 2 E. Ross 86-17=69, 3. E Jones 81-11=70. Best Scratch B Livingstone 71.

Corrie Golf

Results for Saturday 16 September, sweep: 1 D Hall 78-19=59, 2 A MacDonald 71-11=61bih, 3 E McKinnon 63-2=61. Fixtures: Stableford tee-off at 1pm.

Arran Golfers Association

Seniors handicap at Brodick Golf Club played on Saturday 16 September, qualifying age of 55.

Thirty four gents competed with the total age of 2,223 years giving an average of 65.38 the youngest 56 with the eldest on 84.

Thanks to Brodick for the courtesy and condition of the course, the weather was also kind very benign and quite warm for this time of the year. Some excellent scores were recorded with 13 of the field 63 or better.

Ten Magic twos: Harold Taylor 2, David Wilkinson 2, A Hart, J Armit, H McArthur, W Kelso, I Bremner and B Sherwood.

Scratch: 1 Ian Bremner, 2 Jimmy Armit 69. 1 Eric Thomson 77-18-59bih, 2 Kerr Robertson 71-12-59, 3 A Hart 78-18-60bih. Eldest competitor Colin Bannatyne.

Billy Armit is presented with the British Legion Cup by Brodick club captain Kerr Robertson. Thirty-six competed and Billy won the stableford competition 8 41 points.
Photo courtesy Len Hartley

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Arran Index 2007

YES, a new Arran Index is coming! The Arran Index, which has been published regularly every two years over the last two decades, is the Arran telephone directory. A tried and tested document, it sits beside almost every phone on Arran.
To make it as accurate and useful as possible, we need your help. Please read the details and, if appropriate, fill in the necessary forms and send/hand them in to the Banner office.

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- If you belong to an organisation (work or leisure), ask if somebody has made sure that any appropriate numbers have been checked and entered
- If you are aware of any entry in the present Arran Index which ought to be changed, either because it is incorrect or because the named person has moved away, or for any other reason, please let us know – thank you!

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The Classified Section will attempt to list all businesses, trades and shops on Arran under convenient sub-headings. Entries in this section will be **free of charge** and will be made with your co-operation and at our discretion. It will be compiled from the 2005 Index, updated by local knowledge and information you give us.

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Name .....

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Suggested category/categories in which it should be placed

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Categories .....

Advertising

As usual, there is the opportunity for businesses to advertise in the new Index. Sizes are available from eighth-page up to full page (A4). If you would like to repeat an existing advert from the last Index or place a new one you must contact the Banner office without delay as a previous position will not be reserved without confirmation.
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Sannox stumped

Sannox cricket club lost by just 17 runs to Glasgow University Staff (GUS) team last Sunday.

The Scots word smirr best describes the rain that was falling as Sannox took to the field in the penultimate game of the season last Sunday.

GUS batted first but were four players short because they had missed the ferry in Ardrossan. Lloyd fell to the devastating combination of Jonathan May's bowling and Colin Haggarty's wicket-keeping in only the third over but the University staff kept their nerve. Very disciplined batting kept their men in place but with the score only ticking over the Sannox men were right to feel confident in their command of the run-rate.

At the drinks break after 20 overs the visitors were only 33 for three. At some point GUS had to accelerate their run-rate and did so around the 24th over pushing their score to 50. The next 16 overs saw Glasgow stylishly and with increasing aggression playing their way to 157 and an average of 6.6 per over.

Arran bowlers had to work hard for their wickets as virtually every one of the GUS batsmen seemed to have some sort of inning in them. Dave Hackett of Whiting Bay, making his bowling debut for the team, took Cardinal's wicket first ball after he had made 37. His batting partner Byford also fell to Hackett for 45. A great debut for Hackett who finished up with Sannox's best figures of three overs and two for ten. GUS finished on 157 for seven after 40 overs.

After the lunch interval play continued in a brightening dampness. Sannox started confidently and were 15 without loss after four overs. But Pomeroy lifted a drive and was caught at mid off in the fifth over. Tony Brookes coming in at number three never settled and was soon back at the scorers table for two, out lbw to Copeland. Mark Williams never got off the mark and again Sannox looked to Chris Marriott at number five to make the stand that was going to count.

Uncharacteristically defensive, Chris was slow on the uptake but a partnership with Steven Beardsley at number six promised to give a bit more respectability to the Arran total though winning never seemed a serious option. After Beardsley fell lbw to Liddell for 12, May, Hackett and Dunn all came and went for three runs and it was only when Stephen Mason came to the crease that fireworks began to happen. The required run rate of 10 an over reduced as Marriott and Mason struck out. Chris battered his way to 57 before being bowled by Coffey within sight of the summit total. The partnership between he and number 10 Mason was worth 71 runs. Jim Gourlay came in at number 11 and threw himself to the task but with 18 runs needed off the last over it was a challenge too far and he was bowled striking out to Coffey. Sannox finished their innings on 140 all out.

As a footnote to the season, Sannox finished second in the Argyll League. Although finishing equal on four points each with winners Oban, it was decided that Oban should be overall winners on account of their win over Sannox on the Island earlier in the season.

Chris Marriott plays a forward defensive stroke on his way to a top score of 57. b38crk1

Friendly match ends in a home win

Johnny Kelso of Whiting Bay Golf Club makes the opening tee shot against Milngavie at the club's course on the village's Golf Course Road. Club secretary John Pennycott said: 'The crowd looked on in amazement and Johnny looked quite surprised too!' The match was a friendly fixture against the visiting club and it ended in victory for the home club. The score was eight and half points to three and half. John concluded: 'As always the match was played in excellent spirits and both sides entered into the fun on the occasion.' b38whb1

New season for bridge club

Lamlash Bridge Club will begin for the new season at Lamlash Golf Club on Monday 2 October, at 7.15 pm.

New members will be most welcome.

For more information please phone Jean Barclay on 600232.

Hurricane cancels football festival

Arran's junior football festival was cancelled on Wednesday as the island bore the backlash of Hurricane Gordon.

The festival, due to take place at the Ormidale Pavilion was called off because it was deemed too risky to bring mainland children to the island. One of the organisers Ann Hart said: 'We didn't want the children getting stuck on Arran so we had to cancel, however we are hoping to reschedule it for sometime in the near future.'

Birthday cricket match

Local police constable Scott Weir will be doning his whites and striding out to the crease for a special cricket match to celebrate his 40th birthday.

Limited overs

From midday onwards on Saturday 23 September a 20/20 limited overs competition between Kilmarnock Cricket Club, Sannox Cricket Club and a novice Scott Weir select team will take place at Sannox Oval.

All spectators are welcome and there will be a barbecue.

More local sport on page 19

Once in a lifetime golf competition

A once in a lifetime competition has been created to mark the centenary year of the Arran Golfers Association, AGA.

Members of the AGA will hotly contest for a centenary medal on Saturday 30 September.

Association secretary Jim Henderson said: 'This is a one off event to celebrate the Association's centenary and awards will be given for the best scratch, first, second, and third in each class.

'There will also be seven sponsored holes, the prize being donated by each of the seven island clubs.'

Anyone wishing to enter this unique competition should call Brodick Golf Club, where the match will be played, to select their chosen time.

To continue the celebrations a special centenary dance will be held on Saturday 11th November with very special guest speaker Robbie Glen. Jim explained that Robbie is one of the countries finest after-dinner speakers and highly sought after.

The event will take place in the Kinloch Hotel and those wishing to go should contact their home club.

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