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Resilience of Arran's businesses tested as visitor numbers fall



The Infamous Shiskine Burns Supper was a family affair last Friday night. The haggis was piped in by Willie Robertson, carried carefully by his nine-year-old daughter Amelia and addressed with gusto by his 12-year-old son Cailean.

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Ferry times, ticket prices, high cost of fuel and poor road conditions all proving detrimental to island's economy

The number of tourists staying on the island fell sharply last year, according to a survey released this week by VisitArran.

One hundred and one Arran businesses ranging from hotels and self-catering properties to restaurants, shops and event organisers took part in the review.

Fifty-two percent felt their business had dropped in 2012, whilst the rest believed it was either the same or had improved. Seventeen per cent of respondents felt there was an increase in visitor spend but a quarter said they believed it had dropped.

Unofficial figures from CalMac also indicate an overall downturn in ferry passengers and the Lochranza-Claonaig figures reflect particularly poorly against the CalMac average.

The additional comments made by those who completed the survey indicate the strength of feeling many have about the state of Arran's economy.

Many indicated that there are

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numerous factors to be considered but ferry sailing times, cost of travel, high cost of fuel and very poor road conditions are all proving detrimental to the island's economy.

'If the ferry costs were less expensive, it would bring down the cost of most consumer goods on Arran as this is an expensive island to live, even more so when there is little money around,' wrote one person.

Another said: 'Accommodation bookings were very last minute and the majority of reservations were for less than three nights with the decision to stay with us being more price led than facility/location led.'

Councillor John Bruce told The Banner that the statistics simply confirm what anecdotal evidence has suggested throughout the year. He said: 'Despite a lot of innovative planning and en-

trepreneurial effort by the principal agencies and major players, there is no hiding the fact that a combination of factors have served to challenge seriously the resilience of island businesses. 'Poor summers, the consequences of an economic downturn, high ferry and fuel prices, rising energy costs, the perceived impact of the London Olympics - all have played a part to restrict travel and the tourist spend.'

Will there be improved prospects for Arran businesses in 2013, we asked him?

'I believe so,' he said. 'Undoubtedly, things will still be tough. However, there is a positive message to promote.'

'I am very impressed by the enterprising spirit of our business community and their realisation that the 'just get by' approach of past years is no longer acceptable. There are new ideas for new markets and a willingness to embrace cooperative enterprises to develop and sell the 'Arran Brand'.'

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Man charged with 'grooming' Arran girls

A man has been charged with grooming young girls on the internet and meeting one for sex.

David Morrison, 30, allegedly contacted a girl of 14 and another aged 15 on Arran with the intention of sexual activity.

He is also accused of having unlawful intercourse with the older girl at an address on the island.

Morrison, of Camphill Avenue, Glasgow, denied carrying out the offences between August and September 2011.

He was freed on bail at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court for trial at a later date.

Police files

Drugs

An Ardrossan man has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to various drug offences with a significant street value.

Crimestoppers

Local police are urging Arran's residents to call Crimestoppers to provide any information about anything of a criminal nature on the island.

New sergeant Allen Dodds said that the assistance of Arran residents is vital in preventing crime.

He said: 'Callers don't have to give their name or any personal information and calls cannot be traced.'

Crimestoppers can be called on 0800 555 111 and accessed at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.



The Campbeltown fishermen being rescued by helicopter from the Amy Harris Amy 3. Picture: Crown Copyright

Fishing boat catches fire off Arran coast

Four Campbeltown fishermen escaped uninjured after a dramatic rescue from their burning boat on Wednesday night.

A mayday call was made from the Amy Harris 3 at

3.10pm after a fire broke out in the wheelhouse. It was three miles south of Kilmory at the time.

Scrambled

Royal Navy helicopter, HMS Gannet, was scram-

bled from Prestwick to assist Campbeltown and Arran life-boats, with the fire spreading through the boat. It arrived just 15 minutes later and while rough seas made winch transfer difficult, all the crew

was taken safely aboard by 3.47pm.

All four sailors were eventually winched to safety by the Mark 5 Sea King and transferred to Campbeltown Airport. All were uninjured.

Difficult

'We arrived on scene very quickly,' explained HMS Gannet's Lieutenant Commander, Andy Drodge. 'Because the sea was quite rough, it immediately made the rescue more difficult.'

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Gangway repaired in time for return of Caley Isles

As recent ferry travellers will know, the passenger gangway at Ardrossan is out of action.

Foot passengers have had to disembark from the relief vessel MV Hebrides via the car deck.

But the Ardrossan gangway is having motors replaced in a major refit and should be back in action by next Thursday when our own ferry, MV Caledonian Isles, comes back on duty from her annual service.

Arran Ferry Committee chairman Ken Thorburn explained: 'The Hebrides brought her own gangways with her, but they were not able to function either!'

Court application for licensed club

Kilmory Social Club already has over 80 signed-up members. And it should soon have a licensed bar.

Last September, the village hall committee applied to North Ayrshire Council for a change of use from public hall to licensed social club.

That application went through without a hitch, leaving only the application to the Licensing Board to sell alcohol.

On Wednesday 6 February, that application will go before North Ayrshire Licensing Court in the name of director Samantha Payn.

Once it has been ratified, the social club will be able to sell alcohol to members and the directors expect it to be open from 7pm to midnight on Thursdays and Fridays, 4pm to midnight on Saturdays and 2pm to 6pm on Sundays.

Committee hears that design of new ferries is 'underway'

'Definitive costing will await the final design'

Members of the Arran Ferry Committee heard at Monday night's monthly meeting that design of the island's new ferries is 'well underway'.

Ramsay Muirhead of CMAL and Cheryl Murrie of Transport Scotland presented the latest position on the new Brodick Port Development and answered questions on the ferries plan respectively.

Kenneth Gibson MSP said: 'Design of the new vessels is well underway and tendering will happen this year. Within a month the type of fuel they will use - diesel or liquefied natural gas - will

be decided. CMAL has taken on board more than 30 suggestions made by islanders at the December public meeting, including bringing the new harbour closer to shore, redesigning the parking and marshalling areas and the new terminal building, which will have more than twice the capacity of the current one.

