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Huge wave sinks Calum's world record dreams

'To say we are disappointed is an understatement'

REPORT
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Attempted world record breakers Calum McNicol and the crew of the Avalon had to ad-



Calum McNicol arrived in Barbados on Wednesday night - 33 days after leaving Gran Canaria.

mit on Monday that they were not going to cross the Atlantic in less than 30 days.

The Brodick adventurer is part of the eight men crew that left Puerto Mogan on Gran Canaria on January 19 and arrived in Port St Charles in Barbados on Wednesday - just 33 days later - after covering 3,000 miles of open ocean during the mission.

The current world record for rowing the Atlantic Ocean stands at 32 days exactly.

Smash this record

The aim of the Avalon was to smash this record and in doing so aim to be the first rowing boat to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a sub-30 day time.

But sadly on Sunday the crew had to accept that they would not finish on time.

Speaking from the boat on Monday Calum said: 'Last night we were hit with yet another big wave that managed to mangle the steering gear. 'The wave breached the

boat again and the pressure snapped a weld and rendered the steering gear useless.'

He added: 'We have been enjoying a few rare days of tail winds and high seas and have subsequently seen our daily totals rise to an acceptable 96, 98 and 96 miles.

'Unfortunately this is too late for us to make up the deficit and we have to now accept that we won't be breaking any world records in this crossing.

'To say we as a crew are disappointed is an understatement.

'We have put absolutely everything into the crossing and have worked without complaint as a crew for the past month.'

Despite being unable to break the record, Calum has raised an incredible £14,257 for The Ayrshire Hospice and he has dedicated the adventure to his mum Zoe McNicol who died from cancer in 1997.

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Brodict adventurer Calum McNicol



Birch is top dog at final sheepdog trial

Wullie Stevenson of Whiting Bay is pictured with his young dog Birch who swept the board at the final Nursery Sheepdog Trials of the season at Druid on Friday. The shepherd and his dog were winners of the trial with 81 points and they are pictured with the Drumadoon Trophy. For the full report from the trials and all pictures, see page nine. 01_b08dog01

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Look out for Jamie on the box

Don't forget to look out for young Jamie Hardie striding out on to the Murrayfield pitch on television on Sunday afternoon.

Jamie is the grandson of the late Netta and John Hardie of Brodick.

The eight-year-old plays fullback for Bannockburn RFC in the Central Scotland Rugby Pathway.

He has been picked to represent the club as Scotland mascot at the Six Nations rugby international between Scotland and Ireland.

The match starts at 2pm on BBC 1 on Sunday.



Jamie Hardie, Scotland mascot. b06rug01

Ross Road closed by landslip



The landslip closing the Ross Road. Photo Scott Ewart

'The slip required machinery to be brought over from the mainland'

A major landslip on the Ross Road last Thursday left the single-track cross-island road closed for five days.

After a sustained spell of very wet weather some 80 tonnes of mud slipped down onto the tarmac about three-quarters way up the hill from Lamlash.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesperson said: 'A significant landslip took place on the Ross Road last week.

'The slip involved an estimated 60 to 80 tonnes of ground being displaced and required machinery to be brought over from the mainland.

'Once the debris has been cleared, the condition of the roadway will be assessed.

'We would like to apologise for any disruption caused.'

The blockage was cleared on Monday and the road was back to normal by Tuesday.



The Ross Road closed at the Bennecarrigan end. 02_b08ross02

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Now Councillor John Bruce has obtained from SPT a supply of guarantee slips for train travellers.

Cllr Bruce said: 'I have placed these with CalMac staff at Brodick pier who have kindly agreed to distribute them to Ferry Concession Card holders purchasing train tickets. The notice should be kept in purse or wallet and be shown to ScotRail staff who may still be unaware of the current rules.'

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Summer timetable for second ferry to be confirmed

Caledonian MacBrayne has promised to have the new 2013 summer timetable for the MV Isle of Arran ready by the end of February.

At a meeting of the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee last week Brian Fulton, head of operations at CalMac, said that plans were well underway to optimise the use of the MV Isle of Arran when she begins serving the island from Wednesday 1 May. The additional summer sailings

will be a permanent feature each year, sailing up to and including 30 September, which this year falls on a Monday. Mr Fulton said: 'CalMac is in discussion with train and bus operators to ensure additional sailings are fully considered.'

