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Explosion and fire to rip through Brodick Castle

REPORT

by HOWARD DRIVER
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An explosion will rip through the ground floor at Brodick Castle at 11am on Sunday 18 March.

The first floor will be compromised and fire and smoke will be seen from across the bay. People will be trapped in the building as the emergency services swing into action.

This multi agency exercise, called Exercise Bavaria, will

be the biggest seen on Arran for a long time.

All five island fire appliances will be rushed to the scene, along with three ambulances and two police vehicles, paramedics, on-call doctors and nurses and lifeboat and coast-guard volunteers.

The castle grounds will be closed for the day with coastguards manning the gates, but for the purposes of the exercise there will be an imaginary coach party of tourists in the castle.

Around eight volunteers will be treated as 'real time' casualties and transferred to hospital.

The exercise is being co-ordinated by Murdo Henderson and Michael Welsh of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.

Michael said: 'We are going to simulate a major incident in a rural setting. There will be dummies and live casualties with realistic simulated paintings and furniture to save from the fire.'

'The emergency personnel



Murdo Henderson and Michael Welsh from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, here to co-ordinate an explosion and fire at Brodick Castle. 02_b03fire01

£2.8million clean water project for Balmichael treatment works

Scottish Water is about to start a £2.8million project which they say will help ensure they continue to provide clearer, fresher drinking water to almost 4,000 Arran customers.

The upgrade of the Balmichael Water Treatment Works, (WTW), built just 11 years ago, will involve the installation of a new water treatment process on the existing site, using a filtration membrane with very fine screens.

Balmichael WTW serves more than 3,960 customers in about 2,500 properties in many parts of Arran as well as thousands of people who visit the island every year

Jim Hassan, Scottish Water's water operations manager, said: 'We are delighted to be starting this important project at Balmichael.'

'This investment on Arran will bring significant benefits to customers for many years to come.'

The project, which is expected to be completed in about a year, will be carried out by Ross-shire Engineering for Scottish Water Solutions, a joint venture partnership between Scottish Water and some of the world's leading construction, engineering and water companies.

Martin Evans, project construction manager, said: 'There will be a construction compound opposite the WTW while the work is carried out but there will be no disruption to local traffic and there will be no interruptions to the water supply as a result of the project.'

will only know the basic details in advance.'

Castle property manager Ken Thorburn said: 'It will be an opportunity to update the castle's fire risk assessment. Senior fire officers will be

monitoring how the incident is handled. Once we are allowed back in the building we can try to salvage paintings and books. It might mean getting a freezer van from Arran Haulage to save wet books.'

Michael added that they were looking for more volunteer fire fighters in Lochranza and Corriecravie and retained fire fighters in Lamlash. Anyone interested should phone headquarters on 01294 607000.

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Police files:

Speeding motorists

Local police have carried out speed checks at various locations around the island.

Four drivers were issued with conditional offers in the Corrie area.

A number of other drivers were warned about speeding. Police report that they will be carrying out a road safety campaign and speed checks in Arran villages over the next weeks.

Fixed penalties were issued for four vehicles in Market Road, Brodick that were not displaying valid excise licences on 13 January.

A 20-year-old man from the Machrie area was given a vehicle defect notice in Market Road on 14 January.

Disorderly manner

A 20-year-old Lamlash man was arrested in Brodick late on Saturday night and charged with behaving in a disorderly manner.

A 19-year-old Brodick man was given a fixed penalty in Shore Road, Brodick for drinking in public.

The 29-year-old Kildonan man featured in police files on page two of last week's Banner did not appear in Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on Monday 9 January as had been reported.

Lamlash housing project saved by council action

A social housing project delivering 56 affordable homes at Benlister has been saved following intervention by North Ayrshire Council.

The Council stepped in when Trust Housing Association withdrew from the project. The Association decided the project was no longer viable for their organisation following the announcement of Government funding.

Rapid intervention was needed or Arran would lose both substantial inward investment and the opportunity to deliver much-needed affordable housing.

The Council contacted the Scottish Government to make sure that their funding award of £2.4million would not be withdrawn until they had

identified another housing association as developer.

Irvine Housing Association, now a subsidiary of the English-based social landlord Riverside, agreed to deliver the project with one major change. Instead of building 16 new homes for social rent and a further 40 for sale through the shared equity scheme they reversed the balance.

Now there will be 40 new social rented units and 16 houses for sale

The start date is May 2012 with the completion target of November 2013.

Extra Money

The Council decided that its share of the funding will rise, from £478,968 to £798,280 with the extra money secured from the reduction to the discount for second homes council tax.

Councillor Tom Barr, spokesman for Environment and Housing, paid tribute to the swift action taken by Council officials to rescue the project.

He said: 'This new package was put together very quickly thanks to their leadership. We needed to work with the Scottish Government and Irvine Housing Association to get the money in place and develop a realistic and affordable housing project. Thanks



Eve Leadley, Neil Lemmon and Ken Hogge planting disease-resistant trees at Cladach. 02_b03tre01

Three tree planters at Brodick Country Park

Planting of the areas of Brodick Country Park cleared of diseased rhododendrons underway last week.

The three-person estate team have burned and cleared diseased plants and are now re-planting along the roadside at Cladach with 1,500 trees of 20 different species, all

resistant to the disease.

Ken Hogge, Neil Lemmon and Eve Leadley are on a two-year contract specifically to deal with the plant disease Phytophthora Kernoviae. A double electric fence has been installed to protect the new young trees from being eaten by deer.

to the Association's co-operation, it all came together very quickly.

'I am delighted that work will start very soon to supply

much-needed social housing for Arran.'

The new houses comprise: for rent : 10 one-bed flats, four two-bed flats, 19 two-

bed houses, seven three-bed houses; for sale: four one-bed flats, two two-bed flats, five two-bed houses and five three-bed houses.



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Church roof damage means change for service

Storm damage to the roof of Lamlash Church has meant a change of venue for the all-island Arran Churches Together service this Sunday that had been scheduled to be held in Lamlash.

Rev Angus Adamson said: 'Due to structural damage to Lamlash Church the service of Christian Unity will now take place in Brodick Church on Sunday 22 January at 12noon.'

Tesco backpack for Vanessa

On page six of this week's Banner we have a letter from Ann Reid of Claulchlands.

Ann is highlighting a plea for help for a little girl called Vanessa who needs a lot of funds for medical treatment in America.

Now Ann tells us that she has been able to arrange a fundraising backpack at Tesco in Irvine next Saturday 28 January. Anyone who can volunteer to help on the day should contact Ann on 600317. She says that there are 30 checkout tills, so they need all the helpers they can get.

Search for yachtsman

Arran lifeboat crew and Arran coastguards were called out on Wednesday afternoon to search for a man feared missing overboard from a yacht in the Kilbrannan Sound. The fishing vessel Scotia Star found the yacht and towed it to harbour. Clyde Coastguard watch manager Graeme Watters said: 'Our teams have been searching in difficult conditions, but we have not been able to find any sign of the missing man.'

The search was suspended until first light Thursday.

Douglas cookery master class for Susie

Susie Mowatt of Kildonan enjoyed a cookery master class at the Douglas Hotel on Monday afternoon.