'Work is ongoing with CalMac skippers looking at wave simulation to optimise the design.'

'Definitive costings will await the final design but are likely to be of the order of £18 million.'

Test boring should commence on site in autumn 2013. Committee chairman Ken Thorburn said: 'Although a date has not been fixed, a further public meeting will be held in February. Committee members are delighted that MV Isle of Arran will be a permanent fixture each year as an extra ferry for the full five months from the beginning of May to the end of September.'

Encourage

'It is crucial that CalMac publicise these extra sailings.' The Ardrossan to Campbeltown sailings via Brodick will give travellers another option and encourage increased travel to Arran both from the mainland and Kintyre. Kenneth Gibson added: 'Ferry services to and from Arran will only improve in the months and years ahead, greatly benefiting islanders and the Arran economy.'

'The Ferry Committee and I are pleased that the work we have put in to delivering these major improvements will have a really positive impact on the island.'

Arran for the Chinese

A young Chinese girl has set up a website and blog about Arran for Chinese folk.

Called 'ChinaGirlsAbroad' it aims to give advice on travelling in Britain and specifically details the attractions of the island.

Most of it is complimentary, saying that 'Arran is a place full of magic and mystery', but there are a few quirky comments such as labelling Ailsa Craig as an iceberg.

It also declares that it is a good idea for young Chinese people to hire a self catering cottage because 'food in the restaurants is pretty plain and boring', then 'we like spicy food so take loads of chilly and garlic sauce with you'!

It does, however, say 'definitely the miniature of Scotland – want to go back again, but probably not this winter'.

Arran planning applications

New planning applications lodged with North Ayrshire Council are for the erection of a one-and-a-half storey detached house to the north of Ardendarroch, Shiskine, and for an extension to the side of The Heights, Lamlash.

An application for a detached house to the north of Silver Fern, Grieves Road, Whiting Bay has been approved subject to conditions.

Also approved subject to conditions is the application for change of use from workshop to additional living accommodation at Dunfion Farm, Corriegills.

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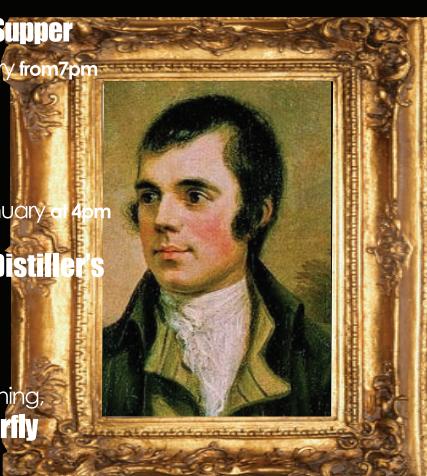
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Banner interest starts at a young age

This week The Banner was sent a wonderful photograph of what we believe could be our youngest ever reader!

Struan Paton, who is just nine months old, is pictured catching up on all the news from Arran in the New Year edition of the paper.

Mum Hilary said: 'His daddy, my husband, is from Arran and is called Josh Paton.'

House in Brodick

'We live in Cambuslang but we spend a lot of time on the island as we have a house in Brodick.'

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Church goers to gather for Service of Christian Unity

This Sunday (January 20) hundreds of people from across the island's various Christian denominations will gather for a Service of Christian Unity.

This annual event has been celebrated for several years and it is a great occasion.

The guest speaker this year is the Rev Richard Tiplady, principal of International Christian College, in Glasgow.

Prior to taking up this appointment a couple of years ago Richard, who in addition to theological degrees has a degree in management, was British Director of the European Christian Mission.

He has acted as a consultant to Tearfund and a number of other organisations. Richard is an FA-trained junior football coach and is married to Irene and they have one son.

The Unity Service is at 12noon tomorrow in Lamlash Parish Church and everyone is invited – whether you are a regular church attendee or not. You are assured of a warm welcome.

Trials double for Wullie



Wullie Stevenson and Seamus with a clean pen. 02_b03shp01

Wullie Stevenson and his dog Birch won both Nursery Sheepdog Trials at Birchburn last Friday.

Ten dogs competed in the first trials of the year, with Alec Miller of Margenaish as the judge and Margie Currie as clerk.

In the first Nursery Trial of the day, Wullie Stevenson and Birch won with an excellent score of 94 points. John Murchie and Midge came second on 76 points and Wullie third with his other dog Seamus on 75 points.

In the second trial, Wullie and Birch won

again, this time with 88 points, and John and Midge came second on 84 points.

The Sweepstake for older dogs was won by Geoff Brookes and his dog Shona with 98 points.

John Murchie and Bob came second on 97 points with Wullie and Birch third on 94 points.

Willie McConnell said afterwards: 'It was one of the best Nursery Trials we have had.'

'It was very highly pointed and best for overall work.'



John Murchie and Midge. 02_b03shp02



Shiskine SWRI

On Wednesday 9 January 2013 our President Mrs Jenny Harper gave us all a very warm welcome and wished us all A Happy New Year. The guest speaker for the evening was Passla Gautier who gave us a talk on her Tibetan life when she was younger and described her National Costume along with her daughter Yeshe and son Tenzin who were both in national costume too.

The competition for home-made tablet was won by Jenny Harper and the exhibition of a Tartan Memento was won by Kate Macintosh with Carole Stewart second. The raffle was won by Eleanor Kinnaird.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 February at the Kinloch Hotel for wine tasting. If you have not put your name down on the list for attending please contact Jenni Turnbull on 860442 ASAP. The competition is for a Valentine card and the exhibition is a Dress Ring. YR



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'Auld Year's Nicht' at Corrie and Sannox SWRI

On Thursday 10 January Corrie and Sannox WRI held their annual 'Auld Year's Nicht' in the Village Hall.

The event was well attended and some members were accompanied by husbands as well as about 20 guests from Lamlash WRI.

All members contributed to an excellent spread that was enjoyed by all present.

Entertainment in music and song was provided by Cams Campbell and Mike Bailey and Elma Stevenson performed a memorable rendering of 'A Wee Cock Sparra'.

