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Single-force police plans thrashed out on Arran

'I don't think it would have an impact on policing on Arran' – sergeant Bob MacKay

Scotland's Justice Minister, Kenny MacAskill, made a surprise visit to Arran on Wednesday – despite the community being told to expect him on Thursday.

The minister said that the aim of his visit to the island was to look at the function of police in rural areas and see which aspects of it are most important to the community.

'Despite being part of Strathclyde Police we are aware that Arran is a very unique policing area,' said Mr MacAskill. 'On one hand it is known as 'Scotland in Miniature' so it is a great place to begin this consultation, but on the other hand it has its own distinctive policing needs.'

The Scottish Government has recently begun a consultation into the future of police and fire services in Scotland.

Ministers have revealed plans to merge the current eight Scottish police forces into one.

REPORT
by **JENNIFER LYON**
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It is believed that a single police force for Scotland could save almost £200 million.

Mr MacAskill added: 'My visit here today allows me to meet with local police officers and members of the community to discuss what their views are on the Single Police Force option and whether or not it could work in areas such as this.'

Earlier this month, Strathclyde Police Chief Constable Stephen House – who was supposed to be visiting the island with Mr MacAskill - said a national police force would be better equipped to deal with major incidents.

He said smaller individual forces could not respond alone to large-scale emergencies.

At a coffee morning in Lamlash Church Hall, Mr MacAskill was able to speak to members of the public.

David Oakes of Lamlash said: 'I was asked about the unitary force idea but it really doesn't matter to us here. What matters are the officers which we see day to day.'

Jack and Ishbel Paterson of Whiting Bay said that they felt many of the police issues the minister discussed do not affect the community on Arran and that they were very happy with the current service provided by Sergeant Bob MacKay and his team.

Sergeant MacKay told The Banner that Mr MacAskill asked him if he believed a single-force would impact Arran's policing.

'I told him that I would still be reporting to the same people as before so, no, I don't think it would impact Arran,' he said. 'This is a structured organisation and that structure would remain the same. At the end of the day it's what myself and my officers do on the island that people care about.'



Scotland's Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill talks with Jack and Ishbel Paterson at the Lamlash Coffee Morning on Wednesday. 02_b07ken02



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Herbs houses appeal rejected by the council

An appeal against the refusal of planning permission for two houses at Kings Cross has been turned down.

The Local Review Body of North Ayrshire Council met on Tuesday to consider the appeal, and Councillors voted by seven votes to two in favour of the original decision to refuse permission.

The application for two houses for agricultural workers for Robin's Herbs business was lodged on 5 May 2010 and subsequently refused by NAC Planning Committee on 3 August. Four letters of objection were received by NAC.

In considering the appeal, the Local Review Body met on 13 December and agreed to accept further written submissions from the applicant on the ownership of the access road and bridge from Sandbraes, and confirmation that the applicant has permission to carry out necessary improvements to bring them to an acceptable standard.

Recommendation

In coming to their recommendation, planning officers stated: 'The established rural business is not a business that requires supervision 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and it is considered

that other measures could be implemented to improve the security on site. It is accepted that additional information has been submitted by the agent, however, on the basis of this information it is considered that no acceptable justification has been provided which would outweigh the policy considerations of the adopted local plan and allow the erection of two dwellinghouses in this locality.'

In an earlier application at this site, retrospective approval with conditions was granted on 20 February 2007 for erection of a packing shed incorporating staff facilities.

Faye takes over from Robin at Distillery Centre

Isle of Arran Distillers has a new face at the helm.

Faye Black has taken over from Robin Bell as Visitor Centre Manager, the person that most people associate with Arran's own niche brand of very special malt whisky.

The Visitor Centre is one of the major attractions at the north end of the island and had a record-breaking year in 2010. Over 68,000 guests

enjoyed the experience of the shop, restaurant and tour of the distillery.

Robin Bell has been the manager of the Centre for five years and during this period he improved standards and increased visitor numbers.

In December he retired from this post and celebrated with style, surrounded by staff and friends. Robin's successor, Faye Black,

was born and bred on the island and is a familiar face at the distillery. She started work with Isle of Arran Distillers the very first day the Visitor Centre opened in March 1997. She returned to work there year on year, while studying her degree in psychology.

Faye admitted with a laugh: 'Whisky helped me through university'.

She became Visitor Centre assistant manager in 2009 and says now: 'I could not have had a better mentor and role model than Robin. He is leaving large shoes to fill, I may need a step ladder to jump into them!' Faye has many new ideas for the Visitor Centre. 'I want it to be the jewel of the north end of our stunning island,' she added.

This year's Annual Open Day and ceilidh at the distillery will be on Sunday 29 May.



Desperate beer drinkers in Liverpool

Beer drinkers in Merseyside were so keen to get their hands on the new Arran Ale at the weekend that they broke into a parked lorry carrying the tippie.

Arran Brewery's managing director, Gerald Michaluk, said the theft just proves how much the local beer is in demand.

'They stole five cases of ale worth about £30 each,' he said. 'It just shows that in Liverpool our drinkers are so keen to get their hands on it that they are lifting it off the back of the truck.'

David Oakes to preside at annual dinner

The Arran Society of Glasgow annual dinner will be held in the Radisson Hotel, Argyle Street, Glasgow on Saturday 12 March.

Society President, David Oakes of Lamlash, will be presiding, with guest speakers Sir Kenneth Calman and Deborah Robertson.

Tickets are available from Catherine Murchie on 0141 639 6060 or by email at catherine.murchie@btinternet.com

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Energy saving information on offer

As part of Energy Saving Week on Arran, there will be two information talks in the Glen Cloy suite at Auchrannie next Friday 25 February.

The week-long event is being organised by the Energy Saving Scotland advice centre.

The first session at Auchrannie is from 3pm to 4.45pm and the second from 5.15pm to 7pm.

The topics will include solar panels, wind turbines, hydro-electricity, heat pumps and biomass. The talks should provide an overview of each technology, how it works, the costs to install and incentives available from the Government.

Householders will be able to meet Energy Saving Scotland advisors and ask questions.

Laura MacAuly of the advice centre said: 'Ideally we would like people to phone and book a place to make sure we have enough space. They can call us on 0800 512 012 and an advisor can take a booking.'

'All events are free to attend and we will provide tea and coffee.'



Sally Home in the creamery shop where the baby otter came to call.

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Right: A baby otter. b07ott01

Baby otter seeks sanctuary at creamery shop

A baby otter called in to visit the new shop at Torrylinn Creamery last Wednesday.

Sally Home, who only took over as shop owner two days earlier, said: 'The poor wee thing had lost its mum and was drenched. It had been seen at the terrace earlier in the morning and must have become separated. Then it appeared at the window. And it was such a wet day.'

'It was crying for its mum - it was such a pathetic sound.'

The young otter took shelter by the door into the creamery canteen, then at one point

rolled off the staging and fell down into a puddle on the drive.

Sally had the presence of mind to contact the Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle to ask for advice. Head Ranger Kate Sampson told her not to approach it or it would pick up the human scent which might just put the mother off rescuing the otter.

The following morning there was no sign of the youngster, so with luck its mother had come back when all was quiet to rescue it. Otters are frequently seen down near the beach at Torrylinn but not in the village itself.

Sally said: 'A couple came into the shop while all this was going on. They had been having a bad day, but said

that this little wildlife episode cheered them up no end.

'I'm just glad that the shop is open at last. My heartfelt thanks go to all who opposed the shop closure by First Milk. It has been a long hard slog from redundancy to opening.'

'And I'm so pleased that this little otter called in to see me.'

'The poor wee thing had lost its mum and was drenched. It had been seen at the terrace earlier in the morning and must have become separated. Then it appeared at the window.'

All welcome at community council meeting

The next Arran Community Council meeting will be held in the Ormidale Pavilion at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22 February.

This is one week earlier than usual.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and if necessary make a contribution by prior arrangement with the chairman, John Inglis.

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Promises or hot air from parliamentary candidates?

It's been fascinating reading in the Banner the unveiling week by week of a seemingly endless list of promises which Labour's Holyrood candidate Allan Wilson will single-handedly fulfill should he return as an MSP.

However, this constant drip of promises is becoming increasingly ludicrous as time goes by and simply shows he will say anything to win the election.

In recent months, Mr Wilson's party has compiled an impressive wish list of spending priorities in an attempt to appeal to absolutely everyone. This epic list included, amongst many other things, building a Glasgow Airport Rail Link, modernising Glasgow Underground, more money for the NHS, Local Government, Scottish Enterprise etc. Most generously of all, handing all motorists in the Highlands and Islands an annual cheque for £400 to mitigate the high fuel costs incurred through Labour's own fuel duty escalator.

Remarkably, before compiling this massive bag of goodies, they neglected to actually calculate how much it would cost. Even hard working Scottish Parliament researchers stopped counting when they passed the £3 billion mark.