Fifteen-year-old Susie won the first round of the Rotary Club's Young Chef at Arran High School in December and was getting some valuable practice and advice from hotel manager Pascal van den Broek and head chef Greg Russell.

On Wednesday evening she was due to compete against nine other young chefs in the District Final of the competi-

tion in South Lanarkshire College, East Kilbride.

Susie's menu was a £15 meal for two, starting with eggs Benedict with hollandaise sauce, then shepherd's pie followed by citrus apple pie with cream.

Principal home economics teacher Lucy Urquhart-Dixon said: 'Pascal and Greg have been fantastic; they gave up their whole afternoon to help Susie.'

'We are also grateful for the support from The Co-operative and Rotary.'



Susie Mowatt whisks up her hollandaise sauce in The Douglas kitchen, watched by manager Pascal van den Broek. 01_b03cook01

Arran Garden Club

2011 ended for the Arran Garden Club with a splendid illustrated talk by Christine Nicholson on the beautiful diverse plants that belong to the Orchid family.

Christine looks after the National Collection of Orchids which is kept in the tropical houses at Glasgow Botanical Gardens. She specialises in their propagation.

Her extensive knowledge of these fascinating plants combined with wonderful photographs enthralled the members. She kindly bought two in flower orchids with her for the raffle, which were greatly appreciated by their new owners.

The AGM business was duly completed and then festive refreshments were enjoyed. 2012 begins with the Head Gardener at Brodick Castle, Colin Totty, speaking about 'This Winter's Work within

Brodick Castle Gardens', on Thursday 26 January at 7.30pm, in the Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle.

Visitors and new members are most welcome.

Highland dancers at High School

Arran Highland Dancers are changing their venue for a trial period to Arran High School on Saturday 21 January and Saturday 4 February from 11am to 1pm.

Anyone wishing to join will be more than welcome.

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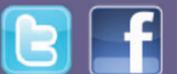
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Grand Tours of Scotland may come to Arran

The popular BBC television history series 'Grand Tours of Scotland' is planning to come to Arran this spring or summer.



Grand Tours of Scotland by Timeline Films. b03tour01

The Grand Tours programme is all about how Scotland was discovered by the Victorians and Edwardians as a tourist destination and explores the 'history of holidaying' in Scotland.

Kathryn Ross of production company Timeline Films said: 'As I am sure you will agree, Arran is so significant as a tourist destination that it deserves a programme in its own right and so a whole episode of the series will be about the island.'

Relevant

'I am very keen to speak to any local historians on the island, or indeed to anyone who thinks they might have something relevant for the programme - for example people with Victorian pictures of Arran or possibly early souvenirs from the island.'

Grand Tours of Scotland is hosted by Paul Murton who explores the most fascinating parts of the country that have charmed visitors, and identifies the changes in Scottish tourism over the years.

Anyone interested in submitting information for the programme should contact Kathryn Ross at kathrynross@timelinefilms.co.uk



Susie, left, looking for a new home and greeting Banner dog Archie in Lamlash on Saturday. 01_b03dog01

Susie is looking for a new home

Susie is looking for a new home.

The three-and-half year old Labrador/collie cross needs a new owner.

Her present owner has just taken on a full-time job and does not feel able to take care of her properly. The owner's

friend, Tony Black of Lamlash, is looking after her at the moment, but he is jetting off to Lanzarote on Sunday 5 February.

She has a lovely temperament and is house trained.

On Saturday, Banner dog Archie dropped in to meet

Susie at 7 Murray Place and found her to be very friendly and quiet.

Susie is free to a good home, and anyone who thinks they have the right environment and are kind-hearted should contact Tony as soon as possible on 600762.

Women's singing group seeking new members

'Vivace', a women's singing group that has been running for the past three years is seeking more members aged 18 and over with singing experience/ability to sing in tune! The group enjoys preparing a variety of two and three-part songs from choral and folk through to Christmas carols and pop and meet in Whiting Bay on Wednesday evenings, term-time only.

With performances throughout the year new songs are being tackled for the Music Festival in March.

Please contact Juliette Walsh for more information on 700508.

Corrie Film Club Another day in the dark...

Next Saturday (January 28) Corrie Film Society will again be hosting a mini film festival, A Day in the Dark.

This year all the films relate in some way to childhood - but the programme has been selected to provide something for everyone.

Just like last year you may drop in for an hour or two or, for those with the stamina, make a full day of it.

We begin at 10.30 am, with children in mind, with classic *Tom and Jerry* cartoons and then an animated mystery thriller *A Cat in Paris*.

After lunch (soup will be provided but bring along anything else you fancy) at approximately 1.30pm there will be a short documentary called *The Singing Streets* with archive footage from the 1950s of Scottish children's street games followed by *The Kidnappers*, a delightful British film drama

made in the 1950s about two young orphans living with a stern grandfather in pre-First World War Nova Scotia.

The afternoon continues, at 3.45pm approximately, with *The Kite Runner* a moving story about friendship in Afghanistan and is rounded off by *My Life As A Dog* (at around 5.45pm) a delightful Swedish comedy about a boy sent away to live with his relatives.

After a supper break (food will be provided but feel free to bring along something to share) the final film around 8.15pm will be the Taviani brothers' classic *Padre Padrone* based on a true story of a Sardinian shepherd boy who defies his tyrannical father to find a better life.

As last year this is a free event that is open to all, though donations towards the cost of staging the event will be gratefully received.

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Robert Irvine, cello and Allan Neave on guitar, playing in Brodick Hall last Saturday.

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Arran Music Society concert

Last Saturday afternoon an appreciative audience indulged in some afternoon delight when Robert Irvine (cello) and Allan Neave (guitar) gave a concert for Arran Music Society in Brodick Hall.

The concert opened with a piece written by Vivaldi that was a contemporary of the cello that Robert played – both being created within a year of each other!

Syncopated

Pieces by Zenamon, Diens, Gnatalli and de Falla brought the warmth of South America and Spain to Brodick Hall with their syncopated rhythms and exotic harmonies.

The familiar melodies of Faure's *The Swan* and three movements from Bach's *Cello Suite No 1* acted like stepping stones between more

modern pieces, leading listeners' ears to new territories.

Robert and Allan clearly explained the unusual playing and tuning techniques required by the contemporary works and the reasoning behind them. The ethereal tonalities achieved sometimes evoked a third, invisible, musician playing.

The eclectic programme ranged from Vivaldi to the present and from arrangements to works written for their unusual combination of instruments, and for the pair themselves. Their relaxed presentation was the perfect foil for the easy accomplishment with which the music was played.

The next Music Society concert is on Saturday 18 February at 1.30pm in Brodick Hall. SP

ROUND THE RURALS

Shiskine SWRI

On Wednesday 11 January our President Jerry Arthur welcomed us all to the meeting and wished us all a Happy New Year.

Jerry thanked everyone very much who had helped with the Children's Christmas Party as like always it was a great success. She then introduced our speaker who really did not need an introduction as it was one of our very own members, Janette Rothead, who gave a talk about the 100 years of the Rural in Canada

which was accompanied with a slideshow of some of the many photographs she had taken when visiting.

The competition for three oatcakes was won by Elizabeth Kelso.