A raffle in aid of the War Blinded was held and raised just over £120.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 February at 2pm when Vicki

Lamlash Burns Club prepare for dinner

Jim Gibson, a past president of the Robert Burns World Federation, will propose the toast to the Immortal Memory at the Lamlash Burns Club's annual supper on Saturday 26 January.

Born and bred in Kilmarnock, Jim is a retired teacher of Technical Education and now lives in Symington with his wife Sheila.

Tickets are still available for the supper. See the advert for more details.

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Glen is a 'star turn' at Sannox Wednesday Club

The latest guest speaker at the Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club proved to be a real 'star turn' - in every sense of the phrase.

A fascinating and insightful talk was delivered by Glen Sloss, who is well known in local circles for, among other talents, his remarkable astronomical photography.

Glen, of Sannox Farm, held the audience spellbound as he expertly presented his computer-aided presentation.

He majored on the vivid displays of the Aurora Borealis, which danced around the northern skies on several occasions last year.

Dramatic array

There was also a dramatic array of time-lapse snaps of the Milky Way and amazing pictures of satellites and the international space station as they passed over Arran.

What makes Glen's images all the more noteworthy is the fact that he has taken them with a basic digital SLR low-budget camera.

Accomplished long-distance swimmer Glen graduated with honours in aeronautical engineering at the University of Glasgow and has developed an avid interest in astronomy and meteorology.

Many islanders are able to 'tune in' to the local climatic trends on his own weather station at the farm, online via Twitter and Facebook.

Wednesday Club organ-



Glen Sloss of Sannox Farm held the audience spellbound as he expertly presented his computer-aided presentation.

iser Vivienne Coulthard said: 'Glen was probably our youngest ever guest speaker, however he also turned out to be one of our most entertaining ones.'

'Everyone in Corrie Hall was gripped and he brought it home to us just what is going on in the skies us.' Glen added: 'It was my first 'performance' in public and I really enjoyed it.'

'I had been anxious about filling in the time, but the

audience made it easy by asking lots of relevant and interesting questions.'

Next month's address will be given by the Corrie Hotel's Neil Bulger, who will talk about his exploits with the Arran Mountain Rescue team.

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And they say nurses have it hard?

It used to be that farming was the hardest job on Arran but it now appears that those trying to make a living from the land have it easy compared to those in the tourism industry.

According to figures released by VisitArran this week, unsurprisingly, the number of tourists staying on the island fell sharply last year.

Of the 101 Arran businesses that took part in the review 52 per cent felt their business had dropped in 2012, whilst the rest believed it was either the same or had improved.

Seventeen per cent of respondents felt there was an increase in visitor spend but a quarter said they believed it had dropped.

And unofficial figures from CalMac indicate an overall downturn in ferry passengers and the Lochranza-Claonaig figures in particular reflect very poorly against the CalMac average.

Sadly these figures simply represent a worrying national trend as the number of tourists visiting Scotland fell sharply last summer.

The number of nights travellers spent in the country between July and September fell by more than 100,000 compared to the same period in 2011.

The amount they spent also dropped by about £50m, according to Office for National Statistics (ONS) data.

In London, overnight visits during the same period fell by five per cent while spend increased by 13 per cent.

It seems that tourists are increasingly being put off by the ferry sailing times, cost of travel, high cost of fuel and very poor road conditions which is proving detrimental to the island's economy.

Sadly these are things that VisitArran has little control over but they do have the power to market the island far and wide.

At the end of last summer, VisitScotland said it planned to spend £3m on an autumn advertising campaign after describing the holiday season as 'challenging'.

As people begin to think about summer holidays and plan weekend breaks now is the time for Arran's 'destination management company' to get promoting.

Times have been undeniably tough for businesses, particularly in certain sectors like retail and outdoor attractions and activities.

But we have to put 2012 behind us and hope that 2013 may be a little bit luckier for us all!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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Letters to the Editor

Chicane for the Gaery?

Sir,

With reference to your article about the rock-fall on the Gaery, since North Ayrshire Council seem by their own admission to have been considering what to do about this problem with its obvious dangers for the past two years, I offer the following suggestions for a temporary fix.

There is quite a lot of space on the road there so it would be relatively easy to create a temporary chicane to divert vehicles around the danger area.

This could be done using the trunks of some of the unwanted trees around the island, supplemented by high-visibility and reflective bands and suitable warning signs.

Such a move might then, with safety, allow NAC to come up with a permanent fix sometime in the future.

Yours,

**Keith Cheshire
Hurons Cliff
Kildonan**

MyBus hit or miss

Sir,

The MyBus service that is running on Arran is a great service for those that wish to use it as a social service and the drivers are great - but for others who really need the service it stops there.

When we book it, the service we get is a hit or a miss.

I think many of your readers and the people that use the service will agree. It can often be seen sitting not being used when there or so many people that need it.

I also feel that the person that runs it should ask the questions, what is it we on Arran need?

We get very frustrated as my husband needs the bus three days a week as a social service but also as lifeline for him and many that go to Strohnach Day Care.

Much of the time the bus can pick him up in the morning but they cannot get him home and he cannot use a service bus because of the steps. I would just like to ask how

do they expect him to get home?

Could they not look at taking people like him and the girl that needs to go to school first and the people that need shopping, coffee dates etc could use it the rest of the day?

I do hope that you will print this, as there is something wrong with what could be a great service if run properly.

Yours,
**Jean Stone
Shiskine**

Amused and depressed

Sir,

I was both amused and depressed in a 'bang one's head against the wall' sort of way by your editorial last week.

You comment at some length on the amount of rain we have been experiencing recently (and we should remember that other parts of Britain have had it even worse, with damaging floods), and then end by saying that 'perhaps the best solution is to search out some cheap flights and jet off to some wonderful winter sun'.

Surely most of us are aware by now that the changing weather patterns are a result of climate change, and that flying is one of the major contributors to the increased atmospheric carbon levels that are causing climate change.

Joined up thinking - who needs it!

Yours,
**Alan M Bellamy
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helicopter in Yorkshire

Sir,

It is interesting to read that the helicopter may be coming back to Balmichael.

It was last seen at a private flying club at Bagby Airfield near Thirsk down here in North Yorkshire, having been bought by a local businessman.