Undeterred by this growing list of promises and not to be outdone by his colleagues, Mr Wilson dreamed up some

Kenneth Gibson MSP takes the opportunity to respond to a number of recent contributions to the Arran Banner by Labour PPC Allan Wilson

of his own. He has called for a 40percent reduction in ferry fares, a six fold increase in the winter roads budget, a new £6 billion Hunterston nuclear power station and a new Largs Academy.



Kenneth Gibson MSP
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The SNP Government passed its budget for the forthcoming year and in the teeth of unprecedented Westminster cuts, very tough decisions had to be made.

The budget guarantees funding to maintain teacher numbers, 1,000 extra police officers, the Council Tax freeze, protect NHS funding, fully fund free personal care for the elderly, a £3.3 billion capital investment programme, and maintaining the small business rates cut which has protected so many jobs and businesses. Astonishingly, despite meeting all and more of Labour's 'demanded' changes to the budget, Cabinet Secretary John Swinney MSP was unable to secure the support of

Labour MSPs, who voted against the budget.

For the fourth year in a row no Labour MSP even raised the subject of Mr Wilson's mythical 40percent reduction in ferry fares.

No Labour MSP called for Road Equivalent Tariff to be removed from the Western Isles or extended to the Clyde islands. Mr Wilson talks of 'fares rising above inflation.' Readers may recall his feigned outrage when fares rose in the spring of 2008 by 18percent. CalMac had to gently point out to him that this happens every year; fares go down again in the autumn. The fact he was unaware of this after representing Arran and Cumbrae for eight years shows how little he considered his island constituents.

Perhaps Mr Wilson should explain why not one single Labour MSP put forward any of his proposals in a year when their shopping list was so vast. I suggest it is because he has not discussed any of his plans with his party, preferring instead to invent policies which he believes will appeal to the voters.

Such shameful opportunism will cut no ice. No one likes to be taken for a fool and Mr Wilson has tried to con voters in a desperate campaign devoid of any credibility.



From left, Richard and Meilan Henderson arriving back on Arran and met by Chris and Pip Siddle at Brodick pier. 02_b06hen01

Richard and Meilan – back from Bangkok at last

After the saga of their epic move from Bangkok back to Lochranza, Richard and Meilan Henderson finally arrived back on Arran last week.

They were met on Brodick pier by Pip and Chris Siddle of Lochranza and afterwards Richard said: 'We made it! The actual journey from Bangkok to Lochranza was probably the easiest part of the whole process.'

'The flights and ferry crossing were near-perfect, the house was still standing, and the weather was enough of a novelty to be thrilling rather than depressing.'

'Now we're slowly finding out what is and what isn't possible. We've got our ferry cards, and our bus passes are apparently in train, thanks to a helpful lass at the post office.'

'On the other hand, our clever plan to get UK SIM-cards for our mobile phones before we got to Arran foundered on the fact that we couldn't produce whatever strange sort of bank card appears to be necessary these days to convince the mobile phone company that we are who we say they are. (It's less clear why they would care all that much, as long as we pay the bills.)'

'Now we've got to learn what sort of wheelie bin means what, and when to put it out to be collected, and a host of other things we need to know and have at our finger-tips in order to be dutiful citizens of Lochranza.'

'Bear with us please. I expect we'll get there in the end, but I'm equally certain there will be silly bloomers along the way. A special thank you to those who saw the earlier articles in the Banner, and wrote to welcome us back to the island, and to Brodick Scottish Country Dancing. We'll get there when we can.'

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Everyone loves tourism in Ayrshire and Arran

Tourism representatives from across Ayrshire met last Monday, St Valentine's Day, to show their passion and commitment to developing tourism across the region.

Some 40 representatives from the local tourism network attended the Love Ayrshire business breakfast at Lochgreen Hotel, Troon and pledged their support to boosting the industry in Ayrshire.

Representatives

Organised by the Ayrshire Economic Partnership, the event brought together representatives from all three local

councils, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce, VisitScotland, Scottish Enterprise and a selection of local tourism businesses.

Representatives from the Ayrshire Economic Partnership signed a Statement of Commitment demonstrating their dedication to helping the tourism industry across Ayrshire grow.

Speaking at the event, Councillor David O'Neill, Leader of North Ayrshire Council said: 'There are hundreds of reasons why we Love Ayrshire - the area has a rich blend of

history and culture, boasts world-class sporting facilities, and is famed for its breathtaking scenery and stunning coastline.

Showcase

'We are committed to working hand-in-hand with our public and private sector partners to showcase all that is great about Ayrshire and Arran and ensure the area realises its full tourism potential.'

And in keeping with the theme of love and romance on St Valentine's Day, 40 red heart shaped balloons were released into the sky.



The launch of Love Ayrshire, from left: Martin Cheyne, Chief Executive, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Councillor David O'Neill, Leader of North Ayrshire Council, Councillor Bill McIntosh, Leader of South Ayrshire Council, Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader East Ayrshire Council and Jill Farrell, West Director, Scottish Enterprise.

Montrose House Burns Supper

The Clarke family Burns afternoon at Montrose House has become something of a tradition.

For several years, the talented Shiskine family has entertained the residents of Brodick's residential home for the elderly with seasonal offerings to celebrate the birth

of Scotland's bard, Robert Burns.

This year, mum Liz Clarke organised proceedings and dad John brought along his accordion. Young Iain piped in the haggis which was then suitably addressed by Fiona.

The company of about 30 residents and friends enjoyed

traditional Burns' Supper fare and listened to a number of Burns recitations by Iain.

Accompanied by her father and brother on pipes and accordion, Fiona gave an exhibition of Highland Dancing culminating in an energetic Sailor's Hornpipe, complete with sailor's uniform.



Ena Nelson had a great time listening to the bagpipes and accordion.



101-year-old Ruth Russell enjoying her haggis.

Watch out - there's a scam about

Bins provided to deposit junk mail

Arran residents are quite familiar with the deluge of junk mail dropping through the letter box promising all manner of wonderful prizes.

Now they are being encouraged to watch out for scams during February as part of the national Scamnesty campaign.

Campaign

Scamnesty is a national campaign which aims to raise awareness of scams. Local people are being asked to collect any potential scam mail they receive and deposit them in special bins which have been placed throughout local communities.

Councillor David O'Neill,

Leader of North Ayrshire Council, said: 'This will help to raise awareness by encouraging people to talk about the issues and to engage others including friends, family and neighbours.'

Every year a staggering three million people in the UK lose money to mass marketed scams, such as bogus lotteries, deceptive prize draws, get rich quick schemes, and miracle health cures.

Cllr O'Neill added: 'The vulnerable suffer most and individual examples are common where many thousands of pounds have been lost often never to be recovered.'

Records of the scam mailings

will be collated by Trading Standards. The information will be used as intelligence to support the OFT's investigations into the scale of the problem in the UK.

Victim

Scamnesty bins can be found in Lamlash Council offices and Brodick Library.

If you have been a victim please don't keep it to yourself, let the Council know - you will not be alone as the type of scams develop each year through the internet, by telephone or text, mail or personal callers.

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Policing the changes

So Arran became the staging area this week for the Scottish government's plans to resize the country's police service from eight forces into just one.

The Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill met with local police officers to discuss these plans and to assess what impact it would have on Arran.

Sergeant Bob MacKay quite rightly stated that a restructure of police forces would have no impact here, as he would still be reporting to the same people.

What the politicians don't seem to understand is that as long as we feel safe in our communities, the structure of the service means nothing.

Also reporting on Mr MacAskill's visit to Arran was a journalist from a well-known national newspaper.

He enthusiastically asked the reporters from The Banner what we thought of the 40 per cent reduction in crime on Arran. We politely tried to tell him that as the island is lumped in with the rest of North Ayrshire, these statistics mean very little to those living on Arran.

'But knife crime and sexual assaults have gone down considerably,' he said. 'It must make you all sleep a bit more easily at night.'

Sometimes people just don't realise what a wonderful place Arran is to live.

It's hard to believe that it is 40 years since decimalisation came into effect in Britain.

In February 1971 we bade farewell to a whole range of familiar coins and notes of the realm.

Could today's schoolchildren even imagine what we had to endure when doing long multiplication and division in pounds, shillings and pence? There had been 240 pennies to the pound, and until its demise in 1961, 960 farthings to the pound.

To change over to units of 10 and 100 surely had to make life easier.

Copper pennies became history in 1971, so phrases like 'for a few coppers' will have little meaning to today's young folk. 'Taking the King's shilling', referring to a day's pay for a Tommy, must mystify many nowadays.

We lost the 12-sided thrupenny bit, the sixpence or tanner, the florin, half crown and 10 bob note. And there appears to be a move afoot to abolish the current one and two pence pieces leaving five pence as the smallest tender.

