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Collision with pier knocks out Arran ferry all day

Following a collision with the harbour in Ardrossan at 5.45pm on Tuesday by the CalMac ferry MV Caledonian Isles, there were no sailings to or from the island on Wednesday.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'As the MV Caledonian Isles was entering Ardrossan Harbour, the weather deteriorated suddenly and a 55mph (force nine) gust of wind blew her onto Winton pier.

'She was tied up while the Master waited for the wind to drop to allow her to berth, which she did about an hour later, and passengers and vehicles were able to disembark. No-one was injured.'

Safely

Clyde Coastguard was tasked and all 277 passengers disembarked safely.

CalMac say that the damage to the hull plating will need to be repaired in dock.

Meanwhile, the company issued a number of updates throughout the day before announcing at 1pm that there would be no further sailings.

Crew members from the Caledonian Isles made their way by road to Campbeltown to man the relief vessel, MV Isle of Arran, and she came into service at Ardrossan at 7am on Thursday.

New £4.2million Corrie housing like 'war zone'



Red Quarry Road residents with the dangerous drop at the bottom of their gardens. They are Jean Miller and her puppy Hew, Derren and Lennon Ferguson, Lynne MacVicar, Marie and Kellen Craig, Natalie and Charlotte Lammie. 01_b07cor02

Last July the new 24-house development in Red Quarry Road, Corrie, had a grand official opening.

But at the beginning of last week it looked more like a war zone.

Residents told the *Banner* that storm damage to fences and roofs sustained on 29 December had still not been repaired.

On Monday Jean Miller from number 13 pointed to an eight-foot drop at the bottom of her garden.

'The fences blew down and lay there for weeks,' she said. 'It's not safe for children or pets.'

'Isle of Arran Homes (social landlord) have been very sympathetic, but we are all still paying full rent.

'Neil Wilkinson (Housing and Property Officer) has tried to be helpful but three weeks ago I wrote to him: 'The place looks like a war zone. I've got to be careful not to go near the bottom of the garden or I will fall over eight feet into the garden below'.

Across the road several houses still had roof tiles and rain-water gutters missing from the storm seven weeks earlier.

Jean showed us an email she sent to Trust Housing Association, Edinburgh.

It said: 'Yesterday 21 January fencing between myself and my neighbours blew down. It was I think the last piece of fencing surviving and as it came down it blocked over my back door.'

'My young neighbour man-

aged to move it or else it would still be there. We have been in this situation with broken fencing lying everywhere since 1 January.'

Jean's neighbour Linda Armit added: 'The fencing round the playpark is still down and children are climbing up the quarry wall. Its just not safe for anyone.'

The residents all agreed that the £4.2million development was a good place to live, but felt that more should have been done to repair the damage.

Jo Voisey, Development Manager for Trust Housing Association, said: 'We don't want to put something back that will fall down again. The developer has been informed and we think we have arrived at a compromise.'

The *Banner* contacted Kenneth Gibson MSP who took up the case.

On Tuesday Jean Miller phoned the *Banner* office to say: 'Thomson's men have just arrived at 9.30 this morning and are putting up temporary fencing.'

'It's quite a coincidence, isn't it.'

Mr Gibson said: 'Temporary barriers have been erected to address safety concerns.'

'Seven weeks is a long time to wait for repairs at this time of year, however I am delighted that the roof repairs are now being expedited and I will liaise with Arran Homes to ensure that the fencing is replaced at the earliest possible date.'

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Public swimming secured for islanders

The future of public swimming on Arran was guaranteed last Wednesday when two amendments were put forward to continue the subsidy towards public swimming facilities on Arran.

The Labour Executive on North Ayrshire Council had proposed cutting the £40,000 provided to Arran for swimming facilities, a suggestion that was deemed so unacceptable that it attracted two separate amendments to the budget, one from local Councillor Margie Currie and SNP Councillor Tony Gurney.

Both motions proposed securing the subsidy for the next three years.

The amendment that was heard by council was proposed by Councillor Currie and supported by Councillor Gurney before going through unchallenged. Speaking after the debate Councillor Gurney said: 'The proposal to remove public swimming facilities was mean spirited and unnecessary. The money paid by the council is a fraction of the amount that would be required were we to build and run our own facilities.'

'I am glad that the amendment went through and thank all my council colleagues for their support.'

Arran whisky donation to protect Goatfell

Sale of Sleeping Warrior special release boosts National Trust for Scotland

Arran whisky drinkers have provided a generous donation to the National Trust for Scotland, who own and care for Goatfell.

The money given to the NTS by Isle of Arran Distillers will enable the conservation charity to carry out vital footpath repairs on the iconic Arran hillside which is one of Scotland's most popular walking destinations.

The funds have been raised through the sale of the Isle of Arran's Sleeping Warrior Whisky, which has pledged £1 to the National Trust for Scotland for every bottle sold.

Head Ranger Kate Sampson said: 'This generous donation is a big contribution to our conservation work on Goatfell.'

'Keeping our footpaths in good order means that we can protect this delicate mountain environment from erosion and ensure that Goatfell remains a stunning and iconic place for everyone to enjoy.'

Euan Mitchell, managing director of the Lochranza based distillery, said: 'We are delighted to have worked with the National Trust for Scotland on this special release.'



Henk Berits, NTS commercial and marketing director, Euan Mitchell of Isle of Arran Distillery and Kate Sampson, NTS ranger.

'The Sleeping Warrior sold through in record time and it is fantastic that this magical Single Malt will contribute to maintaining the majestic beauty of Goatfell for the enjoyment of all.'

In 2010, footpath work was carried out by the Trust on North Goatfell and Cir Mhor. The work was funded by

Scottish Natural Heritage, the European Regional Development Fund, the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Scottish Mountaineering Trust and the National Trust for Scotland's own footpath appeal.

Right: The Sleeping Warrior whisky.



Police files Reckless driving

A 19-year-old Brodick man was reported for reckless driving on the String Road under Section 2 of the 1988 Road Traffic Act after a two-vehicle road crash on Sunday 12 February. No-one was injured.

Culpable and reckless conduct

Following police enquiries, on Sunday 13 February a 20-year-old Lamlash man was charged with culpable and reckless conduct at Auchranie on 16 January.

Misuse of drugs

On Monday 14 February, a 45-year-old Glasgow man was stopped and reported under the Misuse of Drugs Act near to Cnoc na Dail on Brodick Hill.

Car park crash

Police are appealing for witnesses in relation to a road traffic crash in the car park at the rear of the Co-op Welcome Convenience Store in Brodick between 11am and 11.30am on Monday 13 February.

Itinerant tradesmen

Local police are warning residents that there are a number of itinerant tradesmen currently on the island offering to carry out repairs to property.

Residents are advised to make sure that they are reputable companies and that if they allow work to be carried out they must sign a waiver to show that they agree to forego the statutory 28-day cooling off period.

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Independent council candidate

This week Mr Marc Head of Whiting Bay told the Banner that he hoped to stand as an independent candidate at the upcoming local council elections.

Mr Head is originally from

Glasgow but moved to Arran 40 years ago. He is a painter and decorator and erstwhile schoolteacher and newspaper editor. Mr Head is married with two boys and three grandchildren.

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Local play to close this year's Drama Festival

This year's one-act drama festival will be held over two nights, next Friday and Saturday, 24 and 25 February.

The final play on Saturday night is *Each Evening* sees its *Close* by Shiskine Drama Club, unusual in that it was written over 60 years ago by local Brodick bus company proprietor and part-time playwright Ernest J Ribbeck.

Mr Ribbeck was said to do most of his writing in the winter, when there were no bus tours or taxis to organise.

It was first performed in March 1947 by Brodick Male

Players at the Lyric Theatre in Glasgow in the South West Divisional Festival of the Scottish Community Drama Association.

In his comments at the time, the adjudicator said: 'This team, after undergoing many difficulties, achieves considerable success.'

'Although the acting was uneven, it nevertheless shows much promise and in some individual cases was good.'

This play was also produced by Henry McNicol and presented by Brodick British Legion players in the

Gourock Arts Guild Theatre in 1967 where it was awarded the Scottish National Players Trophy for the best performance of a play depicting Scottish life and character.

With such a pedigree, there will surely be no pressure on producer Sheila Gilmore or the all-male cast of Campbell Seaton, Allan Little, Charles Currie, Willie Robertson, John Divine, Finlay Murchie and Struan Robertson.

We look forward to seeing each Evening sees its *Close* in Arran Community Theatre next Saturday 25 February.



Ruari Gordon and Ian Gregson, organisers of the Hoofed Lady Festival. 01_b071ad01

Arran's Hoofed Lady Festival has taken a step forward.

Following the report in last week's Banner about this new event planned for Sannox, two of the organisers popped in to the Banner office on Tuesday.

Ruari Gordon of Corrie and Ian Gregson of Gourock have been doing their homework. 'We are starting to get the ball rolling,' said Ruari. He detailed how they had contacted North Ayrshire Council and Strathclyde Police and would like to make a presentation at the AGM of Corrie and Sannox village group in March.