Attached is a photo of it, still in its Arran livery, on my neighbour's drive in May 2008.



The Arran Helitours chopper pictured in 2008 near Thirsk.

They had dropped into the village pub for Sunday lunch!

Yours,
**Peter Yates
Bedale
North Yorkshire**

Corrie housewarming

Sir,

We would like to invite readers of *The Arran Banner* to our housewarming party in Sunday 27 January at the



address below followed by drinks and snacks at the Corrie Village Hall.

Please do not bring any presents – a voluntary donation can be made on the day with funds going to various Tibetan charities.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yours,
**P and P Gautier
16 Red Quarry Road
Corrie**

Revised plans go on show for Arran biomass project

A consultation event on revised plans for a biomass project on the island took place in Arran High School last Saturday.

The original plans for a biomass plant in Dyemill Forest above Gortonalister were withdrawn by the applicant Northern Energy Developments (NEDL) last September.

Now Ironside Farrar Ltd Environmental Consultants have been appointed by NEDL to assist with consultation and will be running another event in February similar to the one on Saturday to set out the new proposals.

Fergus Tickell managing director of NEDL said: 'We are hoping that these two events will give people with concerns a chance to chat to us properly about the plans.'

'We will take into consideration as many of the comments as we can and try to factor them in to the new application.'



A consultation event for the biomass project was held in Arran High School on Saturday. 01_b03bio01

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A grand nicht wi' Burns in Shiskine Hall

Arran's 2013 season of Burns Suppers started last Friday night in Shiskine Hall.

The biennial Shiskine Burns Supper is traditionally organised by the village hall committee and 80 people sat down to a first-class supper prepared and dished up in the hall kitchen.

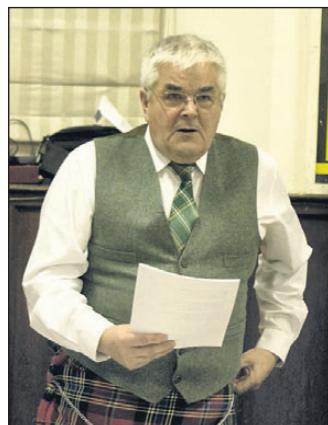
Sheila Gilmore gave The Selkirk Grace, and then it was a family affair as the haggis (freshly caught at Balgowan) was piped in by Willie Robertson, carried by daughter Amelia and addressed with aplomb by son Cailean.

The three then knocked back a dram of Irn Bru!

The company tucked in to a feast of cock a'leekie soup and haggis, neeps and tatties,

followed by Arran cheese and oatcakes.

Chairman Colin Currie introduced Jenny Lyon who gave an insightful and pithy



Charles Currie gave the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns b03bur07

toast to the lads. Finlay Murchie read the poem To a Louse, then Howard Driver replied to Jenny's toast with gentle humour and a hint of sarcasm, before proposing a toast to the lassies.

Charles Currie delivered a terrific Immortal Memory of Robert Burns, and Amie Hume gave a moving rendition of My Luv is like a Red, Red Rose.

A special feature of Shiskine Suppers is the performance of the classic poem Tam O'Shanter by up to 20 of the audience, each standing up in turn and giving a verse.

After further songs and votes of thanks, the company joined in singing Auld Lang Syne, and left in good spirits.



Father, son and daughter, Willie, Cailean and Amelia Robertson quaff a draught of Irn Bru after Cailean's address to the haggis. b03bur01



The assembled company in Shiskine Hall. b03bur06



Jenny Lyon and Howard Driver who gave a Toast to the Lads and a Reply to the Lassies. b03bur05



Margie Currie gave a Toast to the Hall.

b03bur03



Chairman Colin Currie. b03bur02

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Christmas and New Year Albanian style

Sue Davidson of Whiting Bay writes from Albania where she and husband Julian are helping disabled youngsters

As many of you know, I was wearing only t-shirts and jeans. It was warm and sunny and there were outside cafes selling mulled wine and other delicacies.

The square looked really lovely with lights sparkling in all the trees. It did occur to me this was extravagant in a country that is always short of electric power.

Ex-pats

A few veteran ex-pats thought we'd have restricted electricity in January because of this, but as Albanians often say 'What can we do?'

On Sunday 23 December we went to a Christmas fair which was very interesting with people from all over Albania coming to sell their

Of course health and safety was completely ignored as men climbed scaffolding

crafts. It was warm and sunny and there were outside cafes selling mulled wine and other delicacies.

Christmas day dawned, bright, sunny and 18 degrees Celsius.

It was so strange to see people going to work, shops were open and it was very much business as usual.

But when it came to New Year there was an air of excitement as local housewives had rugs and curtains scrubbed and hanging out on balconies to dry.

Fireworks were heard all over the city; Julian could even hear them while speaking on Skype.

They were pretty powerful and it scared me to see children holding them in their



Sue and Julian Davidson with David Christison and Aileen Brookens of the Valdete Trust outside the Banner office with the bus that they took out to Albania to help disabled children. 01_b02bus01

hands as they lit them.

I spent New Year's Eve with Vali's family and they had a special meal. It was more like everyday food to me but a special event for them.

From our balcony we could see the display of impressive fireworks from the centre of Tirana.

All this in a country that is so poor that they can't fulfil their social responsibilities.

Vali and many of her friends with disabilities did not receive their monthly government payment. It isn't much but families depend upon it.

Meeting

As far as The Trust is concerned, we're now meeting with people we want to have as board members.

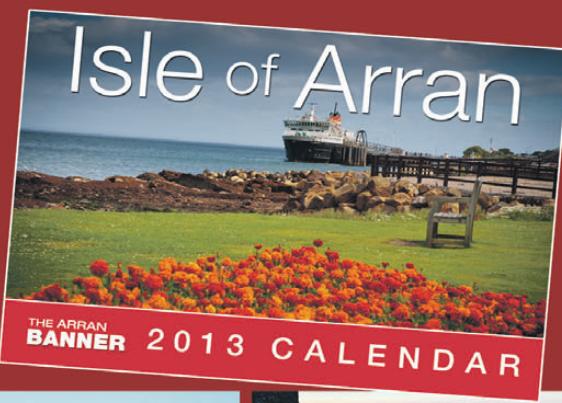
The next step is to all go to a lawyer's office and formally register as an organisation.