But it is comforting to know that a little bit of tradition remains in the auction rooms. Pedigree bloodstock and fine works of art are still sold in guineas, otherwise known as 21 shillings.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God is a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. (Nehemiah 9:17)

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Letters to the Editor



Adapted, not

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Sir,
Much as it is very flattering to be mentioned in the Banner as a playwright in the same sentence as the esteemed Anton Chekov and Alan Ayckbourn, I feel I have to come clean and clarify the origins of Tam's Tale!

I have merely *adapted* the play (first performed 11 years ago) from the infamous Tam O'Shanter for performance by Shiskine Junior Drama.

I can't really claim to have *written* it as that honour must go to the one and only Robert Burns.

I hope this clarifies the situation, which was entirely my fault for not entering the correct information on the festival entry form! Yours (somewhat sheepishly),

Sheila Gilmore
Shiskine
Junior Drama

Ferry kindness

Sir,
I wonder if you'd be kind enough to thank the staff and two passengers on the Caledonian Isles ferry last Sunday afternoon.

First of all I asked if there were any sandwiches left. I was told there weren't, but that they would make me one.

A few minutes later there it was, with all the trimmings. I thought that was above and beyond the call of duty, especially late on a Sunday.

As if that wasn't enough, I dropped my purse by the luggage section just before we arrived at Ardrossan and as I was walking down the gangway an announcement was made.

I was on my way to the airport and without the kindness of the other passengers and the quick response of the crew I would still probably be standing at the check-in desk.

Yours,
Melissa Freeman
via email

PS. I hope everyone supports the triathlon. I'm sure that the brief inconvenience on the day will be made up for in spades by the influx of new visitors being introduced to Arran.

Concert change

Sir,
I would be grateful if I could use your letters page to highlight a slight change in the programming of the last two concerts in the Isle of Arran Music Society's winter season.

The Saturday 19 February concert will be performed by the exceptionally talented Djordje Gajic playing classical accordion, with a special guest appearance by his wife on violin.

The Klezmer band She'koyokh who were to perform for us this month will instead be coming to Arran on 26 March, performing for us a week later than the March concert date previously advertised.

I am sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Yours,
Samantha Payn
Secretary
Isle of Arran Music Society
Harefield, Shannochie

Housing on Forestry land?

Sir,
On Thursday 3 February a meeting of senior forestry officers, HIFAR and Arran Community Council was held in the Brodick office.

The purpose was to look for a constructive way forward in the wake of disappointment at the response to the Forestry Feasibility Study carried out on Arran.

The study identified possible housing sites for different types of housing, but there were a variety of reasons for the relative unsuitability of the sites such as infrastructure requirements, possible planning objections and cost. NAC has made it clear that their minds are not closed to further housing possibilities on forestry land and, that presented with practical possibilities they would be supportive.

With some helpful information from NW Mull Community Group, the meeting discussed forest crofts, self-build plots and affordable housing with possible different sponsors or 'delivery mechanisms'.

The Mull group is forming nine woodland crofts on what was previously Forestry Commission land. The crofters will apply for planning permission to build a house which will carry a burden (ie can't simply be sold on the open market) and the crafting intentions included animal husbandry, market gardens, fruit tree nursery, bee keeping, wood fuel, tourism etc.

One site in the Arran study was discussed as a possible venue for self-build and another for affordable housing.

Forestry delegates were very positive and encouraging and not dispirited by the low-key response to the original study. It was agreed that the Forestry Commission would ask NAC planning to have a look at a couple of sites with a view to possibly overcoming any planning objections while HIFAR would work on an application for land under the National Forest Land Scheme.

It is a sad reality that many young people who were enthused a few years ago about the possibility of housing on forestry land have now been forced to leave Arran through lack of housing but people of all ages who are inter-

ested in any of these possibilities should make themselves known by phoning Henry Murdo on 302393.

Yours,
John Inglis
Arran Community Council
Albanian
experience

Sir,
I am so glad I decided to go and help Sue Davidson deliver the wheelchairs to Albania.

It was an experience I am pleased I did not miss. I met an elderly lady who could hardly walk herself, looking after her two adult daughters, both in wheelchairs.

One boy we met had no bed of his own and shared with his mother and other children who slept on the floor.

I saw many other things, like the centre Sue hopes to put a physiotherapy room into, and the 60 people a day who come for a free meal as they are so poor.

Albania is improving slowly. Like the new airport and hotels, however, there is still a lot of work to be done to help.

Yours,
Linda Ross
Ashdale Way
Whiting Bay

Sir Kenneth Calman at the Antiquarians

Arran Antiquarians are entertaining Sir Kenneth Calman, chairman of the National Trust for Scotland, at their meeting next Monday 21 February.

Sir Kenneth is an eminent medical person and he holidays on the island frequently. He is a former Chief Medical Officer of Scotland and Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. In 2008/2009 he was convenor of the Calman Commission into Scottish Devolution.

He will be speaking to the Antiquarians about one of his interests, 'cartoons and caricatures in medicine'.

This will be the first of the series of monthly lectures for the Antiquarians and should be an interesting facet on medicine by an expert.

Red Cross quiz winner in Pirnmill

Arran Red Cross Patient Escort and Transport Service held a quiz, and of the nine correct entries drawn, the winner of the £15 book token was Mrs Isobel Rankin of Pirnmill.

Congratulations go to her and many thanks to all who took part.

The answers were: Darlington, Stockport or Luton Town, Sheffield, Twickenham, Detroit, Edinburgh, Dundee United, Ross County, Kirkcaldy, Norwich City, Cowdenbeath, St. Mirren, John Wayne, George Heriot or Keith Armstrong, James VII, Edward I, Arsenal, Aberdeen, Glenbuck, Gordon Sumner.

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Jack Murchie and Meg complete a successful pen. 02_b07dog02

Wullie and Dusk win both sheepdog trials at Glenkiln

Wullie Stevenson and his dog Dusk took the honours at the penultimate Arran Nursery dog trials of the season.

The trials were held at Glenkiln, Lamlash in bright sunshine on a perfect winter's afternoon last Saturday.

Results: First nursery 1 Wullie Stevenson with Dusk 72 points, 2 Diane Lewis with Meg on 50 points. Second nursery 1 Wullie Stevenson with Dusk 82 points, 2 Diane Lewis and Meg 77 points.

Sweepstake: 1 Wullie Stevenson and Dusk 82, 2 Geoff Brookes and Shona 81, 3 Diane Lewis and Meg 77, 4 Jack

Murchie and Meg 73.

The final Nursey Trial of the

season will be held at Druid, Machrie.



Watching and waiting for their turn at Glenkiln are dog handlers Wullie Stevenson, George Tod, Niall McMaster and Diane Lewis. 02_b07dog01

Arran Bridge Notes

Brodick Bridge Club

Thirteen couples competed for the coveted Adam Morrison Cup at the Brodick Bridge Club meeting on Thursday evening 10 February in the golf clubhouse at Brodick.

After a keenly fought contest, the winners were Janie McClure and Ann McKelvie with a score of 69.5percent, followed in second place by Helen Boyd and Liz Paul with a score of 61.1percent.

Third place went to David Henderson and Fiona Crawford on 58.9percent.

Thanks go to all who contributed to the organisation of the evening.

Lamlash Bridge Club

Results for Lamlash Bridge Club on Monday 14 February:

N/S 1 J Barclay and J McArthur +2560, 2 H Boyd and J Murchie +980, 3 M and V Iutz -570. E/W 1 W and M Clow +1520, 2 E Paul and T Martin +1140, 3 R Thomson and P Thomson +910.

Round the Rurals

Shiskine

At our meeting on Wednesday 2 February Jerry Arthur welcomed the guest speaker Stuart Gough who enthralled us with a slideshow of his old postcards of Shiskine, Torbeg, Blackwaterfoot and Kilpatrick.

Stuart has an immense collection of postcards of Arran, and quite a few of our members were able to see their homes as they used to be (some thatched) which was fascinating.

We all thoroughly enjoyed Stuart's talk as he so very knowledgeable, interesting and good fun. Alice Anderson thanked him most sincerely on our behalf.

Competition for tablet; 1 Liz Dale, 2 Elizabeth Kelso.

Exhibition of old photo; 1 Liz Dale, 2 Elinor Kinnaird.

Raffle winner, Elizabeth Kelso.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2 March when we will have a Members' Craft Evening. The competition is a pot bowl of Spring bulbs and the exhibition is for your fa-

vourite piece of jewellery.

A warm welcome to everyone.

Kilmory

Kilmory WRI welcomed members from Whiting Bay, Kildonan and Shiskine institutes to their annual Burns' Night on Monday 7 February.

The committee wish to thank everyone who made the evening a success: Andrew Earle for piping in the haggis, Finlay Murchie for his address to the haggis and his

poem 'The Haggis of Private McPhee, Johann McHarg who said the Selkirk Grace, Alex Muir for her poem and Jim Fleming for playing his accordion.

The company enjoyed a Tam O'Shanter quiz, a raffle and finished off the evening singing Auld Lang Syne.

The business meeting will be on Monday 7 March when the competitions will be for the 'Anne Wallace Sifter competition', and also for best tablet.