The exhibition of a Burns Memento was won by Janet Gilmour with Kate Macintosh second. The two raffle prizes were won by Evelyn Hamilton and Murdina Currie.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 1 February.

Kilmory SWRI

On Monday 9 January the la-

dies of Kilmory Rural had a fun-filled evening as we celebrated the Rural's birthday. We enjoyed a lovely supper and had many laughs with Mairi's quiz.

The competition for a £2 decorated parcel was won by Irene Fleming and Wilma Currie.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13 February where Shiskine, Kildonan and Whiting Bay SWRIs are warmly invited to join with us for a Burns Evening in Kilmory Hall.

Co-operative answer to retail woes

A unique cooperative of island shops has been created on Arran in an attempt to reverse the national trend for doom and gloom on the high street.

With the guidance of Business Gateway adviser Derek Shand, they have come together to form a co-operative under the banner 'shoparran.com'.

Lorna Mansfield, owner of the Old Byre Showroom at Machrie, is one of the project co-ordinators and she explained the idea behind the venture.

'After the successful coming together of so many Arran businesses at Santa's Sparkle in November, we felt we should join forces on a more regular basis,' said Lorna.

'We can share ideas on marketing, online shopping and we should be able to reduce costs on some overheads too.

'But most importantly we can showcase what fantastic shops we have on Arran and the fun, relaxing shopping environment we all create.'

So far the shops involved are Red Door, The Curtain House, Arran Active, Buntys, Cladach Pottery, Arran Asia, The Farmer's Wife, Adele's Cupcakes, The Boathouse and the Old Byre Showroom.

The group's first event will be a Clearance Sale in Bro-

ick Hall on Saturday 28 January from 11am to 4pm.

Lorna added: 'All of us have a January sale to clear stock ready for the new season, and this event will be a chance for Arran folk to pick up some really good bargains with many items reduced up to half price or less.'

Please contact Lorna Mansfield or Claire Berrie on 840227 or lorna@oldbyre.co.uk for more details.

Arran Antiquarians – AGM

Arran Antiquarians held their 2012 Annual General Meeting on Monday 16 January in Brodick Hall.

Tommy MacLeod was elected Chairman, Harry Davidson Vice-Chairman and Secretary and Margaret Bruce remained as Treasurer. Our retiring Chairman, Norval Murray, remains on the Committee, which was re-elected en bloc.

The Society finances are also healthy.

Please note all enquiries regarding membership to Margaret Bruce on 700787. The February meeting will be on Monday 20, when Ed O'Donnolly will screen his material from Scottish Film Archives.

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Established procedures on CalMac ferries

It is a fair bet that you will be listening carefully to the safety announcement next time that you are on board the Arran ferry.

The disaster that befell the huge cruise ship Costa Concordia last Friday was perhaps avoidable, but a friend who sailed on her two years ago speaks of a 'casual' attitude to informing passengers of safety procedures.

Our own ships, whether it be the Caledonian Isles or the Lord of the Isles, seem to be as safe as houses. An efficient and disciplined crew, coupled with established procedures and regular safety exercises are hallmarks of Caledonian MacBrayne.

Clear signage and straightforward announcements should give all passengers a comfortable feeling as well, but have you really taken the trouble to check where your muster station is? And how many short blasts of the ship's whistle would signal a problem, or how would you be issued with a lifejacket? After all, the waters of the Clyde are considerably deeper and colder than the shallows that Costa Concordia is currently lying in.

The safety announcement that we have all heard dozens, if not hundreds, of times was recorded in August 1993 by a young David Wilde who was chief purser on board when the Caledonian Isles came into service 18 years ago.

It is very clearly enunciated, but at one point in the recording, David paused in the wrong place so that his words 'lifejacket donning instructions' have an awkward inflection.

It's been that way for 18 years, and at least we should know where to collect our lifejackets!

Where is Noah when you need him? Up to last Tuesday we had suffered 51 consecutive days of rain here on Arran.

Tony Smith of Whiting Bay has been keeping records for 46 years, and this is the longest spell of rain in all that time. Yes, it has been a record breaker!

Over the whole of 2011 there were 226 days with rain. In December alone we had 15 inches of rain, equivalent to a whole year's rainfall in some parts of the east coast.

To add insult to injury, residents in the south east of England were asked not to take a bath over Christmas to save water after the first winter drought order in almost 10 years was imposed.

Newspaper headlines last weekend declared 'summer of hosepipe bans ahead unless the heavens open soon'. They are welcome to a few thousand gallons of ours.

More details of the excessive rainfall in next week's Banner.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Those who live on the level of the Spirit have the spiritual outlook, and that is life and peace.' (Romans 8:6)

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Letters to the Editor



A great Hogmanay Hoolie

Sir,
On behalf of Arran Events I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making our Hogmanay Hoolie such a great night. To Chris, Murray, Dom and James for top-notch stewarding; to Euan, Amy, Jo and co. for excellent bar facilities; to Douglas, Sam and John for rocking their socks off; and to poor Alison, stuck manning the door again! I would also like to thank our local police for their positive support of our efforts. The work of all these people played a part in making our night run so smoothly. However, there wouldn't be a night without the presence of an audience.

So to all those who turned out - friends old and new, visitors from near and far - and helped create a great atmosphere, the biggest thanks of all.

Here's to a great 2012!

Yours,
Andy McCallum
Whiting Bay

Plea for Vanessa

Sir,
Our daughter Jessica is thriving once more after completing her treatment for Leukaemia last summer and family life is once again blissfully ordinary for us. Unfortunately, this is not the story for Jessica's friend, 10-year-old Vanessa Riddle from Troon.

She was admitted to Yorkhill the same week as Jessica in 2009 with Neuroblastoma, a rare and aggressive cancer and immediately the two girls became friends, forever sharing a bond through their experience of childhood cancer. After much treatment, Vanessa was given the 'all clear' in 2010 but in the last two weeks, her parents Chris and Connie were told the devastating news that the cancer has returned.

They were also informed by doctors at Yorkhill that the UK government does not invest in relapse treatment for this cancer and their only

hope lies in America where the approach is very different.

Relapse treatment is provided there and Vanessa's chance of long term survival will dramatically increase if she is given Antibody Therapy.

Chris and Connie have to find approximately \$500,000 urgently to take Vanessa to America where the treatment will most likely be carried out at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Even after everything that we have been through as parents with Jessica, I cannot comprehend what it must be like to be told that my daughter's only chance of survival depends on raising half a million dollars. The emotional stress of having a critically ill child is hard enough to endure without then having to find the strength and clarity of mind to initiate fundraising efforts. Please can I appeal to all the Arran Banner readers to log onto www.justgiving.com/vanessa-appeal or text VANY99 £1-£10 to 70070. Every little amount will help. Thank you all so much

Yours,
Ann Reid
Clauchlands Farm
Lamlash

Help for Heroes

Sir,
I would like to say a big thank-you to all the kind people who came to see my Christmas illuminations in Montrose Terrace and donated to this year's charity, Help for Heroes.

A cheque for £115 has been sent to the charity that was set up to help those wounded in Britain's current military conflicts.

I hope to have another display of festive lights for Christmas 2012 which will be the 19th consecutive year.

Thanks again.