Meanwhile, we're visiting social services and the local council. It's good to foster relationships as it helps to cut through bureaucracy.

Julian is arriving on 29th of this month and I have plenty of practical jobs to keep him busy.

In spite of all the problems, I love life here and just have to learn to shrug and say 'That's life in Albania!'

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Valdete – the young girl who has inspired Sue and Julian to work with disabled youngsters in Albania.



Maurice Deighton with the children at Inspirations Nursery. b03gam02

Books for The Gambia from Arran children

Maurice Deighton of Seal Shore campsite, Kildonan, has just returned from another trip to The Gambia.

For over 10 years he has been involved with assisting schools in the West African country.

Since his wife Sylvia's death in 2009 he has continued this annual mission, latterly through the Gambian Schools Trust, to rebuild ramshackle schools and provide much-needed equipment and furniture that was being thrown out of schools in this country.

This time he has taken out what he described

as '14 banana boxes full of children's books and teaching books'.

Initiative

He said: 'These books were collected by the children of Kilmory and Shiskine Schools. They did it off their own initiative.'

'Last year I took out boxes of books collected by the Whiting Bay children.'

Maurice handed them out at Christmas to youngsters at Inspirations Nursery in Sekuto and the Hart House Home for children with learning difficulties.



Maurice Deighton with the children at Inspirations Nursery. b03gam01

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The Arran Banner 20 years ago



Alastair Hume locates a burst pipe in Park Terrace while water is pumped out. A series of burst pipes kept Arran's watermen busy this week. b03twe03



Work is nearing completion in Lowestoft on Arran's new ferry the Caledonian Isles. b03twe02

Saturday 23 January, 1993

Royal launch

Arran's new ferry is to have a royal launch on Tuesday 25 May.

Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, will name her Caledonian Isles and smash the bottle of champagne that will send her down the slipway at Richards Shipbuilders at Lowestoft.

Colin Paterson of CalMac said: 'We've known her for some time and she agreed to launch one of our ferries so this is the perfect opportunity.'

First call of 1993

The Lamlash Lifeboat had its first call out of the year on Wednesday evening.

The 37 footer Atlantica, which belongs to the organisation Care Afloat, was moored in Lamlash Bay when it radioed for help.

Having sailed from Rothesay with two men and one youth in care aboard, the child had become hysterical and was refusing to return to sea.

Accident victim air-lifted

A crash between two oncoming vehicles in Shiskine last Saturday resulted in Joan Keen of Brodick being airlifted by helicopter to Crosshouse Hospital after being cut from her car by volunteer firemen.

Joan, driving with her daughter Robyn and son Iain, had just moved out to pass a pedestrian near Shiskine Church when a jeep driven by Paul Mills appeared around the corner.

Joan suffered a broken nose, right forearm and upper left arm, Robyn broke a leg and Iain's face was badly bruised.

Stop that man!

A man from Kildonan was stopped by police on Tuesday afternoon

and noted for driving away a vehicle without the consent of the owner.

New phone codes

It appears that the rest of Arran's telephone codes will soon change 15 months after Lamlash was digitalised.

At some point during March all Brodick numbers will gain a prefix of 30.

The other exchanges will have six digits and the code for Arran will be 0770.

Tragedy remembered

A memorial is to be erected to the men who lost their lives on the HMS Dasher on the 50th anniversary of her sinking.

Sadly the memorial will not be on Arran, a fact that many here who remember the tragedy are saddened by.



Daniele Lacan from Pelussian near Lyon, is teaching at Arran High School for six weeks and bringing a breath of France into the school. b03twe01

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Last week Archie was pictured thundering over the footbridge on Fisherman's Walk on New Year's Day. First correct answers came from Lisa of Lichfield and Colin from Wetherby. This week he is pausing by a stone edifice, but where on Arran would you find that structure?

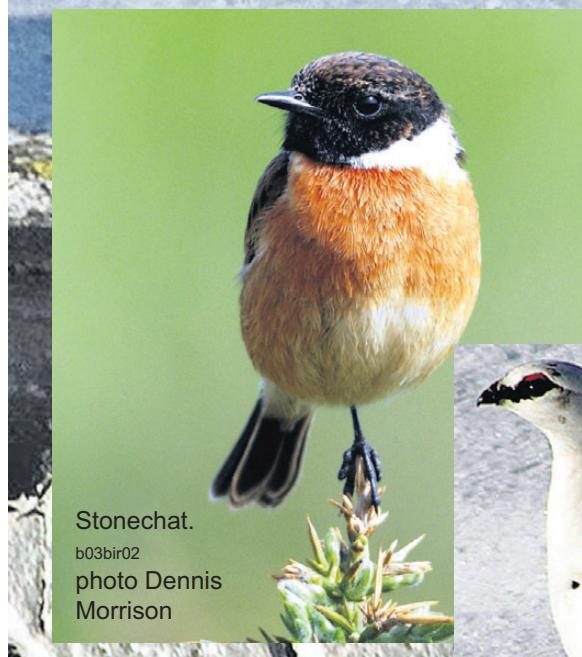


If you think you know then post your answer on the website www.arranbanner.co.uk
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Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

DECEMBER



Although the start of December was relatively dry and cold, the rain in the latter part meant that it was one of the wettest months of the year with a rainfall of about three times that of December 2010.

Winter visitors were to the fore.

Waxwings continued to be reported with 58 at Corrie on 3rd and 35 at Lochranza on 12th being the largest groups.

Other winter visitors included: 32 Rook at Sliddery on 1st, two Pink-footed Geese in the Shiskine Valley on 5th, 20 Linnet and six Redwing at Sliddery on 9th, 250 Greylag Goose at Shiskine on 10th and three male and two female Goldeneye off Cordon on 17th.

Highlights this month included: three Ptarmigan on the hills south of the Boguille on 11th, three Moorhen on Port-na-Lochan on 13th, a female Black Redstart on the shore near Brodick pier on 17th, two Little Grebe at Clauchlands on 26th and 11 Common Scoter off Kings Caves on 27th.

Interestingly there have been no reports of Kingfisher this winter.