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Intermediate team, Sarah Jenkins, Eilidh Blair, Spohie Corbett and Rotarians Johnny Corbett and Kenneth Bone.

Arran first round winners of national Youthspeaks competition

After considerable success in recent years, Arran High School pupils are once again entering the national Rotary Club Youthspeaks competition.

Last Tuesday night the first round of the competition was held in The MacLaren Hotel, Brodick.

The teams chosen go on to the Scottish Final in Paisley later this month.

Rotarians enjoyed a very interesting and entertaining evening and never cease to be surprised at the talent and enthusiasm displayed by the pupils of Arran High School. Much of this is to the credit of

their teacher Heather Gough.

Rotary members had a difficult choice to make as all the teams were extremely good. The intermediate team to go forward was made up of Sarah Jenkins, chairperson, Eilidh Blair, speaker, and Sophie Corbett, proposer.

They talked about Etiquette and Manners and were clearly well versed in their subject. They were worthy winners of their section despite being the only intermediate team entered.

They were followed by the two senior teams.

First to perform were Lauren Mc Allister, chairperson, Scott

Currie, speaker and Gillian Anderson, proposer. The team handled the subject of Stereotypes with humour and enthusiasm.

The final senior team was Katharine Donnelly, chairperson, Chris Jenks, speaker and Iona flewitt, proposer. They talked about progression and learning through life, very professionally and with some hilarious moments. Although the teams were very close the latter won on this occasion.

Once again the Rotary Club is proud of the young people and delighted to sponsor the two teams to go forward to the next stage.

First High School swimming gala

The first High School swimming gala took place on Thursday 10 February at the Auchrannie Hotel.

This event has been created because of the success of the primary gala, and it was felt that the high school children deserved a swimming competition as well. In total there were 20 swimmers competing in various races and relays.

Winners of the Champions Race were Rory Hunter (Ju-

nior Boys), Emma Hill (Senior Girls) and in the race of the night Cameron Paul and Neil Hunter finished in a dead heat to both take the Senior Boys title. House relays all proved very one sided with Shuraig collecting all the new trophies.

Worthwhile

Jamie Murchie, Active Schools Co-ordinator, said: 'Although the numbers on the night weren't as good as

I had hoped I believe it was still worthwhile and all the children had a good time.

'Hopefully year on year the High School Gala will grow to be as successful as the Primary Event.

'I would like to thank all the staff and pupils for volunteering and competing, Sally Hunter for all her hard work during the year with the swimmers and finally, Auchrannie hotel for hosting the event.'



Swimming gala winners, Emma Hill, Rory Hunter, Cameron Paul and Neil Hunter.

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This is not a story about power cuts, but a day of celebrating film in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Saturday 26 February – and all completely free.

The mini film festival organised by Corrie Film Club begins at 10am with coffee, and you are invited to go along and watch whatever you fancy and all of it if you want to.

The varied programme begins at 10.30am with a charm-

ing and little known Scottish film, *Isle of Voices*, based on the short story by Robert Louis Stevenson and shot near Edinburgh in Portobello and Gullane.

This is followed at 11.30am by a film directed by Arran resident, David Napier who will introduce his film about Ailsa Craig, *Life on the Craig*.

A lunch of soup, rolls and cheese will be provided free

of charge around 12.45pm and then look forward to a romantic afternoon starting at 1.30pm with *Brief Encounter* followed at 3.15pm by *Dangerous Liaisons*. Taking a break for tea and biscuits we will continue with comedy at 5.45pm and *Bringing up Baby* before supper of filled baked potatoes and salad at

around 7.30pm. The final film is Polanski's thriller *Cul-de-Sac* which will kick off at 8.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to this free film festival. Stay for as few or as many films as you like and enjoy food and convivial company as well.

See advert on page 18 for details.

Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club

There was a good turnout to the February meeting of Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club to hear cardiac nurse Jo Earle's talk 'Love your Heart.'

Using flip chart diagrams, she built up pictures of heart construction and function, challenging the members to name causes of heart problems and how they could and should be avoided by healthy eating and exercise.

Her easy style was very well received and after questions, some members were glad to have discussions during teatime. Literature from the Heart Foundation was available and appreciated.

Stevie Stevenson, in thanking her, vouched for the weekly rehab classes run by her and physiotherapist Alison Keir.

We are well served by the Health Service here on Arran. The final meeting of the year in March (and possibly our final meeting) will take the form of an AGM followed by entertainment by the pupils of Corrie Primary School. Elma Stevenson.



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Friday 25 February

Whiting Bay Hall, Energy Advice Surgery
10.00am to 12.00noon

Auchrannie House Hotel, Information Talks
3.00pm to 7.00pm

Please call to book at place at this event as space may be limited

Saturday 26 February

Ormidale Pavillion, Energy Showcase Exhibition
10.00am to 3.00pm

Our eco-driving simulator will be at this event to help save you fuel when driving



The Energy Saving Scotland advice centre South West is holding an Energy Saving Week on Arran to help residents save energy and money. Energy and fuel prices have increased rapidly and islanders will be feeling the pinch even more than their mainland counterparts. The advice centre is here to help.

Funded by Scottish Government and managed by the Energy Saving Trust, the advice centre provides free, impartial and expert advice to help save energy, cut fuel bills, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and help fight climate change. This advice is available to both householders and small businesses.

The advice centre can:

- Provide you with personalised home energy reports, showing the best energy saving methods for your home;
- Give you information about offers that are available in your local area;
- Provide information about or refer you to local professional installers;
- Advise about more fuel efficient cars and ways you can cut your fuel consumption when driving;
- Give support that might boost your income and make your home warmer and cheaper to heat;
- Advise on choosing renewable technologies that suit your home;
- Help you source energy efficient appliances for your home.

The advice centre is holding a series of events during Energy Saving Week to meet householders and provide support. Come along to the free events to find out what is available for you.

Don't let your money run down the drain

When you live on an island that has a lot of rainfall you could be mistaken in thinking that water isn't an issue. There are over 60 million people in the UK and on average each person currently uses about 150 litres of water a day. Water companies use energy to supply mains water and householders then use more energy to heat it for baths, showers and washing up. If water was used more efficiently then supplies would go further and less energy would be used.

With energy bills increasing, using water efficiently is a simple and easy way to save money. Considerable savings can be made on energy bills by only using the hot water you really need. For example, every minute that you cut from your daily shower could save you between £5 and £10 off your energy bills over the year. The saving is potentially more for power showers.

If you follow some of the top tips, you could start saving today!

HOT TIPS

Take short showers or shallow baths
Fit an aerated shower head if possible
If you wash up by hand, use a bowl
Do full loads with your washing machine/ dishwasher
Insulate your hot water cylinder
Only boil the amount of water you need

COLD TIPS

Don't use hot when cold will do
Fit low flow taps
Fix dripping taps
Fit a cistern displacement device where possible
Use a water butt to collect rainwater and then use a watering can to water your garden
Wash your car with a bucket and sponge

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The Feed-in Tariff scheme

Feed-in Tariffs (FITs) became available in Great Britain on 1st April 2010. And isn't available in Northern Ireland - although this is under review.

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ABOUT THE SCHEME

The scheme guarantees a minimum payment for all electricity generated by the system, as well as a separate payment for the electricity exported to grid. These payments are in addition to the bill savings made by using the electricity generated on-site.

Once you have a micro-

generation technology installed you should experience a monthly reduction in your electricity bill and then receive an income from your Feed-in tariff provider. However, if you have taken out a loan to pay for the installation you will have to make monthly repayments to your loan company.

Feed-in tariffs are designed so that the average monthly income from your installation will be significantly greater than your monthly loan repayment (with a 25 year loan).

Use the cashback calculator to see how purchase price and loan can impact on payback times.

The scheme covers the following electricity-generating technologies, up to an installation size of 5 Mega Watts:

Solar electricity (PV) (roof mounted or stand alone)
Wind turbine (building

mounted or free standing)
Hydroelectricity
Anaerobic digestion
Micro combined heat and power (micro CHP) (limited to a pilot at this stage)
The tariffs available and the process for receiving them vary, depending on when the technology was installed, and whether the system and the installer were certificated under the MCS* scheme. See below for further details

You will qualify for the full FIT payments if:

The technology was installed between 15th July 2009 and 31st March 2010 and you transferred to FITs before 1st April; OR
It is installed after 1st April 2010 using an MCS* certificated product and installer;

* The Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) is an independent scheme that certifies microgeneration products under 50kW and installers in accordance with consistent standards. Any commercial or larger scale systems,

over 50kW, and all anaerobic digestion installations must apply directly through the Renewables Obligation Order feed-in tariff process for larger installations (ROO-FIT) process as they are not covered by the MCS. Information on the ROO-FIT process is available on Ofgem's website.