The planned dates are now the weekend of 11 to 13 May and they are keen to keep numbers no more than 500. 'If we keep the numbers low, it is more likely to be a suc-

cess,' said Ian.

They are putting together a traffic management plan and hope to run buses from Brodick to North Sannox. But there will be no vehicles going down the single-track road to the picnic site.

Ruari added: 'It will be a non-profit venture - we are dealing with various parties for funding.'

The boys have promised to keep residents informed through the Banner.

Railway crossing trials planned for Ardrossan

Network Rail is considering installing a new type of level crossing barrier at the two open crossings in Ardrossan.

Arran residents driving from the ferry will know that there is currently no physical barrier to stop drivers crossing when a train is approaching.

These will be test sites and if the trials are successful the company plans to roll out the system to a further 21 crossings, all in the Highlands.

Dave Thomson MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, has been campaigning for extra safety measures at open crossings. This new type of barrier could be installed for an average cost of £100,000 compared to the older type of barrier system costing over £500,000.

John Wilson, communications manager for Network Rail, said that the company was still in discussions about the timing of this Ardrossan trial.

£28million allocated to bypass Dalry bottleneck

Transport Minister Keith Brown has unveiled plans for a £28million bypass at Dalry.

Arran drivers will be well aware that for many years Dalry has been the main bottleneck on the road journey between Ardrossan and Glasgow.

Many drivers will have been frustrated at being held up in

traffic in Dalry when heading back to catch the ferry.

For decades there has been talk of a bypass around the Ayrshire town. Stumbling blocks have been not only finding the finance but a feeling by Dalry businesses that it would turn it into a ghost town.

Now Mr Brown has re-

vealed in Parliament: 'The proposed A737 Dalry Bypass is included in Intervention 22 of the Strategic Transport Projects Review.'

'Scottish ministers recognise its importance in helping to reduce the conflict between local and strategic traffic that occurs along the A737, improving road safety and journey time reliability.'

An initial £10million has been earmarked to get the bypass to the construction stage, with a completion date of 2014.

This project is part of a £50million funding package to improve key routes to Scottish ferry ports.

MV Isle of Arran to the rescue

The MV Isle of Arran has taken over from the island's regular ferry after the MV Caledonian Isles crashed into the pier in Ardrossan on Tuesday night.

The Isle of Arran arrived in Ardrossan from Campbeltown on Wednesday night, more than 24 hours after the incident that damaged the other vessel. She carried out a late-night crossing to Brodick at 9.15pm carrying only commercial vehicles and returned to Ardrossan at almost midnight.

LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2011-2016

The North Ayrshire Local Housing Strategy 2011 - 2016 was formally adopted on 22 June 2011. The strategy sets out the strategic vision for housing in North Ayrshire.

North Ayrshire Council was required to prepare a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the strategy. This report identified the possible effects that introducing the strategy may have on the environment.

Now that the Strategy has been adopted the Council is required to prepare a Strategic Environmental Assessment Post Adoption Statement, this outlines how the Council took account of consultation responses from the environmental report, how the Local Housing Strategy Action Plan was developed and how the environmental effects of the strategy will be monitored.

The strategy, environmental report and post adoption statement are now available for you to view and can be accessed free of charge:

- On the Council's website at: <http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Housing/HousingStrategy/HousingStrategy.aspx>
- At Housing Services, 5th Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine between 10am - 12noon and 2pm - 4pm, Monday to Friday.
- On request by contacting the Development and Strategy Team on 01294 324031.

Please contact the Development and Strategy Team on the number above should you require any further information about the strategy, environmental report or post adoption statement.

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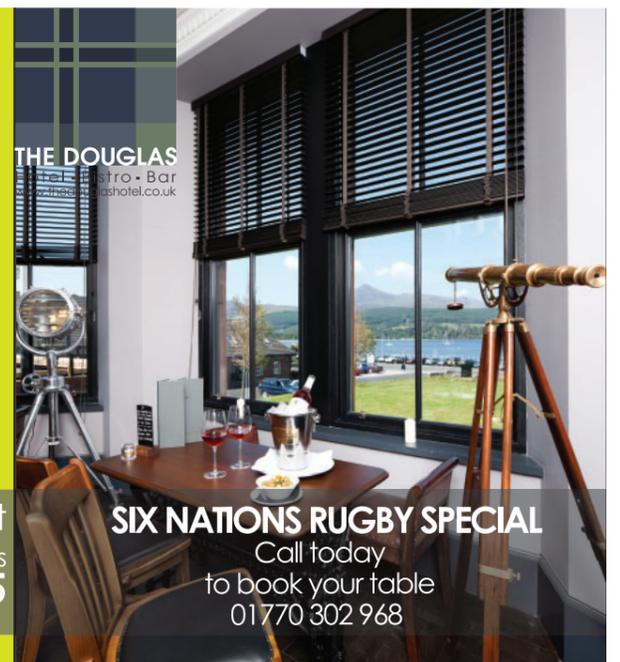
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Christine is riding off into the sunset

Some years ago when Lochranza lost its village shop it also lost its Post Office.

This presented considerable problems for a village with a high proportion of older residents.

However, Christine Cameron, the postmistress for Blackwaterfoot, rode to the rescue and opened a post office two mornings a week, Tuesday and Friday, in the village hall.

These sessions coincided with the coffee mornings so the villagers got to know Christine well over the next six years.

Now, the time has come for Christine to ride off into the sunset. She has bought a house in central Portugal and left to live there this Thursday 16 February.

As a mark of their appreciation of her services over the last six years the people of Lochranza made a presentation to Christine at last Tuesday's coffee morning.

Terry Crawley said: 'She was given a picture of a Lochranza view painted by our own Marion Gentlemen.

'Christine leaves with all



Birthday boy Lewis Swandells with his sisters and grandmother Kate Hartley. b071oc02

St George's flats move ahead

An application has been lodged with North Ayrshire Council to modify the planned development of St George's Church into 14 flats.

Planning permission was granted on 26 April 2005 to convert and extend St George's Church on Shore Road, Lamlash into flats. This planning permission was extended for a further five years on 22 June 2010.

A number of changes to the existing scheme are proposed in order to provide additional or larger windows or skylights to allow more light into the flats and to improve

the aspect and views from the flats.

The layout of flats within the existing church building is revised to take advantage of the features such as tall windows and double height spaces.

The plans show eight flats over four storeys in the existing church and six flats in a rear extension.

Preliminary work is in progress to clear the site and carry out repairs to mitigate further deterioration of the building.

St George's Church has not been used for worship since the 1950s and for sev-

eral years in the 1980s the building was the subject of an unsuccessful campaign to turn it into an Arran Festival Theatre.

This new application is pending consideration by North Ayrshire Council.



St George's Church 02_b07stg01



Marion Gentleman and Christine Cameron with Marion's painting that will be heading for Portugal with the former postmistress. b071oc01

our very best wishes for a long, happy retirement.'

She replied: 'I won't be disappearing altogether. I will be back for visits.'

It was learned during the morning that one of the younger wellwishers, Lewis Swandells from Corrie, was celebrating his seventh birth-

day. He was wished the compliments of the day in time-honoured fashion and presented with a cupcake with one candle. TC

Technology ends long paper trail at Auchrannie

After a short but highly successful trial of 'paperless billing', the Auchrannie Resort is doing away with the traditional printed bill for the vast majority of their guests.

In a bid to improve the customer experience and further enhance the resort's green credentials guests will now be invited to check their bills on small touch-screen monitors with the final copy sitting in their email inbox by the time they catch the ferry home.

The new system aims to cut by 98 per cent the number of guest bills that are printed. In more measurable terms this means the resort will be saving enough paper on an annual basis that if laid end to end would stretch from the

front door of the House Hotel to Whiting Bay, a distance of eight miles!

Speaking about this latest innovation, reception manager Holly Beedie said: 'Guests love the concept of paperless billing with many people commenting on the fact that this is the first hotel they have visited anywhere in the world that offers this sort of facility.'

Enthusiastic

'Staff too are really enthusiastic about how much more efficient the checkout process has become since making this change.'

Linda Johnston, group director added: 'We've had paperless reservations for quite some time now, so this

seemed like the next logical step.

'Fewer and fewer people want to be carrying around printed materials with them and being able to send bills directly to smart phones, laptops and computers appears to be what the overwhelming majority of our customers want.'

This latest green project is one of many implemented in recent years by Auchrannie. The resort already holds the silver 'Green Tourism Award', which recognises businesses that meet a rigorous set of criteria, covering a range of areas, like energy and water efficiency, waste management, and biodiversity.

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Weeding potatoes at Glenashdale

Following last week's article on page two of the Banner, Jim Arnold of Whiting Bay has been in touch.

He said: 'I was interested in

your page two article (Banner 1845, 11 February) about the reinstatement of the Glenashdale Bridge, which is of course good news.

'I also noted your sub-headline 'masonry to be returned to its original state'.

'I thought that you would like to see this picture, probably taken in the 1890s, of John Stewart then of Willowbank, and his neighbours or cousins hand weeding potatoes in the (then) field to the immediate north and landward side of the said bridge.