On the shore, reports included: a Green-shank at Clauchlands on 1st; 130 Eider, seven Black-throated Diver, 34 Teal and 18 Wigeon all at Cosyden on 15th; 14 Lapwings at Kilpatrick Point on 18th; and nine Purple Sandpipers and 60 Turnstones at Kildonan on 26th.

On Tuesday 18 December there were two reports of male Stonechat on the coast, one at Kilpatrick Point and one by Shiskine Golf Course.

On 24th a pair was also reported at Clauchlands. After the two severe winters of 2009/10 and 2010/11, the numbers wintering on Arran crashed.

These records may indicate that the population is trying to re-establish. I would be particularly interested in receiving any other winter records of Stonechat.



Reports of Gannet off Sandbraes on the 23rd and off Corrie on 30th were only the fourth and fifth December reports in the last eight years. This species normally returns to waters around Arran in January.

Garden reports included: Great Spotted Woodpecker at Largiebeg on 11th, 10 Blackbird at Dyemill on 16th, 10 Long-tailed Tit at Whitefarland on 17th, 30 Chaffinch in Brodick on 18th and widespread reports of Coal Tit including nine in Lamlash on 19th.

On 25 December, Meleagris gallopavo with Oxycoccus palustris gave a lot of pleasure to a great many people on the island.

Finally, here is a date for your diary: the weekend of Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 January. That weekend stock up your bird feeders, spend one hour of your weekend watching your garden birds, and note down the highest number you see of each bird species.

This is the weekend of the 'Big Garden Birdwatch'.

Last year nearly half a million people throughout the UK and over 30 on Arran took part in this valuable exercise.

For more information or to get the form, visit the RSPB website Big Garden Birdwatch <http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch/> or phone 0300 456 8330.

Enjoy your birding. Please send all sightings giving '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.

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Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Kinloch Singles Darts Comp
Burns Buffet Ceilidh
Cartha trio

Sunday 20th January

Alcoholics Anonymous
New Al-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Open Mic Session
Folk night

Monday 21st January

Quiz
Outside Boot Camp
Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Citizens Advice
Morning Fitness
Breathe Walk Class
Table Tennis
Badminton
Lamlash Bridge Club
Volleyball Club
Arran Junior Football Club
Scottish Country Dancing
Lunch Club

Tuesday 22nd January

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary club
Streetly Dance pre school
Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7
Youth Club
Weight Watchers
Junior Hockey Club
Auchrannie Winter Bowls
Healthy Outdoors
Cricket Practise
Open Darts
Arranabsrunners Jog Scotland Beginners

Wednesday 23rd January

Hockey
Tae Kwon Do
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal

Loch Garbad, Bank fishing
9am-Dusk

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 pm.
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Kinloch Hotel 7pm
Corrie Hall, 7.30pm
Lamlash Community theatre, 1.30pm

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
Brodick Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 pm.
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
Ormidale Hotel, 8.30pm

Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
Beginners & improvers, Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2-4pm
MacKelvie Road, Lamlash 12 noon

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm – 6pm
Brodick Hall, 6.30 – 8pm
St Molios Church Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm
Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm
Kinloch Hotel from 8pm
5.30pm Lamlash High School car park

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm

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Northend Football Training
Outside Boot Camp
Coffee morning
Arran Elderly Forum
Arran Brass AGM
Visit Arran film making
Arranabsrunners Jog Scotland Advanced

Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
5.30pm Auchrannie Spa Car Park
Lochranza, 7pm
Whiting Bay Park, 6am
Lamlash church Hall, 10.15am-12noon
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am-1pm
Whiting Bay Lesser Hall, 7pm
Glencloy suite, Auchrannie 6pm
6pm Auchrannie Spa car park

Thursday 24th January

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5.30pm Kinloch Hotel car park

Friday 25th January

Aqua Fizz
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Arran Youth Foundations
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Lochranza Kids Badminton
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Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
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28 January 2013 – 1 February 2013 for Pre-School and Ante-Pre-School children (Children with dates of birth between 1 March 2009 and 28 February 2011) Registration for all Local Authority Early Years Establishments and Partner Pre-School Centres in North Ayrshire will take place in the week beginning 28 January 2013. Parents wishing to register their children for Pre-School education should apply directly to the Early Years Establishment of their choice. Birth certificates should be produced at the time of registration.

Please note that North Ayrshire Council operates an Admissions Policy which clearly describes priorities.

All Local Authority Early Years provision and current Partner Pre-School Centres in North Ayrshire are listed below and parents are requested to contact the Early Years Establishment of their choice to confirm the most suitable time to register.

LOCAL AUTHORITY EARLY YEARS CLASSES AND EARLY YEARS CENTRES

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Arddeer Primary & Early Years Class, Clark Crescent, Stevenston KA20 3LZ Tel: 01294 469785

Beith Primary & Early Years Class, Glebe Road, Beith KA15 1EZ Tel: 01505 502363

Blacklands Primary & Early Years Class, David's Crescent, Kilwinning KA13 7JJ Tel: 01294 552626

Brisbane Primary & Early Years Class, Holehouse Road, Largs KA30 9DZ Tel: 01475 686601

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Kilwinning Early Years Centre, Pennyburn Primary School, Sundrum Place, Kilwinning KA13 6SE Tel: 01294 550858

Lamlash Primary & Early Years Class, MacKelvie Road, Lamlash, Isle of Arran KA27 8NP Tel: 01770 600527

Lawthorn Primary & Early Years Class, Lochlibo Road, Lawthorn, Irvine KA11 2AY Tel: 01294 224548

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Skelmorie Primary & Early Years Class, Innes Park Road, Skelmorie PA17 5BA Tel: 01475 520997

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St Bridget's Primary & Early Years Class, Hagthorn Avenue, Kilbirnie KA25 6EJ Tel: 01505 683293

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St Mark's Primary & Early Years Class, Clark Drive, Irvine KA12 0NS Tel: 01294 271167

St Mary's Primary & Early Years Class, Linn Avenue, Largs KA30 9JU Tel: 01475 674382

St Peter's Primary & Early Years Class, South Isle Road, Ardrossan KA22 7PX Tel: 01294 462554