HOW THE SCHEME WORKS

If you are eligible to receive the FIT then you will benefit in 3 ways:

1. Generation tariff – a set rate paid by the energy supplier for each unit (or kWh) of electricity you generate. This rate will change each year for new entrants to the scheme (except for the first 2 years), but once you join you will continue on the same tariff for 20 years, or 25 years in the case of solar electricity (PV).

2. Export tariff - you will receive a further 3p/kWh from your energy supplier

for each unit you export back to the electricity grid, that is when it isn't used on site. The export rate is the same for all technologies.

3. Energy bill savings – you will be making savings on your electricity bills, because generating electricity to power your appliances means you don't have to buy as much electricity from your energy supplier. The amount you save will vary depending how much of the electricity you use on site.

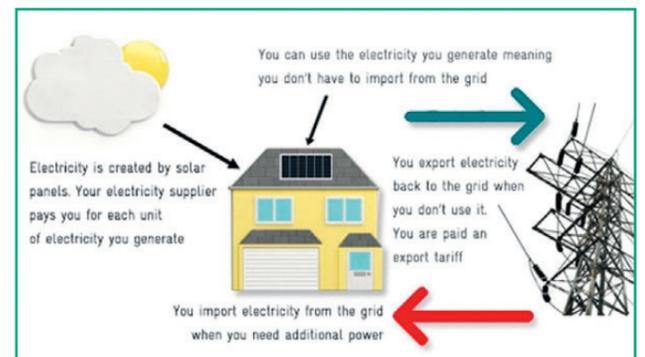
Deemed export Domestic FIT installations are likely to have their export deemed (estimated)

at 50% in most cases until smart meters are rolled out.

As an example, a typical domestic solar electricity system, with an installation size of 2.2 kWp could earn around:

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WRAP YOUR HOME UP

Many people are now paying for the fuel they've used over winter. With better weather round the corner it is a good time to look at how to save energy, reduce costs and prepare so that next winter is easier. You're possibly packing away your hat and scarf now the weather is milder but it's now a good time to consider these items for your house.

Loft insulation is like a hat for your home. Up to one quarter of the heat in an un-insulated home escapes through your roof. By installing loft insulation you can save up to £145 on your heating bills each year. It also creates an even temperature for your home throughout the year so it can have benefits during the summer months as well.

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keep your home warm and cosy and save you up to £110 every year on your heating bills. As with loft insulation, cavity wall insulation can help to regulate the temperature in your home all year round.

Your local Energy Saving Scotland advice centre can put you in touch with accredited suppliers that serve Arran and provide discounted or free insulation.

Local people can find out more about the free or discounted insulation on offer through a number

of Scottish Government funded programmes by attending one of the free events being held.

Bob Baillie, Advice Centre Manager, said, "everyone can save energy in their

home regardless of their budget. We can advise on low and no cost tips right through to how to install domestic solar panels to generate your own electricity. I would encourage people to find

out more and set themselves the challenge to save energy."

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Ayrshire couple benefit from renewable energy technology



Many householders are finding alternative ways to heat and power their homes that can save on fuel bills and reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂). Hugh Dunnachie and his wife Carole, a retired couple living in Sanquhar, have done just that and are now generating energy for their four bedroom cottage.

With an interest in environmental issues and renewable sources, the Dunnachie's began

to consider what they could do within their own home. Having researched the topic, they narrowed their options to micro-wind power and solar power to generate electricity for their home. Keen to take the next step in their decision making process, the Dunnachie's looked to their local Energy Saving Scotland advice centre for further information. They had heard about the free home visit service that the advice centre

provides and felt that this would be helpful in making the final decision on what technology to install.

A household renewables advisor from the advice centre visited the couple and provided recommendations on what renewable technology would be most suited to the property and complement their existing system. The couple were also advised on energy efficiency measures and

encouraged to top-up their loft insulation. As a result of the home visit, Mr and Mrs Dunnachie decided to install 15 solar photovoltaic panels to their roof to generate electricity for their home. They are delighted with its performance so far.

"The system was installed at the beginning of June and it only took a few hours to get it up and running, which was excellent. The system really is very good and

maintenance free and we couldn't be happier with how it has worked for us over the summer months and we look forward to reaping the benefits over the winter months as well."

Mr and Mrs Dunnachie took advantage of the Clean Energy Cashback Scheme, also known as Feed-in-Tariffs (FITs), which guarantees them a regular payment from their energy supplier for the electricity that their solar panels produce.

They also receive a separate payment for electricity that they don't use and export back to the grid.

Mr Dunnachie commented "The Feed-in-Tariff is generous and I would encourage anyone who is installing an electricity generating technology to look into it. It is brilliant, a very attractive incentive and is reassuring to know that you are making your money back from the day of installation."

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Energy Saving Scotland advice centre

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Energy Saving Scotland advice centres offer free, impartial and expert advice – to help save energy, cut fuel bills, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and help fight climate change.



The Energy Agency team based at Auchincruive, by Ayr.

The aim is simple – to help consumers take action to save energy. The advice centre can:

- provide you with personalised home energy reports, showing the best energy saving measures for your home
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GENERATE SOME CASHBACK

Householders on Arran could be paid for generating electricity. The area has an abundance of renewable energy sources that could be harnessed to take advantage of the Governments' Feed-in Tariffs.

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If you are eligible to receive the Feed-In Tariffs then you will benefit from the scheme in three ways:

- Generation Tariff-a set rate paid for each unit (or kWh) of electricity generated;
- Export Tariff- a further 3p/kWh for each unit exported back into the national grid (that is when it is not used on site);
- Energy Bill Savings- the savings made as a result of buying less electricity from your supplier.

Feed-in tariffs are designed so that the average monthly income from installation will be significantly greater than your monthly loan repayment (with a 25 year loan).

The scheme covers installations of up to five mega watts on solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, wind turbines, hydro power and anaerobic digestion. If you already have a system in place you may be eligible to apply.

Bob Baillie, Advice Centre Manager, said, "There's a keen interest in renewable technologies, particularly in rural areas off the mains gas network. The systems and funding schemes in place make it much more achievable for rural communities to reduce their dependence on fossil fuels and their carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions."

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funded by the Scottish Government and managed by the Energy Saving Trust, are in place to provide a range of energy saving advice to businesses and householders. The advice centre offers a home renewables service where a specialist advisor can visit your home to talk you through the best renewable technology to suit your property. They can also advise if your existing system is eligible for Feed-In Tariffs.

For more information or to arrange a free home visit, call the Energy Saving Scotland advice centre on 0800 512 012 or visit energysavingtrust.org.uk.



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Top Ten Tips

Do a home energy check. Just answer some simple questions about your home and we'll give you a free, impartial report telling you how you can save up to £250 a year on your household energy bills. www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/check

Call your local Energy Saving Trust advice centre on 0800 512 012 for free impartial advice – for example if your loft is not insulated (or needs topping-up to the recommended 270mm depth) they will be able to tell you your nearest Energy Saving Trust Recommended insulation company.

If you're looking to replace a household gadget or appliance, compare thousands of products and find the best Energy Saving Trust Recommended option here: www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/compare

Turn your thermostat down. Reducing your room temperature by 1°C could cut your heating bills by up to 10 percent and typically saves around £55 per year. If you have a programmer, set your heating and hot water to come on only when required rather than all the time.

Is your water too hot? Your cylinder thermostat should be set at 60°C/140°F.

Only boil as much water as you need (but remember to cover the elements if you're using an electric kettle).

A dripping hot water tap wastes energy and in one week wastes enough hot water to fill half a bath, so fix leaking taps and make sure they're fully turned off!

Close your curtains at dusk to stop heat escaping through the windows and check for draughts around windows and doors.

Don't leave appliances on standby and remember not to leave laptops and mobile phones on charge unnecessarily.

Use energy saving lightbulbs. They last up to 10 times longer than ordinary bulbs, and using one can save you around £40 over the lifetime of the bulb. This saving could be around £65 over its lifetime if you're replacing a high wattage incandescent bulb, or one used for more than a few hours a day.



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Motorists on Arran are paying more than ever to run their cars as rises in VAT and fuel duty push petrol and diesel prices sky-high.

Personal transport alone now accounts for 15% of the UK's carbon emissions and fuel prices are rising as oil becomes more scarce worldwide. Drivers are therefore bearing the brunt of the costs and now have more reason than ever to think about how much fuel they use.

The Energy Saving Scotland advice centre is therefore urging motorists to cut their fuel consumption by adopting eco-driving techniques. These simple techniques could save motorists up to two months' worth of fuel over the year – an average of £200 - £300 and 500 – 600kg CO2 per household vehicle.

Although manufacturers are now developing electric cars, which eradicate the need to fill your fuel tank, it will be some years before these new vehicles are easily affordable to the majority

of drivers across the UK. Therefore, driving as efficiently as possible – or cutting down car use is the only way to stay on the road without breaking the bank.

A quick call to your local Energy Saving Scotland advice centre on 0800 512 012 will guarantee detailed advice on driving techniques that are proven to make your fuel go further and save you cash. You'll also be entered into a free prize draw to win a tank of fuel – up to the value of £60 from a supermarket petrol station of your choice.