Yours,
Bernie Jackson
16 Montrose Terrace
Whiting Bay

Craigielea care

Sir,
My mother was resident in Craigielea Care Home for over four years before having

to move at the end of November.

In all her time there she experienced loving care and at no time did the family have any complaint at the service provided. The move was a traumatic time for us all, lessened greatly by the wonderful staff at Cooriedoon to whom we are very grateful.

Following your article in last week's Banner (14 January) I would like to point out that the Care Inspectorate lifted their six week ban on new residents being admitted to Craigielea, after their inspection in August 2011.

They recognised the significant improvements made by the home, unlike NAC which refused to lift its own embargo which it had imposed much earlier - in 2010.

In November I contacted another care home in North Ayrshire with exactly the same grades as Craigielea and found that it was still admitting new residents.

It then was re-inspected, the grades fell but new residents were still allowed.

On the one hand there was an improving home, on Arran, starved of new residents and the accompanying funds, forced into closure.

On the other hand there is a mainland home with poorer and falling grades which can still take admissions.

Why?

Yours,
Fran Hadden
Alma
Whiting Bay

SNP not separatist

Sir,
Your editorial on the Independence Referendum was timely and in most respects balanced and thoughtful. May I take issue however with the phrase 'his separatist SNP' (referring to Alex Salmond)?

In the first instance, the word 'separatist' does not accurately describe the SNP's position, and is derogatory. Of more than a hundred nations that have become independent over the last century, not a single one has sought to return to their previous administration.

They celebrate an 'inde-

pendence day' rather than a 'separation day'. We should use the word 'independence', like everyone else.

Secondly, the SNP doesn't belong to Alex Salmond. It belongs to its members, now over 20,000 in number, and easily the largest political party in the country.

Nearly a thousand new members have joined since the turn of the year, - arguably due to PM David Cameron's irritating entry to the debate.

The purpose of a referendum is surely to find out what people want. At present there might be a majority for a federal solution (Westminster retains defence and foreign affairs responsibilities only). How curious then that the Coalition parties and Labour are all determined that this option must not be a referendum option.

Finally, of course, 16 and 17-year-olds should have a vote!

Yours,
Malcolm Kerr
Cairndale
Brodick

Anxiety horrendous

Sir,
On Monday 16 January we were booked on the ferry to go for another hospital appointment for Kenny.

I had booked the car and paid for the tickets on Saturday.

We thought we were out of the house early enough but got to the pier just a few minutes after the half hour before it was due to sail, and we didn't get on the boat. I knew about the 30-minute rule but they don't usually stick so rigidly to it.

Why didn't they tell me when I booked the car that they were imposing the 30-minute rule now?

The log lorries got on, and surely they are not a matter of life and death?

I know it won't do any good complaining, but we don't need any more stress at the moment. The anxiety factor was horrendous.

Yours,
Sheena Bradford
Lamlash

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Hotel offer hopes to draw thousands of new tourists

The management of Auchranie Resort is aiming to draw thousands of new visitors to Arran by using the website 'Groupon'.

Last Monday, the hotel and spa was featured on the daily deals website which specialises in promoting discounted deals to its huge email database.

In the space of 72 hours Groupon customers from all over Scotland and beyond snapped up over 3,000 room nights.

Reservations staff were at times handling up to 100 bookings per hour such was the demand; with extra staff having to be drafted in from across the business to try and ensure no one was left waiting on the phone.

Reception manager Holly Beedie and the entire Auchranie team rose to the challenge working extra shifts and remaining pleasant and courteous at all times.

Richard Small, general manager, told The Banner that the aim of the offer was to make coming to Arran at what is traditionally 'a quiet time of year' an attractive proposition.

He said: 'The hope is that once people get a taste of what Arran has to offer it will be somewhere that they will want to return to over and over again.'

'We are also working on plans to work more closely with other businesses on the island to ensure that the experience of these tourists can be further enhanced.'

It is estimated that the success of the offer will result in an additional 3,600 tourists

visiting Arran in the next two and a half months.

Reception manager, Holly Beedie added: 'The success of this deal was not only down to our reputation and the great price offered but having the right team in place here to execute and manage the entire process to ensure everything ran without a hitch. Although customers experienced some delays in getting through on the phone everyone was very patient.'



Auchranie reception staff Graham, Karen and Danni with front of house manager Pat. b30auc01

Arran Open Studios - final call

2012 will be the first year that Arran Artists, craftspeople and makers have had an organised open studios weekend.

The event has been gathering momentum and now more than 20 artists and makers are taking part in what promises to be an exciting event in the island's cultural calendar from Friday 10 to Monday 13 August.

Studios around the island are opened at designated times (up to the artist) and members of the public can visit, see the working envi-

ronment, talk to the artists/craftworkers/makers and gain an insight into how the final product is made.

No less importantly, visitors can also purchase artworks directly from the studio, a benefit to both artist and visitor.

Organisers Josephine Broekhuizen and Sarah Cook are greatly encouraged by the response but feel there

are still people on the island who would like to take part but who, for one reason or another have not yet got into contact.

Forms are available from Josephine and Sarah on either 600287 or 700615.

There is still time to take part.

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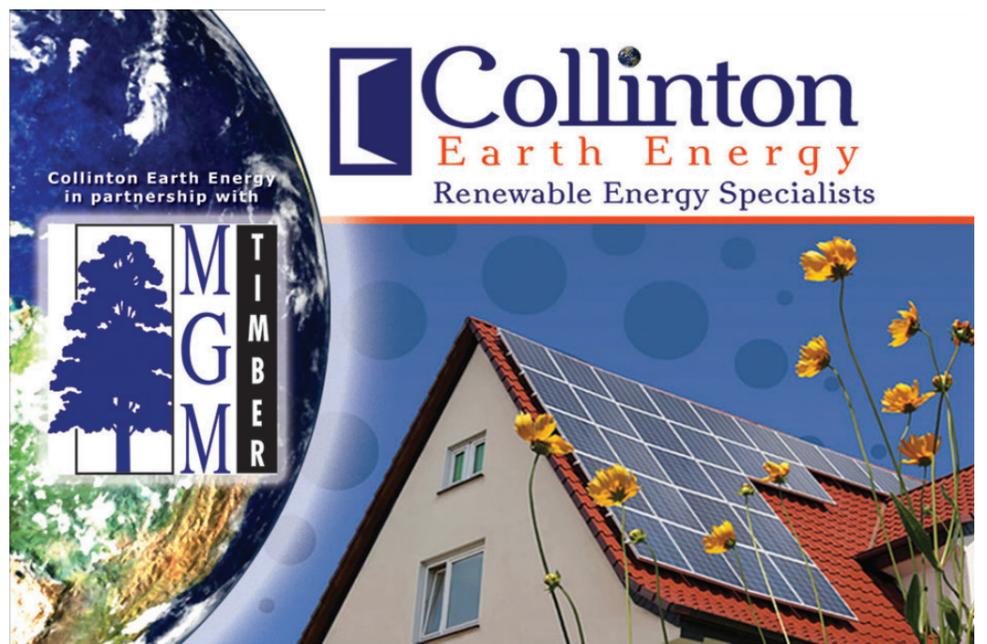
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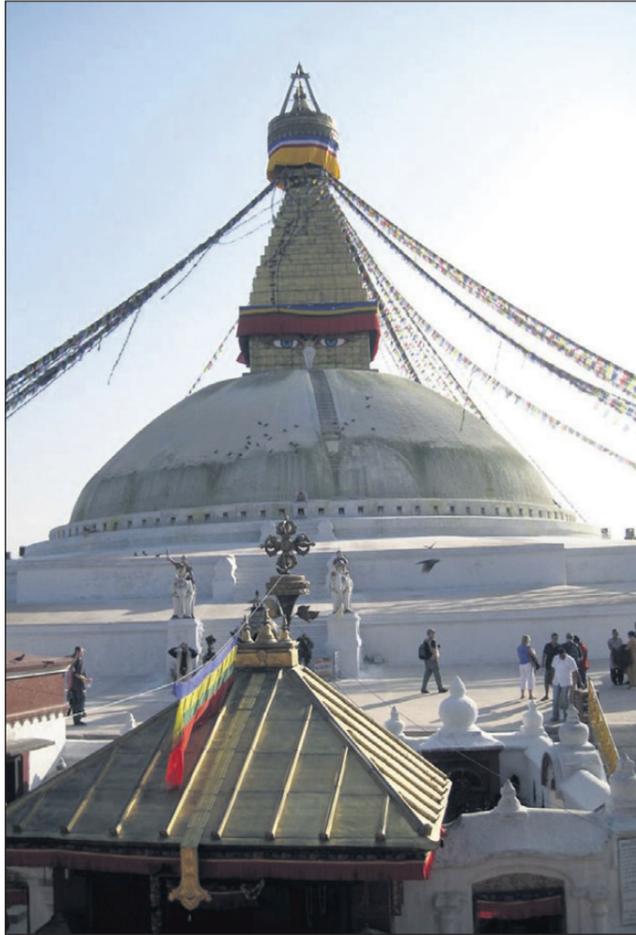
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A grand expedition from Arran to India and Nepal