Stanecastle School & Early Years Class, Burns Crescent, Irvine KA11 1AQ Tel: 01294 211914

Stanley Primary & Early Years Class, Stanley Road, Ardrossan KA22 7DH Tel: 01294 462531

Towerlands Primary & Early Years Class, Heatherstane Way, Irvine KA11 1DY Tel: 01294 211265

West Kilbride Primary & Early Years Class, Hunterston Road, West Kilbride KA23 9EX Tel: 01294 829978 Contact School PM Tel: 01294 822353

Woodlands Primary & Early Years Class, Woodlands Avenue, Irvine KA12 0PU Tel: 01294 279532

PARTNER PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES

Annick Pre School, Old Parish Church, 47 Kirkgate, Irvine KA12 0DG Tel: 07546282992

Bradshaw Nursery, 22 Bradshaw Street, Saltcoats KA21 5HR Tel: 01294 471576

Bright Beginnings Nursery, Guide Hall, Muir Drive, Irvine KA12 0NR Tel: 07977557626

Brodick Nursery, Brodick Public Hall, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DL Tel: 01770 302065

Burnside House Nursery, Childcare Scotland, Burnside House, 24 Kilwinning Road, Irvine, KA12 8RU Tel: 01294 313180

Busy Bees Nursery, The James Moffat Centre, 187 Glasgow Street, Ardrossan KA22 8JY Tel: 07967 129330 or Tel: 01294 470892

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Treetops Private Nursery, 83 Anderson Drive, Irvine KA12 9HY Tel: 01294 312600

West Kilbride Village Nursery, Community Centre, Corse Street, West Kilbride KA23 9AX Tel: 01294 829217

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Whiting Bay Nursery, c/o The Pillar Box, Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran KA27 8RE Tel: 01770 700588

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

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Development Planning Services, Cunningham House, Irvine*, between 9am-4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk and at the Council Offices, Lamlash

Written representations may be made to the Corporate Director (Development & Environment) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 08.02.13. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development 12/00724/PP; Site To The North Of Ardendarroch, Shiskine, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Erection of one and half storey detached dwelling house.

12/00637/PP; Drimla Cottage, Kildonan, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Erection of garage/workshop to side of dwelling house including demolition of existing outbuildings.

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

Applications for Listed Building Consent.

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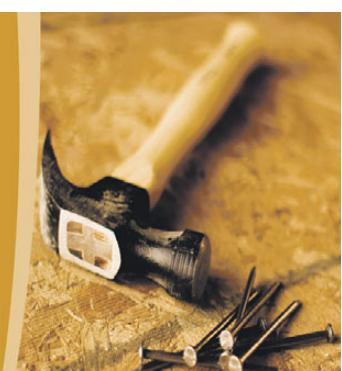
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(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 20th January
Holy Communion, 11.00 am (short, to allow time to get to Christian Unity Service).

Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN UNITY:
Sunday, 20th January
at 12.00 noon
in Lamlash Church.

Preacher: Richard Tiplady (Principal, International Christian College).
Offering to International Christian College.
BE THERE!
EVERYBODY IS MOST WELCOME.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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

Minister, Rev. Angus Adamson,
Parish Assistant,
Mrs Jean Hunter.

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited.

Sunday 20th January

Brodick Church, 10.30am, brief act of worship in church hall, followed by coffee.

Corrie Church, 10.30am, brief act of worship.

Shiskine Church, 11am, brief act of worship.

Christian Unity Service at Lamlash Church at 12noon. A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"

Sunday 20th January

Kilmory 10 am
Rev. Dr. Ian MacLeod
Lamlash 12 noon

Service of Christian Unity In both churches:

All welcome, including families; children's area

Scottish Charity SC015072

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**Sunday 20th January**

Mass 11am

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 20th January

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.

This will be a shortened service to allow people to join in the Arran Churches Together Celebration of Christian Unity in Lamlash Church at 12noon.

All most welcome.

At 7pm in the Church, there will be an informal evening service of praise and discussion. All welcome.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**Sunday 20th January**

Joining with Arran Churches Together
For joint service at the Church Of Scotland Lamlash at 12 midday

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Services as follows

Shiskine 11.00am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)

Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)

Rev William Paterson

All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

Sunday 20th January

Morning Service 11am Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick Evening Service 6.30pm 5 Glen Road, Brodick

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 23rd January

at 7pm

5 Glen Road, Brodick

All welcome

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS**Sunday January 20th**

in Dippin House, Dippin at 11am

Enquiries to Judith 820223.

All welcome

BIRTH

CURLEY – Andrew and Linda (nee Taylor), North Corriegills are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter Eva Joyce on the 9th January 2013.



One of the holes at Lamlash Golf Club.

Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: On Tuesday 8 January Brodick Ladies enjoyed their annual Games Day.

The winner of the Golf Trophy was Gege Kroner and the runner-up was Margaret Roxburgh. Both had 17 points but Gege won on the inward half.

After lunch and a short business meeting the Games Competitions began.

After a great deal of noise and laughter, the winners of the individual games were:

Darts – Gege, Dominoes - Marjorie Brown, Bowling - Jan Beattie, Putting - Brenda Livingstone.

On a points count, Margaret Roxburgh was the overall winner of the Games Trophy.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**McDonald - Alec**

The McDonald family would like to thank everyone for their cards, letters, flowers and kind offers of support on the tragic death of our much loved son and brother. It is very much appreciated.

Grateful thanks to the Rev. Angus Adamson for a beautiful and memorable service, Clair and David Hendry for the funeral arrangements and Kil-donan Hotel for the catering.

After the presentation of prizes details of the Ladies Prizegiving were given.

It will be held in the Clubhouse on Friday 1 February at 6.30pm for 7pm and will be a buffet meal costing £20.

All former members and friends are welcome to attend. People wishing to attend should add their names to the list on the notice board in the ladies' locker room or phone Elizabeth McKellar on 302230.

Gents: Wednesday 9 January, 13 gentlemen played (congratulations, you made it to 2013!) 1 Wolfi the colourful kraut Kroner 74-15=59, 2 Gordon Sillars 84-13=63, 3 Derek Roxborough 70-4=66. Magic twos Wolfi and John W/B Dick. Mr Dick managed to sink his eighth 2 despite his company's slower pace and well-done Captain Bryce for finding your putter in Wolfi's bag! There must be a story there somewhere...