Alternatively, you could go along to the advice centre's Energy Saving Showcase on Saturday 26 February at the Ormadale Pavilion, Brodick between 10.00am and 3.30pm. For more information about the event visit www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/where-live.

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The line-up of darts players before the start of the tournament. 02_b07dar01

Colin is Shiskine Open Darts winner

Colin Haggerty of Brodick won the Shiskine Open Darts championship held at the Kinloch Hotel last Friday night.

And for his troubles he walked off with a 19 inch Bush LCD television with built-in DVD player plus £100 cash. Colin beat Stevie Crawford by four games to one in the final, and Stevie also lifted a television and DVD player as runner-up.

Qualifying tournaments were held in the hotel on the previous two Friday nights, and last Friday the 16 qualifiers competed in a play-off.

Ian 'Loc' MacDonald had the highlight of the night with a three-dart 180.

Fraser Hendry of the Kinloch said: 'It was a great night with a lot of supporters giving vocal encouragement.'

'We'll definitely be doing it all again next year.'

Thanks to Doreen for the photographs.



Concentration from Colin Muir. 02_b07dar05



Alan Picken takes aim at the oche. 02_b07dar03



Good arrows - 180 by Ian 'Loc' MacDonald.

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Arran goes snooker loopy

Arran now has a thriving snooker league.

Snooker tables have been available at a number of island venues down the years, firstly at Nags Bar in Whiting Bay then Andy's Place in Lamlash. Now the gentlemen's game of the green baize has taken off here with a proper league system.

So far, 10 local men have joined the league and are playing each other on a round robin basis. Organised by Steven Andrew of Blackwaterfoot, the league is operated on the same rules as the professional snooker league.

Steven said: 'We have three venues, The Auchrannie, Kinloch Hotel and Whiting Bay Golf Club. All have kindly agreed to waive the membership needed to play on their tables, and all tables cost just £3 an hour.'

'Each match has a time period of two weeks to be completed, and the winner contacts me with the score. Every

player will have nine matches with the last ones being played by Saturday 16 April.

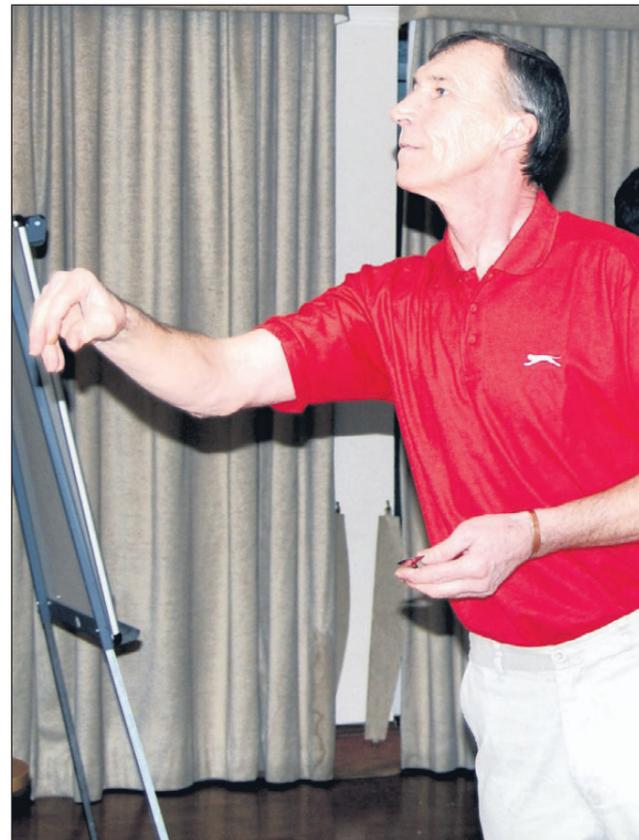
'The top four players in the league will go into a playoff with semi-finals and final at the Auchrannie on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 April with cash prizes of £50 for the winner and £30 and £10 for second, third and fourth.'

Steven also plans to provide a trophy for the champion and is hoping that more players will join the league for next season. To get more details contact Steven Andrew at Stevo1984@hotmail.com

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Colin Haggerty on his way to winning the inaugural Shiskine darts tournament. 02_b07dar06

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Bird Notes for January

January was cold and predominantly dry with the exception of a few days of rain in the middle of the month. During this prolonged cold spell many birds continued to move to the relatively mild Arran. This is reflected in the following bird notes.

As in December, there were further reports of: brambling including four in Glenloig on 3rd, redwing including three in Shiskine on 8th, waxwing including 10 in Brodick on 19th and fieldfare including 20 on the Ross Road on 29th.

One of the highlights was a long staying female pintail

by Jim Cassels

seen from 11th to 28th on the shore between Blackwaterfoot and Kilpatrick. This is only the second record of this species in the last 17 years. Other winter visitors in January included: a grey plover at Kildonan on 1st, four purple sandpipers also at Kildonan on 4th, a pair of goldeneye at Catacol on 13th, the long staying greenshank still at Clauchlands on 21st, seven whooper swans including three juveniles at Sandbraes on 21st, 430 greylag geese and

29 pink-footed geese at Shiskine on 25th and 29 wigeon at Machriewaterfoot on 30th.

In January there was a wide range of other interesting species reported including: a merlin at Imachar on 1st, four dunlin at Kildonan on 2nd, five twite at Machrie on 5th, two goosander in Lochranza on 7th, 16 common crossbills above Grouse Lodge on 17th and 12 bullfinches at Tormusk on 26th.

In the cold weather, some unusual birds turned up in gardens including: a great spotted woodpecker at Lochranza on 7th, a male blackcap in Whiting Bay on 16th, a lesser redpoll at Pirmill on 21st, two juvenile moorhens in Lamdash on 23rd and two female yellowhammers in Shiskine on 30th.

There were some signs of approaching Spring with gannet off Sandbraes on 30th, 12 fulmars on the cliff at Drumadon on 16th and a pair of collared doves mating in Whiting Bay on 29th. But winter is not over yet.

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels,



Brambling. b07brm01 photo Robert Lambie



Lesser redpoll. b07red01 photo Robert Lambie



Female pintail. b07pin01 photo Brian Couper

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 2009 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

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- 12.45 LUNCH - Soup, rolls and cheese provided by Corrie Film Club
- 1.30 **Brief Encounter:** Director David Lean 1945 (Cert PG)
- 3.15 **Dangerous Liaisons:** Director Stephen Frears 1988 (Cert 15)
- 5.15 - 5.45 Tea and Biscuits
- 5.45 **Bringing up Baby:** Director Howard Hawks: 1938 (Cert U)
- 7.30 SUPPER - Filled baked potatoes and salad. BYOB
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Please feel free to "dip in and dip out" to whichever films you fancy.

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Cross country prize

Fifty-nine pupils from Arran High School took part in the Ayrshire Cross Country championships at the Magnum Centre.

Prize for third place was won by the team of Nina Morgan, Marie Haggarty, Sandra Stewart and Natasha Waterman.

Timber extraction

Alastair Jones, Forestry Commission district officer, told a meeting of farmers and landowners in Auchrannie last week that extraction of timber from Arran forests will increase in the next years from 3,000 tonnes to 60,000 tonnes annually.

Darts at Brodick Bar

The annual ARC (Arthritis and Rheumatism Council) darts tournament will be played at the Brodick Bar this year on the evenings of 1 and 2 March.

Names to Lorna McKelvie or Cameron McDonald.

Nursery winners

The final nursery sheepdog trial of the season was held at

Glenree last Saturday.

Overall winner for the winter was Willie McConnell with Vic, and the John Picken Cup for dogs under 18 months was won by Geoff Brookes with Nell.

The trials started in 1969 when the late John Picken was the first chairman.

Festival adjudicator

Tom Martin will be the adjudicator at this year's One-Act Drama Festival in Lam-lash Community Centre next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Storm damage meeting

Arran Council for Voluntary Service is hosting a meeting in the Kinloch Hotel next Monday night to discuss storm damage on Arran over the weekend of 5 and 6 January with officers of Strathclyde Regional Council.

Pool singles draw

The draw for the quarter-finals of the Arran Pool singles is A McDonald v G Lammie, J Allan v A Cook, R Crawford v J Wilson, and S Crawford v D Smith. Games to be played

at Corrie Hotel and Andy's Place.

New Local Plan

Cunninghame District Council gives notice of the intention to start preparation of a replacement of the Isle of Arran Local Plan under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972. Further information is available from Cunninghame House.

Census day

Sunday 21 April will be Census Day 1991. Bert Cooper of Brodick has been appointed assistant census officer for the island and he will be assisted by 20 local enumerators. Everybody who is on Arran at midnight on 21 April will be registered in the census.

Colin comes third

Colin Soutter of South Ferorline came third equal in the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society's young stockperson competition in Perth.