'There is also a copy of the photo in the Heritage Museum at Rosaburn.

'You will notice that at that time the coping stones on the wall were flat slabs, whereas they are now curved, cone-shaped prisms, a change that was made perhaps for improved safety.

'I am hoping that if you publish this information someone will know when that change took place.'



John Stewart and three of his neighbours or cousins, hand-weeding potatoes at the Glenashdale Bridge in the 1890s. b07brg01



Some of the Brodick Primary School children putting their maths into practice in Brodick Co-op. b07brd01

Children practice primary maths at the Co-op checkouts

Children from Brodick Primary School went along to Brodick Co-op last Wednesday 8 February to put their maths lessons into practice.

They all had a budget to work with and had to complete a shopping task.

Mrs Carol Harwood from the Co-op was very helpful and accommodating, and she instructed the children on the use of the tills (future staff in the making).

Afterwards they were all very kindly treated to refreshments in the staff canteen.

The Eagle has landed

Isle of Arran Distillers have just launched a limited edition malt whisky called The Eagle. This whisky has been named and dedicated to the pair of Golden Eagles that nest in the hill above Lochranza.

It is the fourth and final in the Icons of Arran series that includes The Peacock, Arran Rowan Tree and The Westie.

Managing Director Euan Mitchell said: 'Each of these Icons has a special place in our hearts, featuring some of the delights that can be found in this area.

'It also showcases what is great about the distillery through the quality and attention put into each of these drams, and The Eagle is no exception.'

This new Arran malt is described as having 'hints of tropical fruit salad, vanilla pods and caramel coated hazelnuts to the nose, and to the palate leaves a buttery lemon drizzle cake, sweet and citrus taste'.

Locals urged to 'Bike and Hike' for charity

Diabetes UK are looking for Arran residents to sign up for this year's 'Bike and Hike' on June 16.

It will be the sixth year this event has been held on Arran and the last five events have completely funded a diabetes educational camp for local children with the condition.

Diabetes UK is the leading charity for over 3.5million people in this country with diabetes and helps to fund research as well as campaigning and helping people living with the condition.

Last year the event raised £8,000 towards Diabetes UK and organisers hope this year will be even bigger.

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Zumba Party for Vanessa at Arran Community Centre

Over 40 folk of ages ranging from three to 60 years old danced the day away last Sunday at Arran Community Theatre in Lamlash.

They were at the 'Zumba Party for Vanessa', organised by local dance exponent Kirstie Smith.

This Latin-based fitness dance routine to music has taken off in a big way on the island and Kirstie wanted to help the appeal to raise funds for life-saving medical treatment for young Vanessa Riddle.

She said: 'There were over 40 people who attended and overall we managed to burn lots of calories, have tons of fun, and raise a grand total of £250.'

'It only seems a small amount on the scale of things, but very little bit helps and everyone who attended is due a huge thank-you.'

Donations can still be made by logging on to www.just-giving.com/vanessa-appeal or by texting VANY99 £1-10 to 70070.



Dancers at the Zumba Party for Vanessa in Lamlash last Sunday. b07zum01

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Budget boost for NHS and Dalry Bypass

On Wednesday 8 February the Scottish Parliament passed its Budget Bill for 2012/13 and announced capital projects for the next three years.

Kenneth Gibson MSP welcomed the SNP Government's focus on protecting the NHS.

Despite the UK Government cutting Scotland's revenue by 12.3percent and capital by 32percent over three years.

Budget Grow

NHS Ayrshire and Arran will see its budget grow to £586.9 million next year and £618.5 million in 2014-15, with capital allocations in-

creasing from £12 million to £19.5 million over the same period.

Mr Gibson said: 'Once again, despite Westminster's huge cut to the Scottish budget, John Swinney managed to deliver a budget to protect and create jobs, grow our economy and protect vital frontline services.'

'Local Authorities will receive an additional £94 million to boost economic recovery. They will receive £54 million in capital funding to spend on local priorities, with a focus on economic growth,

such as education, transport, waste, environment and regeneration and in every year between 2012 and 2015 local government will receive a larger share of Scottish Government funds than under the previous administration.

'Scotland's ambition to deliver world-class digital connectivity by 2020 received a further £68 million boost, bringing total investment to £250 million. Mr Swinney made it clear that rural and islands would not lose out. This is a key issue for Arran.'

Completion

'Record funding to support college students of £95.5m – an increase 13.1percent – will help improve course completion by reducing financial pressures, and housing received a further £97 million.'

SNP Finance Secretary John

Swinney also announced £10 million for financial year 2014/15 to start building the £28 million A737 Dalry Bypass in 2014 following completion of the statutory process, which includes compulsory land purchase orders, route development and public consultation.

Explicit

Added Mr Gibson: 'This is the most definite and explicit budget commitment ever made on this vital project. This level of financial commitment to the Dalry Bypass has never been published in any previous budget and comes at a time when capital budgets are under severe strain.'

'I will be working closely with Transport Scotland and Scottish Ministers to see this project through.'

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North Ayrshire Council is building on the success of Scotland's first 'Report It' App by extending the service to Android smartphone users.

The free app will be launched on Wednesday, 15 February, and comes just months after the launch of the pioneering iPhone app. Thousands more residents will benefit from the App - the first of its type in Scottish local government.

Recent research shows that over 50percent of smartphone users are now on the Android platform, while seven of the top 10 best selling smartphones are currently Androids.

The Android version is similar to the iPhone app, launched in October 2011, in terms of style and functionality.

It harnesses mobile technology and uses maps, photographs and GPS to enable residents to report issues and faults - anywhere, at any time. This includes potholes, dog fouling, fly tipping, graffiti, road and pavement faults, street and lighting faults.

Automatic Feedback

The app links directly to North Ayrshire Council, providing automatic feedback to customers and allowing them to track the progress of logged

cases through to completion.

Councillor David O'Neill, leader of the council, said: 'North Ayrshire Council is committed to providing excellent customer service and is keen to embrace new technology where possible.'

'Research indicates that more and more people are using smartphones and that these are increasingly becoming the preferred method of contact for many customers.'

'The iPhone app has proven to be an innovative but simple way for local people to contact the Council.'

'We were thrilled with the iPhone app and the Android

version will provide more of our customers with improved choice.'

Challenge

Martin Brown, Head of Customer Relationship Management at the Improvement Service, said: 'In common with the rest of the UK, Scotland's addiction to smartphones shows no sign of letting up, and the challenge of Scottish local government is in how it responds to these trends.'

'The iPhone version of the 'Report It' App is extremely popular with North Ayrshire residents and the Android release will ensure it continues to make a positive impact.'



Council leader David O'Neill with Martin Brown and the new Android smartphone. b07app01

Scottish Opera shines in Arran concert

Scottish Opera came back to Arran last Saturday night.

Brodick Hall was almost full to hear excerpts from a range of operas being sung by four very talented performers.

This was part of a 15-venue tour in halls and theatres from Castle Douglas to Tormory.

The first half of the concert

had numbers from Don Giovanni, La traviata, Carmen and Guillaume Tell among others.

After the interval, the audience was treated to excerpts from Die Fledermaus, The Gipsy Princess, Cosi fan tutte and Ruddigore and more.

Music aficionado Harry Ross said: 'The sheer bril-

liance of this Opera Highlights Arran concert was a very broad spectrum of music in one of its finest and purest forms.

Sublime

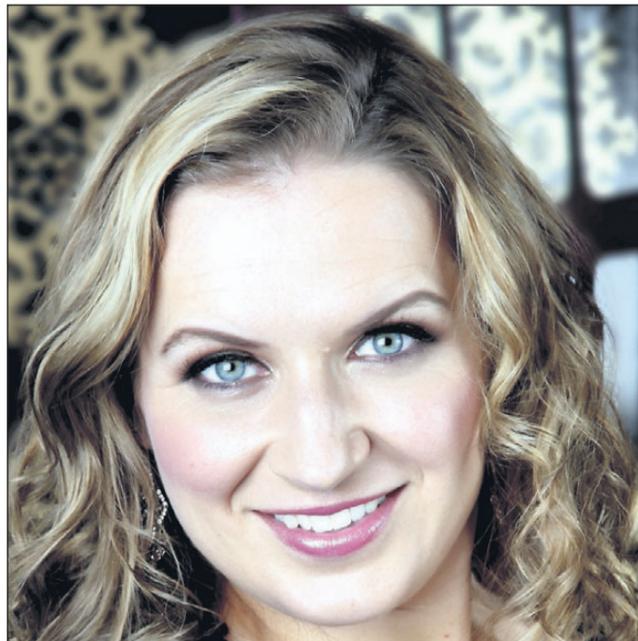
'This was an evening of sublime music for all to enjoy. The four singers exhibited the fullest expression of their considerable talents.'

'Those who think that the word 'opera' is too narrow and highbrow a form of music would have been made to

think again.

'The tonal quality of all the singers was magnificent and in particular I found soprano Anita Watson, making her Scottish Opera debut, spell-binding in her performance. What a voice!'