Islanders visited Kolkata, Kathmandu and Kalimpong



The Buddhist Stupa in Katmandu.

By Heather Gough
Many people from Arran have been privileged enough to journey to India with John Webster of King's Cross.

The experience is enriching and life enhancing.

Every year a few lucky Arran folk join John and others from all over Britain, to explore or revisit Western Bengal and then, on to Nepal.

For many of us, landing in Kolkata was extraordinary.

Immediately the profusion of colours of the women's saris; the cacophony of horns; the countless yellow taxis; the sweetly acrid smells; the sights of people living and working on the streets; rich and poor mingling in complete acceptance of one another and the sheer vitality of this chaotic and dilapidated city were all completely mesmerising.

It would have been enough to sit in our minibus all day just observing lives which are

so different from ours and yet so dignified, no matter what the living conditions.

Three days later we were in Kathmandu amidst the temples, tourists and thousands of motorbikes.

At this point there was an option, either to trek from Lukla, the Himalayan airport, along the Everest trail, or to travel south to the Chitwan National Park for an animal safari. Each option gave wonderful experiences.

For the trekkers, the experience of landing in Lukla was tremendously exciting, surrounded as they were by magnificent views of the Himalayas and about to embark on a four day adventure on the Everest Base Camp trek, hoping to get to Namche Bazaar, on the ancient trading route to Tibet and then on to the Buddhist Monastery at Tengboche at the height of 12,687 feet!

Extra excitement came for

the trekkers when they got stuck on the return journey in Lukla because of low lying cloud and, eventually, had to be flown out by helicopter!

Meanwhile, the safari group was, amongst many exhilarating experiences, captivated by ambling on the gentle elephants of Chitwan, thrilled by drifting in dug out canoes past open mouthed crocodiles, photographing rhinos and wild peacocks as well as being privileged to witness the working lives of the Tharu people who inhabit this part of Nepal.

During the final days of the holiday the group was reunited, returned to India and travelled up breathtaking roads to Darjeeling, enjoying the steamy delights of the famous toy railway and then to Kalimpong, the most northerly hill town of West Bengal enjoying stunning vistas of the Himalayas, in particular, Kanchenjunga,

the third highest mountain in the world. John lived and worked for seven years at Doctor Graham's Homes, the school set up for poor Anglo Indian children in 1900 by Reverend Dr John Anderson Graham.

We were lucky to be able to visit this worthwhile and dedicated institution which still gives education to some of the poorest children from Kolkata.

The experience of meeting the children here and listening to their wonderful singing was amongst the most moving of the tour. Our trip ended with a fabulous overnight train journey on the Darjeeling Mail Train to Kolkata. It had, indeed, been the trip of a lifetime and we all returned humbled by the extraordinary grace and dignity of the Indian and Nepalese people we met.

John's tour goes again in November of this year.



Food market in Kolkata.



An elephant is given a bath in the Chitwan National Park.

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(John worked in Kalimpong for 8 years in the seventies)



The Arran Group at Doctor Graham's Homes. Back - Stuart Gough, John Webster, Shona Hume. Front - Heather Gough, Margaret Wright and Alison Keir.



The Kindergarten at Dr Graham's Homes.



Some of the group with Buddhist monks with Kanchenchunga in the background.



John Webster presenting toys to the Kindergarten.



Buddhist prayer flags.

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The Arran Banner has teamed up with The Scottish Caravan & Outdoor Leisure Show to offer five lucky readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the 2012 show! With over 150 companies showcasing the very latest in Caravan and Motorhome design, the event will display the largest indoor range of static caravans, lodges and holiday homes in the UK.

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Celebrating the life and times of The Bard

The season of Burns suppers is upon us.

The life of times of Scotland's national bard Robert Burns is widely celebrated

on Arran around 25 January, the time of his birth 253 years ago.

This year will be no different, with five separate Burns

Suppers already advertised in last week's Banner.

The long-established Lam-lash Burns Club hold their event at Lamlash Golf Club-house on Saturday 21 January. Wednesday 25 January sees Pirmill Primary school-children holding a Burns Supper in Lochranza Hall, while on the same night the Arran Guerrilla Supper Club has a 'Burns night with a Twist' at a secret location.

The famous Lochranza Burns Supper will be in the village hall on Saturday 28 January, and you can taste 'A wee bit of Burns' at the Kinloch Hotel on the same evening.



Struan Robertson addresses the haggis watched by chef Adam Brown and piper Ewan Bulger at the 2009 Shiskine Burns Supper. 02_b03shk03



The Brodick Lads, Ally Hume and Murray Boal, entertain at the 2009 Kildonan Burns Supper. 02_b06kil02

The Immortal Robert Burns

by Andrew Boyle

Andrew Boyle is a retired Chief Superintendent of Strathclyde Police and although from Troon, for many years he and his wife had a house in Lamlash.

He is an expert in Lallans Scots and has written 'The Ayrshire Book of Burns Lore'.

In the Banner he has lamented in the past: 'All who love Arran must regret that our National Bard, whose works are heard throughout the world, did not sing in praise of our island.

'A few good songs have been composed about Arran, but one by Burns would have been a jewel to be treasured.'

Andrew has contributed many Burns articles for the Banner in the past, and we publish below the following prose that he wrote in a traditional Ayrshire dialect in 2009 for the 250th anniversary of the Bard's birth.