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Due to the heavy rain on Sunday morning the AGA matches at Whiting Bay were postponed and will now be played on Saturday 19 January from 10am.

Other fixtures - Sunday 20 January, sweep from Yel-

low tees. Sunday 27 January, sweep from Yellow tees.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 10 January, Ladies 18 Hole Medal, 13 played.

Silver: 1 and Scratch J Turnbull 80-14=66 BIH, 2 L Kerr 82-16=66. Bronze: 1 E Henderson 101-35=66, 2 S

Brookes 91-23=68. Congratulations Esther on winning the medal!

Fixtures: Ladies - ALGU Drumadoon at Shiskine on Saturday 26 January, 10.30am tee off. Gents - 18 Hole Medal, Saturday 19 January, 12noon tee off. Ryder Cup, Sunday 20 January, 1pm shotgun start.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 8 January, Winter Cup. 1 Alastair MacDonald 65 BIH, 2 Mark MacDonald 65,

3 Brian Sherwood 75. Scratch and two Alastair MacDonald 75.

Fixtures: Tuesday 22 January, Winter Cup tee off 12pm

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 12 January 19 played CSS 62 Winter Cup.

Sweep 1 D K Henderson 69-7=62 bih, 2 A McDonald 76-

10=62, 3 R Logan 69-6=63.

Best scratch R Logan and D

K Henderson, BIH 69. Magic



twos J McGovern, B Rooney, J Innes, B Sherwood, D Price, D K Henderson 2.

Fixtures: Saturday 19 January, Sweep only, (no medal counter) as Winter League is at Whiting Bay. No Monday games due to wet weather.

Arran Golfers Association

Winter League/Duncan Trophy 2012/13. The third round matches should have been played at Whiting Bay on Sunday but the weather intervened and meant another cancellation, the games will now be played this Saturday the 19 January.

Draw as follows: Whiting Bay v Shiskine at 10am, Corrie v Lamlash at 10.50am and Machrie v Brodick at 11.40am.

Lamlash Golf Club

Sunday 6 January, Winter Stableford. 1 Ian Bremner 32pts, 2 Alan Smith 29pts, best Scratch Ian Bremner 27pts to Stableford. Thursday 10 January, Yellow Medal.

1 Andy Smith 74-16=58, 2 Alan Smith 70-8=62. Twos from Alan Smith at the 13th and 16th and Raymond Burke at the 13th.

Fixtures: Sunday 20 January, Glenburn Cup, 9.30am and 12noon starts.

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Oban may have won but Arran are still sitting second in the league. 01_b03rug04. Inset: Fly-half Lachlan Jones and his trusty boot scored all of Arran's points. 01_b03rug01

Brodick Bridge Club

The results for Brodick Bridge Club on Thursday 11 January were as follows:
N/S 1 Jan Beattie and John Crawford +630, 2 David Henderson and Fiona Crawford -170, 3 Linda Trickett and Evelyn Sillars -190.

E/W 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton +3470, 2 Janie McLure and Anne Mckelvie + 1930, 3 Douglas Bruce and Margaret Bruce +1490.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results from the tournament on Monday 14 January were as follows:
N/S John and Jan Beattie +970, 2 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingston +240, 3 Douglas and Margaret Bruce +100.

E/W 1 Trish Martin and Alison Bilsland +1670, 2 Vic and Michael Iutz +1110, 3 Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie +960.

Narrow defeat can't crush Arran spirits

Controversial late penalty give Oban the win

A narrow defeat by Oban Lorne RFC on Saturday may have been disappointing for Arran but they are still sitting comfortably at second in the league.

Both Arran and Oban now have 28 points but the island team's for and against difference puts them in second place above Oban.

The game at Ormidale Park was a close one with Arran proving superior in the first half.

Oban may have scored the first points of the game with a penalty in the first two minutes but Arran seemed more

in control of the ball. A superb interception by fly-half Lachlan Jones saw him scoring in the right hand corner and converting his own try. 7-3

The crowd went mad when Arran's fullback Ben Tattersfield juggled the ball with one hand as he sped towards the try line.

However the referee declared that Ben was in front of the kicker and declared the try invalid and within minutes Oban somehow managed to push their way across the line at the other end of the pitch taking the score to

7-8 at half time. When Arran came back on to the pitch they seemed to be struggling in the scrums and Ben Tattersfield just couldn't get space to run.

Jamie Picken showed flashes of brilliance and Ryan Robb was almost unstoppable on the wing but Arran failed to score another try.

Two penalties for each side took the score to 10-11 but despite two high tackles on Arran's players, Oban were awarded a final penalty that gave them a four point win.

This week Arran are travelling away to Uddingston.

Top teams tied in pool league

After last week's victories for Whiting Bay Golf Club, the PHT and PT1934 in the Arran Pool League, all three teams are now tied at the top of the table.

The three have 10 points each so when the league resumes after the Knockout Shield it could be a very close race to the finish line.

The first round of the doubles competition is to be played by Sunday 20 January.

The draw is as follows: T Mulholland/S Robinson (PT1934) v J Ainsworth/D Prescott (Whiting Bay) at Kildonan, S McMaster/G Stewart (PT1934) v S and B Tattersfield (Drift) at Bar Eden, M Worthington/A Picken (PT1934) v J McKechnie/J Simmons (Whiting Bay) at Kildonan, D Head/F Barr (Whiting Bay) v C Clugston/F Dunn (Mac's) at the Drift, D Nicholson/R Hughes (Kildonan) v J Copperwheat/S Scott (Drift) at Bar Eden, K Jackson/B Hamilton (Whiting Bay) v P McKinnon/N Bulger (Mac's) at the PHT, R Buchan/I McDonald (Mac's) v G McLeod/D Hackett (Whiting Bay) at PHT, D Smith/E Picken (PT1934) v N McMaster/J Picken (PT1934) at PT1934.

The Arran Open Pool Competition will be played on Sunday 27 January at 2pm in Mac's Bar.

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