The other three performers were baritone Marcus Farnworth, mezzo-soprano Rosie Aldridge and tenor Robert Anthony Gardiner. Musical director and pianist was Susannah Wapshott.



Soprano Anita Watson who gave a star performance in Brodick Hall last Saturday night. b07opr01

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THE ARRAN BANNER

Now is the time to vote for your local heroes.

North Ayrshire Council Provost Pat McPhee launched the Civic Pride awards last year and one of the winners was the Arran group Art in Mind.

This year we have the chance to go one better. In the five awards categories the nominations have been sifted down to three in each.

And out of these 15 there are two Arran nominees.

Margo Wheeler of Corrie is one of the three shortlisted for the Citizen of the Year, while North Arran First Responders are nominated in the Community Group category. Naturally, both Margo and the volunteers of the First Responders based in Lochranza are very humble about their work.

But these are just the kind of folk who deserve recognition for giving up so much of their own time to help others in their communities. These days we are used to seeing celebrities and politicians constantly seeking praise and publicity for their so-called good deeds.

This makes it all the more important that you turn to page nine of this week's Banner, cut out the Civic Awards voting form and cast your vote for our unsung heroes.

Votes have to be in by noon on Friday 16 March.

NHS 24 is coming to Arran. Residents heard this news confirmed at a public meeting in Brodick Hall last week.

This centralised system of dealing with medical and health problems has been in place across much of the country for several years. Now we will have to get used to it here.

NHS 24 will be the single point of contact out of hours instead of Arran War Memorial Hospital.

No longer will you be able to pick up the phone and speak to someone at the hospital who you probably know, and who perhaps more importantly, knows you. But at the moment one of the nursing team has to answer the phone, and there may only be two on duty.

The meeting was assured that in many cases their phone call would be assessed then transferred to the hospital in Lamlash.

Around 10 years ago, when staying in hotel in Northumbria one of our party was taken ill. This was my first experience of NHS 24 and it was very frustrating. I just wanted to get hold of a doctor. Eventually a doctor living just around the corner was disturbed from his Sunday dinner, came to the hotel and summoned an ambulance. After a couple of days in hospital the person recovered.

NHS 24 has come a long way since then and we must embrace this new system.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" (John 8:12)

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Letters to the Editor



The Arran Revival

Sir,

In a year of important anniversaries, the bicentenary of the Arran Revival is worthy of mention.

An evangelist, visiting the island in 1800, remarked that 'the ignorance of the inhabitants was great'. Local Christians, concerned that the state of religion was low, frequently set some days apart for fasting and prayer, recognising at the same time that prayer, however fervent, does not guarantee revival; it comes by the sovereign power of God and cannot be organised by man.

About the beginning of 1812, many were brought under conviction of sin and to 'great earnestness in seeking the salvation of their souls'.

Though the Arran Revival mainly affected the parish of Kilmory, its influence was felt all over the island.

It resulted in the conversion of some 250 people.

People of every age were moved, but a feature of the Revival was that many of the converts were children.

In the years following the Revival, the ministry of the Church gained a number of men whose influence for good was felt in many parts of Scotland. Outstanding were the Cook brothers (Finlay and Archibald) from Auchareoch. Scripture promises revival.

Shouldn't Arran's Christians pray, 'Do it again, Lord'.

Yours,

**Donald N Macleod
Thornwood
Glen Road
Brodick**

Knights in lorries

Sir,

I would be grateful if the following letter of thanks could be put in the next Banner.

On Friday morning 3 February, I was driving from Ben-nan for an appointment at Lamlash Medical Centre.

On rounding the blind bend at Craighdu I pulled in tighter to the left to avoid an oncoming delivery van and managed to end up in the ditch.

Having got out of the car to survey my predicament, a large 12-wheel lorry drew up in front.

Within moments the driver (who I think may have been Willie McInnes from the mainland) came across with the lorry tow line to attach to the car anchorage point and in two minutes had my car back on the road.

But unfortunately the front tyre was flat.

At this time Gavin Mutch, driving John Thomson's ready-mix concrete lorry, had arrived on the scene and together they proceeded to change the wheel.

They coped with much difficulty in getting the spare wheel carrier down from under the boot, but they succeeded, and before long I was soon on my way again without even getting my hands dirty.

Gavin also washed off the thick slimy mud from the punctured wheel and put it in the boot.

So I wish to express my gratitude to them and let others know of their kindness.

Also thanks to Lamlash Medical Centre staff for fit-

ting me in after my late arrival.

Yours,
**Terry Muston
Loanmhor
Shannochie**

Garden Bird Watch thanks

Sir,

My thanks again to all who took part in the survey (RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch).

In last week's Banner there is an article on page 14 'Chaffinch tops Arran gar-

den bird list again'.

The information was up to date at the time that the article was submitted to the local paper but later in the week a few more returns came in.

While these did not change the substance of the article, if you would like the up to date version including access to the complete summary click this link.

Top Garden Birds http://www.arranbirding.co.uk/top_garden_birds.html

Yours,
**Jim Cassels
Kilpatrick**

THE ARRAN BANNER - on holiday...

Since 'The Banner on Holiday' feature started almost two years ago, we have been absolutely overwhelmed by the number of fantastic photographs of our readers that have come through the doors.

Arran residents and holidaymakers are making sure that they pack their copy of the Banner to keep up with local issues when they go on holiday.

This week we have photographs from far and wide.

Don't forget to pack your copy of the Banner if you are going on holiday.

It could be from Fife or Fiji, it really doesn't matter; we would love to see your photographs.

Please send them to us either by email to editor@arranbanner.co.uk or to The Arran Banner, Douglas Centre, Brodick KA27 8AJ.



Alan Mitchell, the son of Dorothy and Alan Mitchell from Lochranza, is pictured near his home in Sydney with his son Angus while catching up on all the news from home.

Public meeting on Scottish Ferries Services Review

Arran Community and Voluntary Service will host a Public Meeting to discuss the Scottish Ferry Services Review on Wednesday 22 February at 7.30pm in Brodick Hall.

It will be an opportunity for all sections of the community to air concerns and contribute views, and to help the understanding of all the issues facing future service provision.

The deadline for submitting feedback to the Draft Plan for Consultation is March 30, and it is intended that this forum will enable a full and informed response to the Scottish Government.

Topics could include frequency of service, operating hours, service alternatives in adverse weather, port development and the North End

service. Residents who have concerns not addressed in the Draft Plan may take this chance to contribute to what we hope will be a representative response from the island.

The Community Council and Ferry Committee will be submitting group responses which will reflect the consensus view.

Individuals are also encour-

aged to feed back on their own behalf.

Hard copies of the Draft Consultation will be available at the meeting.

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Two Arran nominations in 2012 Civic Awards shortlist

The finalists have been announced for this year's North Ayrshire Provost's Civic Pride Awards.

And there are two Arran nominations on the short list.

In each of the five categories there are three short-listed nominations. And out of these 15 nominations, two of them are for Arran folk.

North Arran First Responders have been short-listed in the North Ayrshire Community Group category, and Margo Wheeler of Corrie has been nominated for North Ayrshire Citizen of the Year.

Margo told the Banner: 'I was taken aback; I'm just part of the community groups here in Corrie.'

But local wood carver Mar-

vin Elliott who first put Margo's name forward thought otherwise.

He said: 'Margo is always in the background of everything that happens in the village. She does all the hard work behind the scenes and never seeks the limelight.'

Marvin tasked local community councillor John Inglis with drafting Margo's nomination, and all you have to do now is tick the two Arran boxes on the voting form and send it off to North Ayrshire Council.

Provost Pat McPhee, Chair of North Ayrshire Council's Area Committees and sponsors considered the 133 high calibre nominations received

across the awards and had the unenviable task of shortlisting just three finalists in each of the five categories.

Provost Pat McPhee said: 'The 133 submissions received for this year's Provost's Civic Pride Awards have once again highlighted the huge wealth of talent and commitment we have here in North Ayrshire as well as the vast number of individuals and groups who work tirelessly to improve their local communities.'

'My fellow judges and I were overwhelmed by the high standard of nominations and had a very difficult task in selecting the three finalists in each category.'

The Arran shortlisted finalists are:

North Ayrshire Citizen of the Year - sponsored by Marley Contract Services:

Pat McPhee said: 'Margo Wheeler's leadership, optimism and skill have helped the Arran communities of Corrie and Sannox 'punch above their weight' for many years.'

'Margo was key to the Millennium reconstruction of the local village hall, leading the community in its funding efforts. She also plays a significant part in the social life of the community - her firework displays being legendary.'

'Her generous and unwavering support for a variety of local groups and ventures have helped many of them to be a big success.'

North Ayrshire Community Group Award - sponsored by Irvine Housing Association:

'North Arran First Responders is a voluntary group which gives medical assistance to people who have taken ill or collapsed.'

'Their main aim is to save lives and assist the ambulance service. The group formed as it could take an ambulance between 30 and 40 minutes to reach the north of the island from its base in Lamlash.'

'An early response can often mean the difference between life and death.'

We hope to have a photo of the North Arran First Responders next week.