(Written in an Ayrshire dialect in 2009 for the 250th anniversary of the Bard's birth).

The Immortal Robert Burns

*Twa fifty years ago, or sae,
A lad was born in Alloway,*

*An' as that lad himsel' fore-saw,
He's been a credit till us aw,
A Scottish bard abin them aw
- Immortal Robert Burns.*

*Noo, as each Janwar month returns,
Folk meet tae honour Robin Burns,
An' far ayont his Scottish hame,
His great poetic works ac-claim,
An' stan' wi' pride tae toast his name
- Immortal Robert Burns.*

*A patriotic bard wis he,
Wha cherished love an' liberty,
He hated vile hypocrisy,
An' laughed at vain pomposity,
But honoured aye integrity
- Immortal Robert Burns.*

*He showed that circumstance o' birth,
Has nocht tae dae wi' sense an' worth,
That genius, self respect an' grace,
Owe nocht tae status, wealth or race,
An' poverty is nae disgrace
- Immortal Robert Burns.*

*He triumphed o'er adversity,
An' left a priceless legacy,
But yet his name some denigrate,
His sma'est fauts exaggerate,
Lord, help them tae appreciate
- Immortal Robert Burns.*

*Rob lo'ed the lassies it is true,
An' in his life- had quite a few,
But ne'er a lass he ever kenned,
A word against him spoke or*

*penned,
An' Bonnie Jean did aye defend
- Immortal Robert Burns.*

*Sae, let us speak his name wi' pride,
That name sae honoured far an' wide,
An' let us aince again proclaim,
For genius, worth an' weel-earned fame,
Ne'er will we see his like again
- Immortal Robert Burns.*



Lamlash Burns Supper 2010 with the haggis carried in by chef Chris Neil led by piper Willie Robertson. 02_b06bur03

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Free ride for non-payers

Arran's Community Charge payers will have to pay £328 poll tax this year, the final year of this much-maligned tax.

This follows an announcement this week that the regional portion will rise 35 per cent to £233 and the water rate to £34.

In our case however, the total rise is tempered by a 24 per cent drop in the district element due to prudent budgeting by CDC.

Announced on Tuesday, it is expected to be £61, making a total poll tax of £328.

Not selling

The Auchrannie Hotel in Brodick and its leisure centre are not for sale.

This is a fact although since the New Year almost everyone on the island has come to believe they are for sale.

So widely was the rumour believed that the Auchrannie contacted us today to ask that we make it clear the hotel is not for sale and has not been advertised.

Long service medal

Awarded a long service medal last week for 20 years in the Auxiliary Coastguard was Forest Auld of Dippen.

We asked him if there was any event particularly memorable in that time.

He said: 'Nothing spectacular - long searches in poor weather. The one for the Antares was one. I've never found anybody alive.'

Hit in the face

Chris Marriott of Marriott Builders was hit in the face by a strap that broke loose while he was loading a lorry on Wednesday afternoon.

After being taken to hospital he was moved to the eye hospital in Ayr on Thursday where we understand he is recovering.

Ferry tenders in

Tenders for the new Arran ferry were submitted to Cal-Mac at the beginning of the week.

Twelve bids have been received from Yarrows and Ferguson's on the Clyde, seven English yards and yards in Poland, Holland and Norway. A decision, after perusal of the bids, will be made in the next two weeks.

High tides

The very high tides have come and gone without incident - almost.

High pressure over Scotland has saved Arran the two factors, which jointly might have caused flooding.

We say almost because of one little incident.

Ironically, high tides at spring tide usually mean a very low tide too. And on Tuesday evening it was so low that the ferry couldn't berth at Brodick because her bottom was on the silt.



Alison Bell of Shiskine is making silk garments which allow anyone with enough nerve to dress in style. b03twe03



Two beautiful silk waistcoats painted by Alison Bell of Shiskine. b03twe01



Artist Alison Bell with her six-year-old son Iain and cat. b03twe02

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Last week Archie was sitting at the crossroads where the String Road meets the coast road near Cairnhouse. First correct answers came from Brian in Glasgow, Barbara in Whiting Bay and Corrie in Stirling. This week he is playing with his favourite Frisbee, but where is that field?
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How do birds get through the winter?



A Blue Tit fluffed up for winter.

Bird Notes by Jim Cassels

How do birds, particularly small birds, get through the winter?

Many species in the northern hemisphere move south and Arran like many places in the UK is an interesting place to watch the seasonal comings and goings of birds, as Arran provides both summer breeding sites and relatively frost free wintering areas. But for the small birds that remain through the winter, how do they improve their chances of survival?

Some try to make sure that the limited food is available when needed.

Mistle Thrushes try to defend Holly trees for their own use.

Robins have winter territories and will try to see off other Robins.

Coal Tits hide seeds for use later in the winter. If these are sunflower seeds and are hidden in a plant pot they can be forgotten and provide an unexpected bloom for the owner.

To get through the long winter nights, some birds go in for communal roosting.

A good example of this was the 18 Wrens regularly squashing into a small nest pocket in a house in Blackwaterfoot.



Surviving from one day to another requires planning as birds need to put on enough fat to see them through the long winter nights.

Huddling together reduces the risk of starvation by lowering the energy required to survive the night.

There is also a decrease in predation risk and an improved ability to find food.

People have commented that their garden feeders seem to be busiest in the early morning and again in the late afternoon.

Surviving from one day to another requires planning and the late afternoon feed is an attempt to put on enough fat to see the bird through the long winter night.

There can be around a 10 to 15 per cent drop in body weight over night when this fat is converted into necessary heat. In human terms this is equivalent to putting on a stone in weight each day

and burning it off before the morning!

Feathers are great insulators but even with their feathers fluffed up, small birds lose body heat to the surrounding air.

And as well as choosing roost sites and 'burning off' their fat reserves, a recent study has highlighted another strategy that small birds use to help them survive.

They can adjust their body temperature, a sort of nightly less pronounced hibernation called rest-phase hypothermia.

The study was done on the familiar Blue Tit (Nord et al, Oecologia 167: 21-25).

It showed that birds with a large fat reserve only lowered their body temperature by a small amount overnight while

birds with a small fat reserve took their body temperature down significantly lower.

The conclusion was that the Blue Tit was able to assess its own reserves and the external conditions in order to control its temperature to try to get through the night.

As you snuggle into your duvet tonight, spare a thought for your feathered friends.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net . I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2010' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

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Still time to nominate your local hero

This year sees the second Provost's Civic Awards in North Ayrshire, designed to recognise local volunteers and heroes who have made a difference in their communities.

So if you've thought about making a nomination but haven't managed yet, you must do so by 12noon on Friday 3 February.

Last year local group Arran Art in Mind were one of the five category award winners.

The Awards aim to celebrate all that's great about North Ayrshire by showcasing the area's best asset - its people.

It couldn't be easier to nominate your local hero. Just visit www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk and click on the Provost Civic Pride Award page or simply fill in the nomination form on this page.

All you have to do is give the reasons why you think the person/group should be considered for an award (in 500 words or less) and return it to: Communications Team, Chief Executive's Service, North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE.

Provost of North Ayrshire Council, Pat McPhee, said: 'I believe that there are still many deserving groups and individuals who could still be nominated.'