Receivership

Architects and a construction firm involved with building the new swimming pool at Auchrannie have gone into receivership. Some Arran companies have incurred small losses, but the present contractors are not connected in any way with those in receivership.

Left: Graeme Kerr was keen to buy raffle tickets at the First Shiskine Brownies bring and buy sale at the Blackwaterfoot Hotel last Saturday.

b07twe02



Robert Tod, Geoff Brookes, Alex Miller, Willie McConnell and Liz Robertson at the final nursery sheepdog trial of the season at Glenree. b07twe01



Arran head forester Kerr Robertson, Forestry Commission district officer Alastair Jones and Arran NFU president Keith Irving at the timber meeting in Auchrannie. b07twe03



Best Western
Kinloch Hotel

Saturday 19th February
Limited bar meals available between 5.30pm and 7.15pm, due to a private function.
Public bar open as normal.

Saturday 26th February
No lunches or Bar Evening Meals available due to a private function.
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Last week Archie was sitting opposite Whiting Bay Primary School. Another bumper postbag of correct answers included Karen from Motherwell, Jane Ann from St Andrews and cocker spaniel Dama from Shetland. This week he is on a wooden bridge, but where will it lead him? 02_b07arc01



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Karate
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Junior Badminton (5 - 11yrs)
Mixed Doubles Darts
Family Bingo Night
Djordje Gajic - classical accordion

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
High School Games Hall, 1pm - 2.30pm
Kilmory Public Hall 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm

SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Quiz

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Library Annexe, 1.45pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY

Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games
Citizens Advice
Junior Basketball (P1 - P7)
Senior Fitness
BreathWalk Class
Quiz
Volleyball - over 16's
Lamlash Bridge Club
Circuit Training
Table Tennis
Badminton
Scottish Country Dancing (Beginners & Improvers)
Mums and Tots Swimming Lessons
Hatha Yoga
Arran Antiquarians - Cartoons and caricatures in medicine".

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm
Open 10am - 2pm
Games Hall, High School 6pm - 7.30pm
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
High School Games Hall, 8.30pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 11am
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm
Brodict Hall, 2pm

TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm



Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Citizens Advice
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Junior Hockey Club
Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up
Scottish Country Dancing
Indoor Bowls
Youth Club

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm
Open 10am - 2pm
Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm

WEDNESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Yoga for Every Body
Senior Badminton
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Circuit Training
Arran Healing Rooms

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10am -11.30am
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 12.30pm

THURSDAY 24th FEBRUARY

General Knowledge Quiz
Arran Music & Drama Rehearsals
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Table Tennis
Youth Club
Brodict Bridge Club
Athletics
Senior Fitness
Ladies Night
Pilates
Pub Quiz
Brodict Embroidery Group
Arran Youth Foundations
The Wee Blether - soup & sandwiches
Arran Garden Club - "A Hobby that got out of hand!"

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
Golf Clubhouse
High School Games Hall, 4.45pm - 6pm
9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay
6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio
Kinloch Hotel, 9pm
Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Behind Library, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 12pm - 1.30pm
Ranger Centre, 7.30pm

FRIDAY 25th FEBRUARY

Arran Pipe Band Practice
Quiz
Aquafizz
Yogalates
DJ
Seniors Badminton (Over 50)
Ladies Indoor Bowls
Mens Indoor Bowls
Over 21's Disco
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group
Arran Youth Foundations
Jazz Cafe
Mixed Doubles Darts Competition
Coffee Morning

Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 9pm - 1am
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Corrie Hall, 8pm - 10pm
Behind Library, 7pm - 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm - 11pm
Catacol Bay Hotel, 7.30pm
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 10.15am - 12pm

SATURDAY 26th FEBRUARY

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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 22nd February 2011

5.00pm Council Offices, Lamlash

(Tea / Coffee & Biscuits 4.45 on)

Agenda: Annual Report, Election of Branch Officers, Motions

Hear up to date reports on the Council's Budget proposals, the impact on members, and the trade union response.

ALL WELCOME

Katy Clark MP

SURGERY NOTICE

Wednesday 23rd February 2011

at the Ormidale Sports Pavilion at 1pm.

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

Notice of application to be published under regulation 20(1)

Application No: 11/00048/PP Address: Highcroft, Hospital Road, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran, KA27 8LE. Proposed Development: Partial demolition and erection of 1.5 storey extension, installation of roof lights and dormer windows to front and rear of detached dwelling house.

Elma Murray
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Shiskine Golf Club

Results: Ladies 12 hole medal Thursday 10 February, 17 played. Silver, 1 A Anderson 56-10=46, 2 C Stewart 57-10=47. Scratch Alice Anderson 56 (BIH). Bronze, 1 L Murray 57-13=44, 2 M Tod 74-20=54. Very well done Lesley and Alice.

Fixtures: There are no more Medals in February for the ladies, but turn up for 12noon on Thursday for a game.

Gents fixtures: Ryder Cup on Sunday 13 and 20 February. Shiskine v Lochranza match on Saturday 19 February, 1.30pm shotgun start.

Brodick Golf Club

On another wet Wednesday to my amazement three other members turned up to play. There was a lot of jam on the course with two Hartleys and a Robertson but only one was lucky enough to get a two and that was Len (Lenny) Hartley with a good putt at the third. The scoring was reasonable given the conditions but with only four playing the prizes were restricted to first place only and that went to Charlie O'Neill with an 80-16=64.

Sunday 13 February, Brandon and Winter Cup, 17 played, CSS 64. 1 I MacDonald (7)64, 2 T Raeside (7)66 bih, 3 A Hume (8)66. Scratch I MacDonald 71. There were 6 twos, Terry Raeside 3, Chris Pattenden 2, and Angus Raeburn 1.

PERSONALS

Happy 21st Ian



Still wearing those same glasses
Love mum, dad and all the family.

Happy 21st Birthday Leona



Lots of love
From all the family
xxx

Shiskine Church 12pm
Service of Prayers for Health & Healing

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(SC014005)
Sunday 20 February
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. Tea and Coffee will be served in the Transept after the service and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods. All welcome. At 7pm in the Church, there will be an informal evening service of praise and discussion. All welcome.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Morning Mass
11am

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 20 February
Meeting for worship and discussion, 11am
Creag Ghrianach, Lochranza.
Enquiries to Betty 830651.
All very welcome.

DEATHS

MILLS – Margaret Wilson
Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Monday 14th February 2011. Margaret, aged 90 years, a dear aunt of John, Leslie and Dawn. Funeral service at Lamlash Cemetery on Monday 21st February at 11.30am to which all friends are invited.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DICKIE Anne Murdoch (nee Jones)
Louise, Jill and families wish to kindly thank the following: Ambulance crew Neil and Phil, all the doctors, especially Drs Hogg, Thomson and Kerr, the nurses and staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital for endless cups of tea, toast and their kindness. Mums home helps, especially Ann Bennett, David and Clair for funeral arrangements and support, Eleanor's Flowers, Brodick (just beautiful) Rev Angus Adamson for visiting mum in hospital, the Rev Jean Hunter for her kind words and the Drift Inn for great service and hospitality. Thank you so much for the many cards, flowers, phone calls and words of sympathy. Mum will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Cate and Douglas would like to say thank you for all the cards, flowers, practical help and kind words on the death of their mother.

At times like these we appreciate all the good friends we have on the island.

CHURCH NOTICES

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 20 February
Shiskine, 11am
Sunday School in the Church Hall
(Church is between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)
Brodick, 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)
Rev David Karoon

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 20 February
Holy Communion 11am.
Mr John Roberts
Coffee after service
Wednesday 23 February
Holy Communion 12.15pm.
All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(SC015072)
Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 20 February
Rev. Gillean Maclean
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
In both churches:
All welcome, including families; children's area

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)

Sunday 20 February
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 7pm
13 Glen Avenue, Brodick
Rev. D. Macleod
All welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Ormidale Pavilion
Brodick.
Sunday 20 February
10.45am Communion
Tea and Coffee from 11.10am
11.30am - For all the family
Speaker: Rev Willie Wright

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.
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Rev Angus Adamson.
Parish Asst
Mrs Jean Hunter.
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited - Families, young people and children welcome
Sunday 20 February
Brodick Church 10.30am
Corrie Church 12pm
Lochranza/Pirmill 10.15am at Pirmill
Shiskine Church 12pm
A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm
Thursday 24 February

1st Class Brandon, I MacDonald.

There was no 2nd Class Brandon, as none of the 2nd class golfers managed less than a net 70. Angus Raeburn came closest with a net 71. Fixtures: Sunday 20 February - Clochendichter. Sunday 27 February Winter Cup.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results: Sunday 13 February. Only 4 brave souls managed to play on a bright day but with very wet underfoot conditions. CSS-63. 1 Gus MacLeod (10)63, 2 Dave Hackett (16)64.