First Responders and Margo Wheeler in running for award



Margo Wheeler, nominated for Citizen of the Year, with other community group members outside The Rockpool in Corrie. 02_b07mar02

the provost's civic pride awards 2012

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Margo Wheeler

Jean Gilbert

Sally Rodgers

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Voting Slip
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Arran contingent lead Partick Burns Club supper

Four well-known Arran men were invited to attend the Partick Burns Club Supper last month as it celebrated the life and works of Robert Burns.

The Partick Burns Club was instituted in 1885 and like most clubs, holds an annual supper.

Past speakers have included Lord Roy Jenkins of Hillhead, The Right

Honourable George Reid retired Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament, Fergus

Ewing MSP and Frank McAveety MSP amongst many others.

This year's President, Neil Arthur of Kilpatrick, decided to add an Arran dimension by inviting Lord McConnell of Glen-scorrodale to Toast the Immortal Memory, Jock Kelso to Address the Haggis and Willie Robertson to Reply to a Toast to The Guests. The event was again held in the Jimmy Ireland Stand at The High School of Glasgow with 137 attending and £2,300 was raised for charity.

Like many others that weekend, their one night trip to the mainland turned into three days and two nights as well as a - now famous - Wemyss Bay ferry trip and a bit of explaining to do about how you can spin out a Burns supper for 59 hours.

Jock's Addressing of the Pakora in a Southside curry house on the Saturday night was indeed memorable.

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Busy Arran Burns Supper season draws to an end

Three more Burns Suppers have brought to an end one of the busiest Burns seasons on the island for some time.

The residents at Kirkcare sheltered housing in Lamlash celebrated the life of the Bard, while the rural ladies of Kilmory,

Kildonan, Shiskine and Whiting Bay tucked into a haggis supper in Kilmory village hall. And an Arran quartet of Burns aficionados were the speakers at the Partick Burns Club Supper.



Colin MacKenzie addressing the haggis at McKelvie Road. 01_b07bur02



Mary Adams took the haggis back to the kitchen after it had been disembowled by Colin MacKenzie. 01_b07bur03

Rural ladies celebrate the life and times of the Bard

Around 40 ladies from Kilmory, Kildonan, Shiskine and Whiting Bay Rurals enjoyed a traditional Burns Supper in Kilmory Village Hall on Monday night.

Jo Earle piped in the haggis, carried by Irene Fleming, and the beastie was addressed with brio by Alan Nicol.

Finlay Murchie read a poem and played some contemporary music on his saxophone. Sheila Gilmore gave a spirited rendition of Tam O'Shanter and Jim Fleming entertained the company on his accordion.



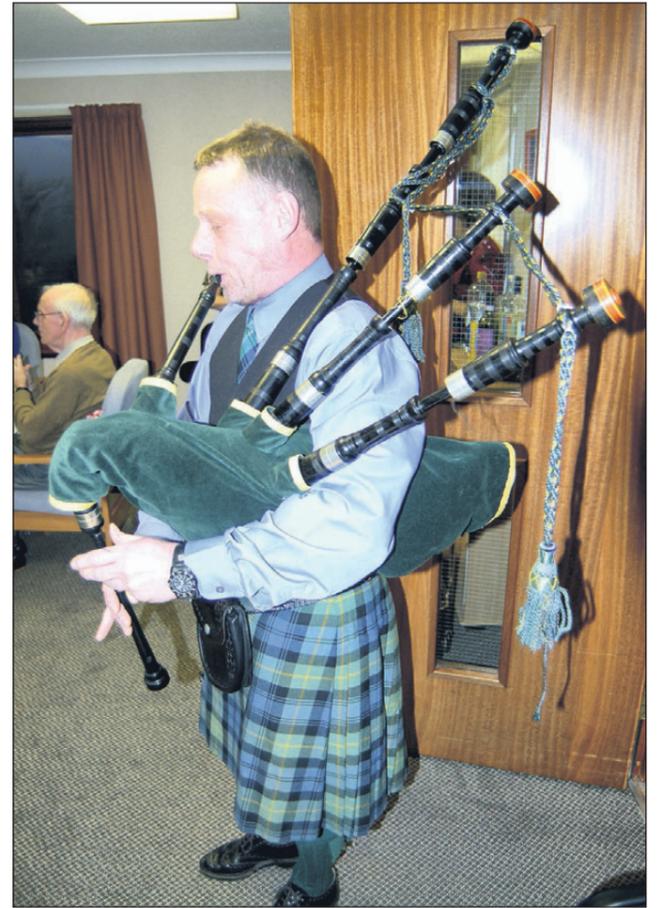
Alan Nicol addressing the haggis in Kilmory Hall. 01_b07kil01



Jo Earle piping in the haggis, carried by Irene Fleming. 01_b07kil03



The assembled company at the Rural Burns Supper. 01_b07kil02



Ally Hume entertained on the pipes. 01_b07bur04

Burns Supper at sheltered housing

Last Friday evening the residents at McKelvie Road sheltered housing in Lamlash tucked in to a tasty haggis, tatties and neeps supper. This is the third year that the residents have celebrated the birth of the Bard.

Ally Hume entertained on the pipes with renditions of Scotland The Brave and Scots Wha Hae while young Colin MacKenzie addressed the haggis with gusto.

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The Arran Civic Trust recently published a book called 'Buildings of Arran' documenting interesting buildings on a circular tour of the island.

It represents a small catalogue of the island's architecture. The Trust would now like to continue by photographing interesting artefacts, fittings and appliances in the interiors of Arran homes.

Trust chairman John Inglis said: 'There is a rich vein of interesting items which should be photographed before they are lost or replaced.'

'Each year, as houses are altered, renovated and completely modernised some beautiful fittings are lost forever. They are as much a part of the island's heritage as its architecture.'

'Original fittings of all types, both decorative and functional, could include door knobs, finger plates, fire places, stained glass, light fittings, fitted furniture, interesting woodwork, tiles and much more.'

'Even items not original to the house but with a particu-

lar period flavour or merely an interesting one-off would be worth recording. Many items are not art inspired, but may be functional, durable and well-made by local craftsmen.

'Humble items tend to be unnoticed partly because they've fulfilled a function for over 100 years and yet they may be well designed and deserving of recognition.'

Appreciate

'The Trust would like to photograph these and document them with a short description. To do this we'd appreciate the help of Arran people by informing us of anything worth recording and offering us the chance to photograph it. In any publication individual houses would not be identified and confidentiality assured.'

'If you would be willing to let us photograph in your home (or you may be able to photograph things yourself and send them on) please get back to the Trust through me on 810659 or noj673@tiscali.co.uk or the address below.'

John Inglis, Red House, High Corrie.

Save the Children AGM hears of poverty in India

Auchrannie Hotel kindly provided the venue for the AGM of the Arran branch of Save the Children on Monday 6 February.

Carol Burge, chairperson, welcomed all present especially our three guests, Dorothy Parker, West of Scotland Fundraising Co-ordinator, Elsie Paton, West of Scotland Volunteer Supporter and Volunteer Anne Strang.

In her report, Carol reviewed the progress of Save the Children during the past year.

Economic Climate

Our fundraising events were slightly affected by the current economic climate and loss of two venues, but on the whole were well supported. In Scotland, child poverty

had reduced from 25 percent to 20 percent thanks to Save the Children and other agencies.

Carol thanked the committee for their hard work and dedication and expressed her regret that Aileen Wright has had to resign.

The office bearers remain the same for the following year: chair, Carol Burge; secretary, Margaret Shaw; treasurer, Myrna Boal. We were sorry to lose Aileen Wright but welcome two new members, Maureen Cumming and Fiona Crawford from Lochranza.

Business completed, we were then totally transfixed by a presentation from our guest speaker, Anne Strang.

Anne, a volunteer for many years, had recently visited India to observe and assist in the work of Save the Children.

Harrowing Slides

She had some staggering statistics accompanied by harrowing slides of the poverty she had witnessed. Two million children die before the age of five, 70 percent are below the poverty line and there are more mobile phones than toilets!

She praised the tireless efforts of the Save the Children workers in providing mobile clinics and basic health education in the poorest slum areas.

Tradition and superstition were often difficult to overcome. Anne concluded by

emphasising the importance of our efforts which are helping to transform the lives of many children.

There followed a short presentation by Dorothy Parker of a more global picture of the situation.

Under the slogan 'No child is born to die' much has been done to alleviate suffering in many parts of the world. At present there are two million suffering from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Shortage

The biggest barrier to further success is the shortage of health workers.

The meeting was brought to a close by Carol thanking our guests for their very interesting and informative talks.

Fauna and Flora International supports COAST on Arran

Last Friday 10 February, Gavin Shelton of Fauna and Flora International (F&FI) led a day with COAST (Community of Arran Seabed Trust) looking at the strategy for the future.

Held at Arran Outdoor Education Centre, the group work looked at the values and the main focus of COAST.

This is all the more important right now as a great deal of work is being directed at present towards preparing the proposal to establish a Marine Protected Area around the south of Arran.

This would enable creel-

ing and sea angling but exclude mobile fisheries such as dredging and bottom trawling.