'I have no doubt that many people have thought of someone who should be recognised for their work. I would encourage them to make their nomination before entries close.'

The winners will be announced at a special Charity Dinner in Seamill Hydro on Friday 23 March.

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Kids Family Quiz
Lamlash Burns Club Supper

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
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Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Arran high School, 10am
Playbarn Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
Golf Clubhouse, 7pm

Sunday 22 January

Alcoholics Anonymous
Family Games
Fun in the Pool
Teddy Bears Picnic

Church Hall, Broddick, 4.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm

Monday 23 January

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Citizens Advice
Breath Walk Class
Table Tennis
Hatha Yoga
Activity Time
Come Dance With Me - LeRoc Modern Jive
Scottish Country Dancing for Beginners and Improvers
Yoga
Arran Junior Football
Circuit Training
Quiz
Lamlash Bridge Club

Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School sports Hall - Seniors, 7.30pm - 9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Broddick, 10am - 2pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
High School, 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7pm
Auchrannie Spa Gym, 6pm - 7pm
The Shurig at Bar Eden, 8.30pm
Lamlash golf Clubhouse, 7pm

Tuesday 24 January

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Junior Hockey Club - 8yrs up
Melody Movement, Ballet Class-2 ½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class- 2 ½ yrs up
Youth Club
Scottish Country Dancing

Kinloch, 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Broddick Church Hall, 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Broddick, 10am-2pm
Kildonan Hall, - 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Broddick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm
Broddick Church Hall, 7.30pm

Winter Bowls
Zumba fitness class
Rowan Singers
WeightWatchers

Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm - 9pm
Arran High School, 6.30 - 7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm - New prospective members welcome
St Molios Church Hall, 7pm

Wednesday 25 January

Arran Elderly Forum
Hockey
Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Felt Making Class
Senior Badminton
Museum Archives & Genealogy Service
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents and little ones
Kids Games
Circuit Training
Dog Training
Pirnmill Burns Supper

Ormidale Pavilion 11am. All welcome
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm games hall
KA Leisure Kids - 6.30pm - 7.30pm Adult's 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Shipfield Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm
9.30am - 10.30am Auchrannie studio
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
Auchrannie Spa Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm

Thursday 26 January

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
Coffee Morning
General Knowledge Quiz
Broddick Embroidery Club
Broddick Bridge Club
Winter Bowls
Arran Music and Drama Club Rehearsals
The wee blether
Zumba fitness class
Garden Club
Lunchbox

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7 - 9pm
St Molios Church, 10.30am - 12pm
Kinloch Bar, 9pm
Broddick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Broddick Golf Club, 7pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm - 9pm
Broddick Hall, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Village Hall, 12pm - 1.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30 - 7.30pm
Ranger Centre, Broddick Castle with guest speaker Colin Totty
Ormidale Sports Pavilion, 12.30 - 2.30pm

Friday 27 January

Senior Badminton
Quiz
Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Rock Disco
Arran Youth Foundations
Kids Party Games
Arran Ceilidh Group
WeightWatchers
Music Weekend

Auchrannie Sports Hall, 2pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 10am - 11am
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Church Hall, Broddick, 7pm - 9pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
Corrie Hall, 8pm - 10pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 6.30pm
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Saturday 28 January

Over 21s Disco
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Fun in the Pool
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
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Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
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Kinloch Hotel, 7pm
Lochranza Hall, 7pm

Sunday 29 January

Alcoholics Anonymous
Family Games
Fun in the Pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Music Weekend

Church Hall, Broddick, 4.30pm
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Golf

Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 10 January 14 ladies played in the Annual Games Day Competition which was a 9-hole stableford.

Winner was Ellie Jones with 19 pts, runner-up Marjorie Brown on 18 pts. After a soup 'n' sandwich lunch 25 ladies competed in the Games Competitions.

Winners were: bowling - Gege Kroner, dominoes - Liz McKellar, pool - Margaret Roxburgh, putting - Tricia Martin. Gege won the Games Trophy again this year as she had most points overall.

The Ladies Prizegiving and Buffet Dinner will be held in the Clubhouse on Friday 3 February and this year. All former members and friends are welcome to join us. If you wish to attend please add your name to the list in the Ladies Locker Room or phone Liz McKellar on 302230.

Gents: Sunday 15 January, Brandon and Winter Cup, 28 entered, CSS 64.

A great turnout on a dry but cold day, and the course was really dry underfoot.

1 I Macmillan (14) 63, 2 B Smith (12) 64, 3 D Hendry (11) 65. Scratch B Jenkins 72

There were only four twos, Bruce Jenkins got two of them, Iain MacDonald and Iain Macmillan got the others.

1st Class Brandon - Brian Smith, 2nd Class Brandon - Iain Macmillan

Fixtures: Sunday 22 January, Clochendichter. Sunday 29 January, Winter Cup.

Not much in the way of golf on a Wednesday due to combination of weather, events and the holiday festivities. However some very competitive games of dominoes have been played by those optimistic sad cases who turned up hoping to get a game of golf when the climatic conditions were more suited to water polo. Wednesday 21 December - six played, 1st Don Rudge 66 who beat Bryce Walker on bih. On Wednesday 11 January at last the weather cleared and a good turnout of 17 played for the Norman Peach Salver. Despite the course being in good condition with freshly cut greens scoring was very poor. Wolfi Kroner surprised his playing partners with his ability to hack his way round the course, and still win the trophy donated in memory of his old mate Norman Peach. 1 Wolfi Kroner 65, 2 Eric Thompson 66 (bih), 3 Jim Green 66. There were five twos with J Dick (the Whiting Bay Dick, not the Brodick one) L Hartley, B Allison, C O'Neil and D Roxburgh all getting one each.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 15 January. A good turnout of 23 played in the 4th round of this year's Winter Cup. CSS-63. 1 Sandy Pringle (13)64, 2 Keith Kelsall (22)65 bih, 3 David Morrison (10)65 bih, 4 Eddie Hope (12)65 bih. Jamie MacPherson won scratch with 73 and there were Magic twos from Allan MacLeod, Nicol Auld and David Brookens.

Fixtures: Sunday 22 January, Gents Sweep from Yellow Tees.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results: Saturday 7 January Lochranza Hotel Cup, 1 Campbell Laing 37pts, 2 Hamish Bannatyne 33 bih, 3 Brian Sherwood 33. Best scratch Hamish Bannatyne 74.

Twos Campbell Laing. Tuesday 10 January Winter Cup, 1 David Wilkinson 69 bih, 2 David Price 69, 3 Alastair MacDonald 70. Scratch Alastair MacDonald 79. Fixtures: Tuesday 24 January Winter Cup, tee off 12noon.

Arran Ladies Golf Union

On Saturday 14 January 18 ladies played in the Drumadon at Corrie Golf Club.

The competition was rearranged because of the wet weather and we would like to thank Corrie for the courtesy of the course and also for moving one of their own competitions to allow us to play.

Thank you to Lindsay Scott for the catering, especially the delicious soup which was very welcome on such a cold day. Susan Butchard 82-15=67 (bih) won 1st and scratch and Lynn Walker 86-19=67 was second.

The next fixture will be in Lam-lash on Saturday 28 January at 10.30am. The draw will be made on Sunday 22 January so please make sure you have your name on one of the lists before then or contact Carole on 860530.