Fixtures: Sunday 20 February, friendly with Lamlash at Lamlash. Teeing off 10.30am to 11am. With the overall series finely balanced at 7 games each we need a good turnout of Whiting Bay members. All welcome, the more the merrier! Sunday 27 February, Winter Cup Round 5, (rescheduled from Sunday 13 February.)

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results: Winter Cup Tuesday 8 February. 1 Sally Brookes 60, 2 Alastair MacDonald 68bih, 3 Steph Hill 68. Scratch Brian Sherwood 75bih
Fixtures: Tuesday 22 February Winter Cup 12.30pm tee off.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Winter Cup, Saturday 12 February, 18 played, non-qualifier for handicap. Sweep 1 H B McKinnon 70-12=58, 2 J McGovern 66-7=59 bih, 3 C Pattenden 69-10=59 bih over J Adams. Best scratch E McKinnon 62, magic twos J McGovern 2, A McDonald, J Adams, C Pattenden.

Monday 14 February, Monday Cup. Sweep 1 M Sherwood 62-6=56, 2 E I Cannon 71-12=59, 3 S Wood 78-17=61. Best scratch M Sherwood 62, magic twos S Wood 2, J Adams, J McGovern, Bob Rooney.

Fixtures: Saturday 19 February Winter Cup 8.30am and

12noon. Monday 21 February Monday Cup 11.50am for noon

Lamlash Golf Club

Results: 15-hole medal Thursday 10 February, 1 Alan Smith 55-8=47, 2 Derek Robertson 52-3=49. Sweep Peter Smith at 16th, Derek Robertson at 4th Alan Smith 2 at 7th and 16th.

Fixtures: Sunday 20 February Winter friendly, Lamlash v Whiting Bay at Lamlash 10.30am for 11am start. A good turnout would be appreciated. Thursday 24 February 15-hole medal. Make up own groupings.

Arran Ladies Golf Union

On Saturday 29 January at Corrie Golf Course, 32 ladies teed off in the Arran Ladies Golf Union Drumadoon competition.

It was a really excellent turnout for a game of golf in deepest winter. The weather forecast was for a fine sunny day with very little wind. However, the mountains retained the clouds, so it was overcast but with very pleasant almost balmy playing conditions.

Corrie Golf Course was in fine condition, with difficult pin positions on the 1st, 2nd and 7th greens, the slopes very much came into the equation, with some interesting results. Very many thanks to Corrie Golf Club for the courtesy of the course, and congratulations and many thanks to the greenkeepers.

The SSS for the course is 62, the CSS for the competition was 63.

1 Lynn Walker net 60 (19) best inner half, 2 Jo Hastings net 60 (22) 3 Viv Parks net 62 (20). Many congratulations to Lynn and Jo for a very fine score, despite going out last and having to wait sometime for folk in front. No reflection on Corrie GC but really due to pressure of numbers on the course.

Lastly, but certainly not least a big thank you to Lindsey

Scott for her wonderful sandwiches and soup and in the very pleasant surroundings of a revamped and freshly painted tearoom.

Arran Golfers Association
Winter League. Duncan Trophy 2010/2011, fourth round at Brodick Golf Club Sunday 6 February.

On a very wet and heavy golf course the 4th round of this years competition got underway at the first attempt. Thanks go to Brodick for hosting and for catering.

Results: Brodick were out first and earned a thumping victory over Shiskine by 4 games to nil. Second game saw Lamlash get a good result against their Whiting Bay pals by 3 and a half games to a half. Finally Machrie defeated Corrie by 2 and a half games to one and a half.

With 1 round of matches to go, the table looks like this:

Machrie played 3 won 3, lost 0, drawn 0, games won 8, points 9.

Lamlash played 3 won 2, lost 0, drawn 1, games won 8.5, points 7.

Whiting Bay played 3 won 2, lost 1, drawn 0, games won 6.5, points 6.

Brodick played 3 won 1, lost 2, drawn 0, games won 6.5, points 3.

Corrie played 3 won 0, lost 2, drawn 1, games won 4.5, points 1.

Shiskine played 3 won 0, lost 3, drawn 0, games won 2, points 0.

Like last year, it is Lamlash and Machrie battling it out for the title with Whiting Bay improving vastly on last year to step in if both teams slip up. With Whiting Bay hosting and playing Machrie it is shaping up to be a very interesting final round.

Fifth round at Whiting Bay Sunday 6 March draw:

Whiting Bay v Machrie Bay at 10am, Shiskine v Lamlash at 10:50am, Brodick v Corrie at 11:40am

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Arran fall at quarter final stage

'It has been a terrific run by the boys and a brilliant achievement for a small school like Arran High'

**Berwickshire High 17
Arran High 5**

Arran High rugby boys faced their most severe test last week with two games in two days and a marathon trek across Scotland.

After a long journey to the east coast, Arran were knocked out of the quarter finals of the National Schools Bowl rugby competition on Friday 4 February.

They travelled to Duns to take on Berwickshire High in horrendous conditions with 30-40mph winds blowing straight across the pitch and constant rain throughout the game.

Arran started well, enjoying the majority of possession. However it was Berwickshire High that would strike first when they broke through Arran's defence and after a couple of phases crashed over the line. Arran rallied well and put Berwickshire under severe pressure towards the end of the first half but were just unable to find the space to get through their defence. The second half continued with Arran keeping the ball in the forwards and punching their way slowly towards the try line. They eventually crossed the line but it wasn't to be as the referee pulled play back for accidental offside.

The forwards continued to dominate with their strength, aggression and speed, but just couldn't find the luck needed to cross the line. Arran were

dealt a huge blow when turnover ball on Berwickshire line resulted in their fullback finding space out wide and running the length of the pitch to score. However like so often this season Arran's heads never went down and they rallied to take the game back to their opponents. Continued pressure in the opposing 22 eventually resulted in Stuart 'The Man Mountain' McMaster crashing his way through their defence from short range to score.

Arran had to finish the game with 14 players due to three injuries during the game, however this never stopped them from nearly scoring again. Unfortunately the ball was turned over and Berwickshire broke the length of the pitch to score again.

Coach Jamie Murchie said afterwards: 'It was a disappointing result but the boys never gave up and fought right to the final whistle.'

'It has been a terrific run by the boys and a brilliant achievement for such a small school as Arran High to reach the quarter finals of a national competition.'

Team: 15 Robbie Bayne, 14 Sean Higgins, 13 Michael Jenks, 12 Jack Barbour, 11 Robert Taylor, 10 Donald McEachern, 9 Charlie Boal, 8 Ewan Bulger, 7 - Beau Gray, 6 Alexander MacNeil, 5 Stuart MacMaster, 4 Iain Bayne, 3 Ryan Boal, 2 Liam Boal, 1 Jack MacQueen. Subs: Ciaran MacMaster, Peter Sell.

**Arran 19
Uddingston 29**

The day after the disheartening defeat to Berwickshire High, Arran had to pick themselves up to face a fresh Uddingston team at home.

However they started brilliantly, totally dominating the first 10 minutes and eventually scoring a try under the posts. Like the day before it was the captain, Stuart McMaster, leading by example, who crashed over the line after a couple of phases from a lineout. Uddingston started to come into the game and enjoyed good possession scoring two tries in quick succession.

The Arran team seemed to get their second wind and broke through to score through Liam 'The Bulldozer' Boal just before half-time.

Arran tired in the second half and allowed Uddingston too much space, which resulted in three more tries.

Arran were asked for one final push in the last 10 minutes, and they responded brilliantly by scoring through Jack 'The Sidestep' Barbour in the corner. Arran pushed in the final minutes to try and rescue a result but were held just short by some excellent defence from Uddingston. Coach Jamie Murchie said: 'It was a big ask for the boys to produce another performance after the very physical encounter in Duns the day before. The team unfortunately just ran out of steam.'



Arrows fly at Shiskine Open

A dart in flight from Jayson Ferguson at the Shiskine Open Darts championship held at the Kinloch Hotel last Friday night. For the full report see page 17.

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Bar Eden lead pool league

Bar Eden have opened up a three-point gap at the top of the Arran Pool League.

They won their game in hand over Catacol by beating the PHT by six games to four in Lamlash last Thursday.

Results last week: Drift Inn 5 team Goil 5 (G), PHT 4 Bar Eden 6 (G), Kildonan (G) 4 PT1934 6, Bar Eden B (G) 7 Mac's Bar 3.

Draw for the quarter-finals of the Arran Doubles:

S Scott/J Copperwheat (Drift) v D Head/F Barr (Eden) at PHT, B Banbury/H Driver

(Kildonan) v J McKechnie/N Turner (Goil) at PHT, D Smith/E Picken (PT1934) v G McLeod/D Hackett (Eden) at Drift, M Worthington/A Picken (PT1934) v B Hamilton/K Jackson (Eden B) at Kildonan.

Games to be played on or by Sunday 27 February.

The finals of the Knockout Shield and Second Chance Salver will be played at the Drift Inn at 2pm this Sunday 20 February.

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