The MPA will provide a new opportunity for the island in terms of conservation of valuable resources and economic opportunity.

At COAST's AGM on Wednesday 21 March, Ian Campbell OCEAN2012 UK Co-ordinator, will give an illustrated update 'Fisheries at last chance Saloon' on the Common Fisheries Policy reform, especially as it reflects on Scotland. So keep the date free.



Gavin Shelton of Fauna and Flora International with COAST members at Arran Outdoor Centre. b07coa01

Natural History members 'Eating the Wildlife'

To speak to the Arran Natural History Society on the evening of Thursday 2 February, Carl Reavey cycled all the way from his home on Islay to Arran.

This was one measure of his fitness and he was certainly fit to challenge the audience in his presentation on 'Eating the Wildlife'.

Prester John - a bird watching trip to Ethiopia'. Mike Betts is a life-long birdwatcher whose 36 years in the army gave him a great opportunity to see the world.

Passionate

He is passionate about birds and was one of the editors of the recent massive publi-

cation by The Scottish Ornithologists' Club 'Birds of Scotland'. Ethiopia, the land of history and mystery, the land of the Queen of Sheba and Haille Selassie, the source of the Blue Nile with over one thousand species of birds of which around forty can be seen no

where else in the world. It should be another fascinating evening. All welcome. The next outdoor meeting will take place on Sunday 26 February when there will be a bird walk at Kildonan. Meet at the Silver Sands Car Park at 9.30am. All welcome.

Carl took a look at the first human settlers to move into Scotland after the last Ice Age - around 10,000 years ago.

In a thought provoking and very imaginative presentation he selected his evidence to challenge the more traditional view that these ancient people were 'at one with nature', and altered the environment in which they lived very little.

He put forward a well-rounded argument that in fact they ate the wildlife in a non-sustainable way.

His well-illustrated talk was delivered with enthusiasm and humour and thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience.

The next indoor meeting of the Arran Natural History Society will take place on Thursday 1 March starting at 8pm in the Rangers Centre in Brodick Country Park.

At that meeting Mike Betts will talk about 'In the land of



Carl Reavey from Islay spoke about the first human settlers to move into Scotland after the last Ice Age.

Arran Garden Club

The Garden Club welcomed 2012 in with an enjoyable evening, presented by Colin Totty, Head Gardener at Brodick Castle.

Colin is an inspirational speaker, who enlightened us on the diversity of his job and the numerous tasks involved in maintaining the beautiful Castle gardens over the winter months; coping with the reality of continuous rainfall and extensive storm damage, and always having the deadline of Easter Opening on the horizon.

Refreshments and a raffle concluded the evening. Members were reminded that the Horticultural Spring Flower Show is on Saturday 31 March in Brodick Hall and the next Garden Club meeting is on Thursday 23 February at 7.30pm in the Ranger Centre at Brodick Castle.

Angela Cassels and Andrew Stefanuti are giving an illustrated talk on 'Developing a Garden from Scratch'.

Visitors and new members are most welcome. CVB.

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Bird Notes for January

By Jim Cassels

January was milder, windier and wetter than the three previous Januaries.

As in December, there were further reports of: Redwing including 34 at Kilpatrick on the 8th, Fieldfare including 40

at South Feorline on the 28th and Jay was sighted in Merkland on the 4th and Cnoc na Dail on the 25th.

This rare species on Arran has been around since 17 October 2011 and this was the

first record since 1985.

Other highlights included: a Slavonian Grebe in Whiting Bay on the 3rd, first record of this occasional winter and passage migrant since March 2010, 11 Yellowhammer in Sliderry on the 19th and a long staying Iceland Gull also in Sliderry from the 5th to the end of the month.

The last Arran record of this white winged gull was 25 April 2010.

This winter, the stormy weather has driven these maritime gulls onto the west coast of Scotland where there have been widespread reports.

Wintering wildfowl numbers included: one Barnacle Goose in Shiskine on the 5th, 36 Whooper Swan over Lamlash on the 16th, 40 Wigeon in Kildonan on the 19th, one White-fronted Goose with 360 Greylag Goose in Shiskine on the 24th and 52 Pink-footed Goose in Sliderry on the 28th.

Other winter visitors in January included: a Greenshank at Claulchlands on the 2nd, a Kingfisher at Carlo on the 9th, 10 Purple Sandpipers at Kildonan on the 9th, a Dunlin at Whiting Bay on the 20th, 26 Lapwing at Shiskine on the 22nd, a Knot at Blackwaterfoot on the 22nd, and 16 Turnstone at South Feorline on the 30th.

All three divers were also reported including: a Great Northern Diver off Kildonan on the 9th, five Red-throated



A Slavonian Grebe was seen in Whiting Bay. Photo by Brian Henderson.



A long staying Iceland Gull was spotted in Sliderry throughout most of January. Photo by Dennis Morrison.

Divers in Whiting Bay also on the 9th and three Black-throated Divers off Glenashdalewaterfoot on the 13th.

Interesting garden birds included: Great Spotted Woodpecker in Lamlash on the 13th, 11 Long-tailed Tit at Mayish also on the 13th, a Treecreeper at Dhunan on the 16th and a pair of Bullfinch in Margnaheglish on the 26th.

There were some signs of approaching spring with Fulmars on the cliff at Catacol on the 19th, 10 male and female Red-breasted Merganser displaying off Margnaheglish on the 28th and a pair of Collared Doves mating in Kilpatrick on the 29th.

But the winter is not over yet.

Please send any bird notes

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

RDA charity music download site goes live

Arran's residents are being urged to support a worthwhile local charity by downloading a unique song from the internet.

Johnny Caddell, a singer songwriter based in Ayrshire, has written 'Where I belong (Song for Arran)' to raise funds for the disabled riding charity which is based in Lamlash.

The song has been uploaded to his website where people can download it for £1.

He told The Banner: 'If people go onto this website and click on the **visit store** button on the front page, this will take them to my store where they can choose the **music** option and then they will see the song available to be downloaded.

'It's listed as 'Where I belong (Song for Arran)' and it will cost them \$1.58 which is the same as £1 - it's an American site!' Eighty pence of every £1 spent will go to the RDA.

Johnny added: 'So here's hoping that the people in Arran and around about help out and buy into this fundraising idea.'

Visit www.reverbnation.com/johnnycaddell to download the song.

Arran Bridge results

Brodick Bridge Club
Results for Brodick Bridge Club for Thursday 9 February:

Adam Morrison Cup – Prepared Hands.

1 Trisha Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 John and Jan Beattie. Congratulations on excellent scoring.

Lamlash Bridge Club
Results for Lamlash Bridge Club for Monday 13 February:

N/S 1 Liz Paul and Margaret McGill +2510, 2 Trisha Martin and Doreen Cant +1910, 3 Pat Adamson and Elizabeth McConnell +1810.
E/W 1 John and Jan Beattie -740, 2 Isobel McArthur and Jennifer McArthur -920, 3 Jennifer Wales and Janette McBride -1300.

Mackenzie memorial darts tournament

The 24th annual Donald Mackenzie Memorial mixed doubles darts tournament will be held in Kilmory Hall this Saturday, starting at 7.30pm.

Funds raised will go to Kildonan and Kilmory Senior Citizens.

Names of entrants should be given to Margaret on 870309 by Friday 17 February.

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| Friday | 'Do-It-Yourself Frankenstein Outfit' A Play by David Campton | Shiskine Junior Drama |
| | 'Bat out of Heaven' A Drama by Frank Gibbons | Lamlash Junior Drama Club |
| | 'The Real Problem' A Comedy by Bruce Kane | Shiskine WRI |
| Saturday | 'Mr Macaroni's Exploding Pizza Pie' Play by John Gardiner & Fiz Coleman | Lamlash Junior Drama |
| | 'Last Tango in Little Grimley' A Comedy by David Tristram | Castaways |
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The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, February 22, 1992

'I name this ship...'

Councillor Evelyn Sillars officially launched the new Lochranza - Claonaig ferry, MV Loch Tarbert yesterday at St Monans Harbour, whilst looking just a trifle abashed at the honour of launching her first ship.

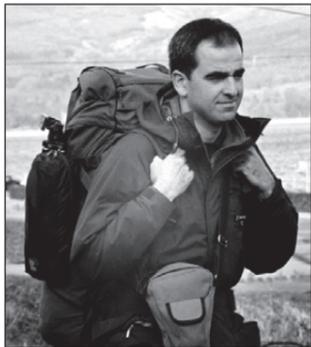
As she released the bottle of champagne it hit the ship with a loud clank but did not smash so the shipyard manager adjusted something and Evelyn tried again, this time succeeding.



Evelyn Sillars releases the bottle of champagne to launch the MV Loch Tarbert. b07twe01

Fish farm for sale

Marine Harvest, which operates the fish farm in Lamlash Bay, is for sale.



Calum Smith of Forfar is spending 1992 walking around Scotland. One of his aims was to get his picture in The Arran Banner because his day job is potato inspector for the Department of Agriculture and spends much of his time looking at Arran Banners for aphid borne diseases. b07twe03

Unilever, the parent company, has announced its intention of selling five of its 'agri-businesses' because, as they say, 'they are no longer part of their core activities'.