Shiskine Golf Club

Results: Ladies 18 hole medal Thursday 12 January, nine played. Silver 1 Liz Kerr 87-17=70, 2 and scratch Jenni Turnbull 86-15=71. Bronze 1 Steph Hill 91-26=65, 2 Esther Henderson 101-31=70. Well done Steph and Liz.

Ryder Cup points after the third game:

Torbeg 14, Blackwaterfoot 14, Shiskine 11, Kilpatrick 10. Torbeg were deducted four points for not getting a team on time.

Fixtures: Please note that there is a Lochranza match this Saturday 21 January, shotgun 1.30pm tee off. This will result in the 18-hole medal now to be played on Saturday 28 January. 12noon tee off.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Monday 16 January 16 played, yellow tees. Sweep 1 T Kerr 77-21=56, 2 A Smith 69-7=62 bih, 3 B Sherwood 70-8=62 bih. Best scratch A Smith 69. Magic twos A Smith (2), D Crawford, B Sherwood, J Adams, B Rooney, K Barclay.

Fixtures: Saturday 21 January Winter cup, 8.30am and 12noon. Monday 23 January Monday Cup 11.45am for noon start.

PERSONAL

Steve and Deb Kirk wish to thank everybody involved when Steve had his heart attack, including Lamlash, Golden Jubilee and Crosshouse Hospitals. Also the air and ground services.

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Holy Communion, 11.00am
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Sunday 22 January
Brodick Church, 12 noon
Celebration of Christian Unity
Corrie Church, 11am
Lochranza/Pirmill 11am at Pirmill
Shiskine Church 11am

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Morning Mass, 11am

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC14005)
Sunday 22 January
Worship will be conducted by the Minister,
Rev Elizabeth Watson,
At 10.30am.
This will be a shorted service to allow people to join in the Arran Churches together celebration of Christian Unity in Brodick Church at 12noon.
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Sunday 22 January
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 22 January
Shiskine 11am
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Brodick 7pm
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)

Sunday 22 January
Morning service 11am
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Evening Service 7pm
13 Glen Avenue, Brodick
Prayer meeting
Wednesday 25th January 7pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
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Sunday, 22 January
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BIRTH

LITTLE: Ian and Fran are delighted to announce the arrival of a beautiful granddaughter Bonnie-Leigh Francesca. First child for Lee and Jo. third grandchild for Allan and Roselle. Congratulations from both families.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HAMILTON - ISABELLA: The Hamilton family wish to thank the doctors and nurses at the war memorial hospital, the ambulance service and especially Gail and Seonaid who looked after her. Thanks to all those who attended the funeral and for all the cards and messages of sympathy. also thanks to Gillian McLean for a comforting service and to David and Clair Hendry for their services.

MORAG WATSON: Karen, Alison and families would like to thank friends for all the support and expressions of sympathy extended to them following the death of Morag. Thanks to Angus and Jean for spiritual support and conducting a lovely service. Special thanks also to members of St Brides Parish.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
12/00012/PP; 11 Torrinn Terrace, Kilmory, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Erection of one and a half storey extension to front of semi-detached dwelling house.
12/00007/PP; 24A Hamilton Terrace, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Installation of 3 rooflights to side and 2 rooflights to rear of dwelling house.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS IN CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1987

Applications for Listed Building Consent.
11/00806/LBC; 24A Hamilton Terrace, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Replacement of windows, external cladding, installation of 3 rooflights to side and installation of 2 rooflights to rear.

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Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

Arran take the law into their own hands

The pack was not about to be bullied and gave as good as they got

**Strathclyde Police 0
Arran 17**

Bill McLaughlin gives a report of last Saturday's match between Strathclyde Police and Arran Rugby Club.

Before Saturday, we had identified three games as being the crucial fixtures if we were to win the league – The Police and Moffat away and Lanark, the present league leaders, at home.

In what was probably our best performance of the season so far, Arran took the points at Lochinch, which is well known for being among the hardest places in the league to win. To say that Arran responded magnificently is an understatement. A combination of physical toughness and brilliant rugby was required and was forthcoming.

The first half saw us start with a squad which we believed was the best we could produce; the introduction of Ewan Evans to start his first game at full back providing

a totally reliable last line of defence which gave a new confidence to the whole team. His fielding of the many high kicks with which the police peppered him throughout the game and subsequent decision-making were faultless and one wondered why they continued with a tactic which was costing them so much ground.

The first half was a real test for the forwards – I was about to say that the police were taking no prisoners but stopped myself in time – but our pack was not about to be bullied and gave as good as they got.

They were finding it hard in the tight but excelled in the loose and gradually shunted the police back towards their own line with the inevitable result that we were awarded two penalties, the second of which was converted by Lachie Jones. 3 – 0 at half time.

Early in the second half Jack Barbour sustained an an-

kle injury which saw him being stretchered off. Iain Keen came on at scrum half and Ben Tattersfield went to outside centre to replace Jack.

Two superb tries resulted. The first when Lachie Jones, whose tactic up till then had been to move the ball to tire out the police defence, cut through a gap and raced 30 yards to the line for a trademark try but the best was yet to come. The police sensing the danger that Lachie presented closed him down as much as possible till, sensing that they were lying too far up, Lachie chip kicked over their heads, picked the ball up and supported by Ben Tattersfield exchanged passes with the centre who scored between the posts in a move which began on our side of halfway. What a try! Lachie converted both tries and ended up with a personal points tally of 12.

Man of the match was Ewan Evans. Next match is away to Moffat on 28 January.



Ian MacDonald makes a break against Strathclyde Police in the home game last October. 02_b03rug02

Arran Bridge results:

Lamlash Bridge Club

On Monday 16 January eight teams of four players competed for the Peggy Currie Cup.

The clear winners with 49 points were Trisha Martin, Douglas Hamilton, Douglas and Margaret Bruce.

Runners up with 26 points and the Ann Cook Salver were Janie McClure, Anne McKelvie, Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan. Third with 13 points were Janette McBride, Peter Thompson, Jennifer Wales and Linda Trickett. The president thanked the new caterers for a lovely supper.

Special thanks again were given to Janie McClure for guiding us so expertly through the competition.

Brodick Bridge Club

Brodick Bridge Club results for Thursday 12 January:

N/S 1 Trisha Martin and Douglas Hamilton +3,460, 2 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan +3,240, 3 Jean Barclay and Morag Gardner +2,310. E/W 1 Mary and John Dick –320, 2 Jan and John Beattie –600, 3 Mel and Ellie Jones –1570.

Team knockout

The first legs of the Arran pool team knockout competition were played last Thursday 12 January.

Results were: Catacol Bay 5 Kildonan 5, Whiting Bay Golf Club 4 PT1934 6.

Salver competition results were: Bar Eden 6 Mac's Bar 4, Drift Inn 5 PHT 5.

The second return legs were due to be played on Thursday 19 January.

The winners will play in the final of both competitions at the PHT on Sunday 29 January at 3pm.

Next week's league fixtures on Thursday 26 January are: Mac's Bar v Bar Eden, Catacol v PHT, Whiting Bay Golf Club v Drift Inn, Kildonan v PT1934.



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