Trial and tribulations

The trial transport of timber from Brodick to Ardrossan by barge began on Monday when the specially constructed vessel 'Spruce Light' was towed into Brodick Bay by tug.

An enormous floating table with stanchions along each side, its trials began when it beached itself nose first to the slipway on Market Road.

Down came the ramp but so steep was the incline; the lorry could not get up.

Croft closure confirmed

The axe has fallen on Corrie Croft.

We announced three weeks ago that it was one of six within Strathclyde threatened with closure.

On Wednesday the educa-

tion committee agreed to re-trieve four of the six but Corrie Croft was not one.

Dogs, sheep and farmers

Spring is approaching and, with it, lambing time.

Arran area NFU representative Margie Currie has outlined the threat that dogs can be at this time and asks dog owners to be responsible throughout this busy time.

Farmers' lib

The farming industry has traditionally been a male preserve, with women either more evident in the kitchen or the 'Rural'.

Arran Farmers Society has survived for 162 years and in that time staged 155 annual shows with a 24 man committee.

But times they are a-changing and at this year's August Show, the society will be led by two ladies - Yolly Campbell and Ann Brassington.



Arran was well represented at the launch by, from left to right, Bob Haddow, Nancy MacLeod, Margaret Haddow, Evelyn Sillars, Donald White, Rev Ian MacLeod, Caroline Warwick and Donald Bannatyne. b07twe04



Yolly Campbell is the new chairman of Arran Farmers Society and Ann Brassington is the new secretary. b07twe02

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Last week Archie was looking forward to a walk to Eas Mor waterfall in High Kildonan. First correct answers came from Lorna in Fife, Stuart in Glasgow, Cara in Shiskine and Shep in Crewe. This week he is on the roadside, but which village is he in?

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Saturday 18 February

Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Fun in the Pool
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Donald MacKenzie Memorial Darts
Music Society Concert

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am – 12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm – 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm – 5pm
Arran high School, 10am
Playbarn Auchrannie, 2pm – 3pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm – 6pm
Kilmory Hall, 7.30pm
Brodict Hall, 1.30pm

Sunday 19 February

Alcoholics Anonymous
Family Games
Fun in the Pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Corrie Film Club

Church Hall, Brodict 4.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm – 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm – 5pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm – 3pm
Corrie/Sannox Hall at 8pm

Monday 20 February

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Citizens Advice
Breathe Walk Class
Table Tennis
Hatha Yoga
Activity Time
Come Dance With Me – LeRoc Modern Jive
Scottish Country Dancing for Beginners and Improvers
Yoga
Arran Junior Football
Circuit Training
Quiz
Lamlash Bridge Club
Edward O'Donnolly, Lochranza, Scottish Archive Films
Citizens Advice

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm-4pm
Lochranza Hall 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow 5pm-5.30pm
High School Sports Hall – seniors 7.30pm-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict 10am-2pm
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Arran high School, 6pm – 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm-4pm
High School, 6pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm-7pm
Auchrannie Spa Gym, 6pm-7pm
The Shurig at Bar Eden, 8.30pm
Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7pm
Brodict Hall, 2pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm

Tuesday 21 February

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Junior Hockey Club – 8yrs up
Melody Movement, Ballet Class-2 ½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class- 2 ½ yrs up
Youth Club
Scottish Country Dancing
Winter Bowls
Zumba Fitness Class
Rowan Singers
Weight Watchers
Arran Motocross Club AGM

Kinloch 11am- 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm-9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall – 2pm
Kildonan Hall – 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6pm-7pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio 2pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm – 8pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
St Molios, Church Hall, 7pm
Ormidale Hotel, 7pm

Wednesday 22 February

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Museum Archives & Genealogy Service
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents and little ones
Kids Games
Circuit Training
Dog Training
AYF Film Making Club
Lochranza Village Group
Ferry's review Consultation
Arran Farmers Society AGM

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm-8pm games hall
KA Leisure Kids, 6.30pm-7.30pm Adults 7.30pm- 8.30pm
Lamlash church Hall 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
High School Games Hall 8pm – 9pm
10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm
9.30am – 10.30am Auchrannie studio
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am – 10.30am
Auchrannie dance studio 10.45am
The Playbarn Auchrannie 5pm – 6pm
Auchrannie Spa Games Hall 6pm – 7pm
Whiting Bay Hall 1pm
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30pm-6.30pm
Lochranza Hall 7pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Kinloch Hotel, 8pm

Thursday 23 February

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
Coffee Morning
General Knowledge Quiz
Brodict Embroidery Club
Brodict Bridge Club
Winter Bowls
Arran Music and Drama Club Rehearsals
Zumba Fitness Club
Lunchbox
Garden Club

Ormidale Hotel 9pm
Hall 2pm
Youth cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
St Molios Church 10.30am – 12pm
Kinloch Bar 9pm
Brodict Library 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Brodict Golf Club 7pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall 7pm – 9pm
Brodict Hall 7.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 12.30-2.30pm
Ranger Centre, Brodict Castle, 7.30pm

Friday 24 February

Arran Ceilidh group
Senior Badminton
Quiz
Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Kids Party Games
Weight Watchers
Mixed Doubles Darts 'Sheena MacKechnie Memorial'
Coffee Morning
One Act Drama Festival
Pirmill Primary Centenary Ciurm

Corrie Church Hall, 8pm – 10pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall 2pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club 8pm
Auchrannie Hotel Pool 9.45am – 10.30am
Auchrannie Studio 10am – 11am
Church Hall, Brodict, 7pm – 9pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie 5 – 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 6.30pm
Catacol Bay, 7.30pm
Corrie/Sannox Hall, 10.15am. All welcome
Arran High School, 7.30pm
Pirmill Community Centre, 6.30pm for 7pm

Saturday 25 February

Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Fun in the Pool
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Coffee Morning in aid of Mary's Meals
One Act Drama Festival

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am – 12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm – 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm – 5pm
Arran High School 10am
Playbarn Auchrannie 2pm – 3pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie 5pm – 6pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15 - 12 noon
Arran High School, 7.30pm

Sunday 26 February

Alcoholics Anonymous
Family Games
Fun in the Pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Ladies Pool Open

Church Hall, Brodict 4.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm – 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool 4pm – 5pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie 2pm – 3pm
Bar Eden, 3pm

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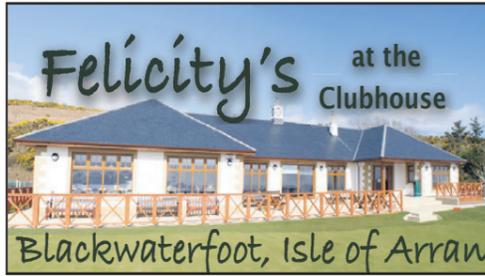
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application no; Address; Proposed Development

12/00028/PP; Oakbank Farm, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Change of use of 2 self catering houses and 2 self catering flats to 4 domestic residences.

12/00048/PP; St Georges Church, Clachlands Road, Lamlash, Brodick; Amendment to planning permission 10/00288/PP comprising of variations to the windows of 9 flats, modifications to the elevations of 6 flats, addition of a door to one flat and removal of chimney.

12/00008/PP; Site to the North East of Tighbeg, Blackwaterfoot, Brodick; Erection of detached dwelling house.

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

Applications for Listed Building Consent.

12/00049/LBC; St Georges Church, Clachlands Road, Lamlash, Brodick; Variations to the windows of 9 flats, modifications to the elevations of 6 flats, addition of a door to one flat and removal of chimney.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - GRASS CUTTING SCHEME

The Council's Grass Cutting Scheme which is limited to grass and hedge cutting will recommence on Monday 2 April 2012.

The scheme covers cutting grass of an area no bigger than 150 square metres and hedges where they border a path. No weeding or planting is provided for. Due to the limited number of gardens to be included on the scheme, applications will be accepted on a "first come first served basis."

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Or

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To apply to the scheme contact the Council by telephone from Wednesday 15 February on 0845 603 0594. An assessment of eligibility will be made during the telephone application process and payment for the scheme will be taken.

The charge for the scheme is £50 plus vat at 20% (£60).

Applications will close on 31 March 2012.

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ARRAN FARMER'S SOCIETY

A.G.M

Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot
Wed 22nd February 2012 at 8pm
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Public Meeting

Ferries Review Consultation

Wednesday 22nd February,
7.30pm in Brodick Hall

Arran Community and Voluntary Service invites you to come along and let your views be known to the Community Council and the Ferry Committee, to help provide informed responses to the Scottish Government on the current consultation.



AGM 7pm

Tuesday 21st at the Ormidale Hotel
All welcome

Drift Inn drop another point but stay as pool league leaders

Second-placed Whiting Bay Golf Club failed to take advantage of another slip-up by league leaders the Drift Inn last Thursday night.

The Drift remain top by four points having dropped a point for the second week running with an away draw at Kildonan while the Golf Club also dropped a point in a home tie against the PHT.

PT1934's away win at Mac's Bar leaves them hot on the heels of the Golf Club in third place.

Catacol remain the draw specialists, having drawn half their matches so far.

Kildonan's draw was enough to lift them above Mac's Bar and the PHT.

Gallon of Beer

Meanwhile, PT1934 kept up their remarkable record of winning every gallon of beer they have played, while the Golf Club have won only one out of 10.

Results: Catacol 6 Bar Eden 4, Whiting Bay Golf Club 5 PHT 5, Kildonan 5 Drift Inn 5, Mac's Bar 4 PT1934 6.

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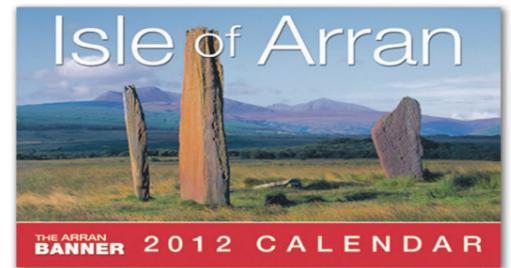
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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay
Sunday, 19th February
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher
Coffee after service
Wednesday, 22nd February
Ash Wednesday
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
North Arran, Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill 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 – families, young people and children welcome.
Sunday 19th February
Brodick Church, 10.30am
Corrie Church, 12noon, Lochranza/Pirmill 10.15am at Pirmill
Shiskine Church 12noon
A service of worship will also be held in Montrose house at 1.30pm

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Morning Mass, 11am

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Charity Number SCO14005)
Sunday 19th 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.
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There will be no informal evening service tonight.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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Sunday 19th February
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Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 19th February
Shiskine 11am
Rev Kenny Boyd
Brodick 7pm
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(continuing)
Sunday 19th February
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
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Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 22nd February
at 7pm
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RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS QUAKERS
Meeting for Worship on
Sunday 19th February
at 11am
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Enquires to Betty 830651

DEATHS

ALLAN – MARY BLAIR
Peacefully at home on Monday 13th February 2012, Mae in her 92nd year, beloved wife of Hight, Mother of Sharon, Gran and Great Gran of the Family.
Funeral service in Whiting Bay Church on Friday 17th February at 11:30am and thereafter to Lamlash Cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

ROBERTS – PETER
Peacefully at home on Saturday 11th February 2012. Peter, aged 69 years, beloved husband of Rosemary, dad of Andy and Louise, granddad of Joshua, Megan and Johnny. Funeral service in Lamlash church on Monday 20th February at 11:30am followed by cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Tuesday 21st February at 1pm. Transport available from Lamlash to ferry, Ardrossan to crematorium and return to Lamlash. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Bowel Cancer and ArCaS.



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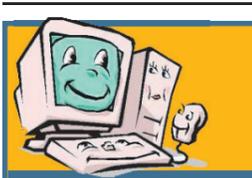
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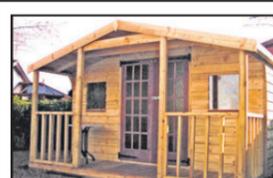
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Lindsay is set for her 50th Scotland rugby cap

Lindsay Wheeler of Corrie gained her 49th international rugby cap when she played at number 8 for Scotland against Wales at Pandy Park, Cross Keys last Sunday.

Despite a valiant effort the Scots girls went down by 20 points to nil.

They are due to play their third RBS 6 nations match of the

season next Saturday 25 February when they take on France at Stirling County RFC.

Significant Achievement

Lindsay is expected to be in the team and this will be her 50th international appearance, a significant achievement for an Arran girl. The match starts at 2pm.



Lindsay Wheeler is expected to win her 50th Scotland rugby cap next Saturday. b07rug01



ALGU Golf
Lynn Walker won the Drumadoun played at Brodick last Saturday on better inward half.

The fixture had been cancelled twice and despite the heavy rain on Thursday, which left the course fairly wet underfoot, the competition went ahead with 18 ladies. 1st Lynn Walker 92-19=73(bih) 2nd Viv Parks 91-18=73. Scratch Brenda Livingston 85.

Thanks to Brodick Golf Club for courtesy of the course and Trish for catering.

The Drumadoun at Machrie will be on Saturday 25 February at 10.30am. Contact Viv Parks on 870342 with queries about the draw.

Arran Golfers Association
Winter league / Duncan Trophy 2011/2012 4th round.

The 4th round matches took place at the second attempt over Machrie Bay Golf Club on Saturday 11 February.

The course was very wet underfoot but playable; thanks to Machrie for use of the course and the refreshments after the games.

First up was Machrie v Whiting Bay; with an experienced team the hosts made great use of their local knowledge and took the tie two and a half to one and a half.

Next out were leaders Lamlash against Corrie, with Lamlash hav-

ing to shuffle the team about due to the rearranged fixture they still managed to win by three games to one.

Last game and possibly the best of the day was Brodick against Shiskine.

This turned out to be the closest of the year so far with no more than a hole separating the four ties, three of which Brodick managed to win one up and the other square making Brodick the winners by three and a half to one and a half.

Everything is set up for next month's final matches with Lamlash leading Brodick by one point and the two meeting it promises to be a very exciting day.

Final Round at Brodick Golf Club on Sunday 4 March, draw: Brodick v Lamlash at 10am, Whiting Bay v Shiskine at 10.50am, Machrie v Corrie at 11.40am.

Brodick Golf Club

Results: Wednesday Cup 8 February. 15 turned out on a cold day that promised rain, but it held off until the dominoes started. There was only one two, by Dougie Robertson at the par four 16th.

I would like to say it was an impressive drive, but he duffed it low close to the ground and how it ended up three feet from the hole nobody knows.

The real golf game was won in impressive manner by stylish Gordon, his second win of the year and if he keeps on playing like this he will manage to get his handicap down to one stroke a hole before the end of winter.

Second with a better inward half was the equally impressive Brian Allison, who was in the doldrums for a few weeks after his brilliant 55 in mid January.

That score earned him a call up to the struggling Alma Clochendichter team, however his form suffered as a result of the expectations put on him by his desperate Alma High (And poor ground to the south) teammates.

Third, also with a 63 was Don (Wan) Rudge who is still trying to figure out how he earned his new nickname. Results 1 Gordon Sillars 60, 2 Brian Allison 63, 3 Don Rudge 63.

League table (best five scores), 1 Jim Green 314, 2 D Robertson, C O'Neil, E Thompson 315. LH.

Sunday 12 February, Brandon and Winter Cup, 24 played, 1 I MacDonald (7) 61, 2 F Sillars (17) 62, 3 WR Duncan (11) 63 bih from I Sillars. Scratch I MacDonald 68.

There were four twos, from I Sillars, J McKean, I MacDonald and T Raeside.

1st Class Brandon - I MacDonald, 2nd Class Brandon - Finlay Sillars.

Fixtures : Sunday 19 February Clochendichter. Sunday 26 February Winter Cup.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results: Nine played in the 5th round of the Winter Cup. CSS stayed at 63. Jamie MacPherson (5) 60, Dave Hackett (14) 62, Ronnie Mann (11) 63. Jamie MacPherson had the only magic two and also won scratch with 65.

Fixtures - Sunday 19 February, friendly with Lamlash at Whiting Bay. Tee offs between 10.30am and 11am. Open to all gents - just turn up with your clubs.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Results: Tuesday 7 February Winter Cup. 1 Campbell Laing 65, 2 Alastair MacDonald 72, 3 David

Scott 76 (bih). Scratch Alastair MacDonald 81.

Fixtures: Tuesday 21 February Lochranza Hotel Cup, tee off 12pm.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Saturday 11 February, yellow tees sweep, four played. 1 P McKinnon 79-23=56 (bih), 2 M Elliott 69-13=56. Magic twos M Elliott. Monday 13 February Winter Monday Cup played from yellow tees. 13 played, sweep 1 Hamish McArthur 74-17=57, 2 Alan Smith 66-6=60, 3 Bob Rooney 77-12=65. Best scratch Alan Smith 66. Magic twos Ross Griffin, Len Hartley and Paul Bremner 2.

Fixtures: Saturday 18 February Winter Cup, medal tees. 8.30am start and 12pm start. Monday 20 February Monday Cup, yellow tees, 12pm start.

Shiskine Golf Club

Results: Sunday 12 February, 18 hole medal. Nine played, 1 Q Oliver 88-25=63, 2 J Culpan 82-16=66, 3 D Price 79-11=68. Scratch Brian Sherwood 79 (bih).

Fixtures: Sunday 19 February Ryder Cup (Double Header), Sunday 26 February 12 hole Medal and Winter Cup.

Lamlash Golf Club

Results: Thursday 9 February, 15 hole Medal. 1 Jim Young 58-10=48, 2 Billy O'Connor 70-17=53. Sunday 12 February, Glenburn Cup, CSS 63, 17 played. 1 Ian Bremner 69-7=62, 2 Lee Girbow 68-4=64. Magic twos; Lee Girbow at 13th and 16th, Drew Wales at 16th. Best scratch Lee Girbow.

Fixtures: Sunday 19 February, Lamlash versus Whiting Bay at Whiting Bay 10.30am for 11am.

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