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Arran lifeboat called to cruiser with engine failure

At 7.23pm on Monday night, Arran RNLI lifeboat was requested to launch to the assistance of a 6.6 metre cabin cruiser Skyemore with four persons on board, drifting south of Holy Isle.

The Troon lifeboat, which was at sea exercising, was also tasked to attend.

Arran and Troon lifeboats were on scene together and discovered that the boat had lost all power while motoring towards Troon.

The crew of Skyemore thought that it was because of flat batteries. It was agreed that Arran lifeboat would take the vessel in tow to Lamlash where repairs could be carried out.

On arrival in Lamlash Bay, Skyemore was put on a visitor mooring and her grateful crew brought ashore where overnight accommodation was found for them.

The Arran lifeboat was made ready for service again at 9.30pm.

Community Council to discuss 'ferry policy'

The Isle of Arran Community Council (ACC) will meet on this Tuesday (February 26) 7.30pm in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick. The agenda includes a discussion on youth travel provision and further discussion on developing an ACC ferry policy.

Forty-six traffic offences

Officers from Strathclyde Police Traffic Department were active on the island last week in an unmarked car.

Forty-six people were given fixed penalty notices for various offences.



Sheila is pictured with John and Heather Fleming on her left, the brother of her son-in-law Tom and his wife.

Sheila toasts the Bard

With its large number of residents claiming Scottish heritage it is little surprise that Chicago holds one of America's most prestigious Burns Suppers each year.

And this year Arran's very own Burns enthusiast Sheila Gilmore was flown over to give the Immortal Memory.

The Burns Supper is organised each year by the Illinois St Andrew's Society (ISAS), which was established in 1845, and was held in the Union League Club, Chicago with over 200 people in attendance.

Privileged

Sheila said: 'I felt really privileged to be invited out to speak - very lucky indeed.'

'I sat at the top table with Judge Bill Baur, his lovely wife Pat, ISAS chairman Jim Bell, ISAS president Gus Noble and Professor Tony Jones, CBE, to name but a few.' At

the Burns Supper Sheila was asked to address the Haggis and then, before dessert was served, she delivered the Toast to the Immortal memory of Robert Burns.

Unlike on Arran, following the supper there was lots of dancing and socialising. Sheila said: 'People kept saying how much they enjoyed my speech - even if some of them admitted they couldn't understand it all!'

'I'd taken a bottle of the Arran Distillery's Robert Burns Single Malt, which raised \$220 at an auction to raise funds for Caledonia House.'

Small world

'Needless to say, I also dropped off VisitArran magazines and leaflets everywhere...on brand, as they say! Also met lots of people asking after Jamie Crawford and Alastair Dobson - small world indeed.'

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Eas Mor power station a step nearer

The electricity generating plant planned for Eas Mor at High Kildonan has taken a step forwards.

Planning consent was originally granted in June 2008, but work has yet to be carried out. Now the applicant has applied to North Ayrshire Council for a variation to that planning consent.

Included

The original planning consent included the erection of an ecology centre, two greenhouses, formation of a weir upstream from Eas Mor waterfall, a dam and associated

generators, footways and car parking.

The variation indicates an increase in length of the pipeline from 500 metres to 950 metres and now crossing the public road at Auchenhew Bridge.

The new site for the powerhouse is now some 450 metres downstream from previous, between the manse brae and Whin Cottage, increasing the gross head from 67 metres to 110 metres.

Subject to planning approval, it is expected to complete the project by April 2014.

Arran friends in tough challenge for Lucy

Rachael MacLean of Perth and formerly of Arran is planning to take part in a gruelling challenge for two worthwhile charities. Rachael told The Banner: 'A group of school friends and I who grew up on Arran are taking part in 'Tough Mudder', a 13 mile cross country run with some serious challenges along the way.'

'We are doing it in memory of our very good friend Lucy Ford who sadly died of a brain haemorrhage in 2003 to mark the 10-year anniversary of her death.'

'We will be raising money for two charities, the Clarke Lister Foundation and the Arran Mountain Rescue Team.'

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Revamped holiday guide to encourage more visitors

‘We were concerned that Explore wasn’t doing what it was intended to do’ - CalMac

Arran’s ferry operator Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) has revamped its popular ‘Explore’ holiday guide to encourage more visitors to plan and book a trip to the islands on Scotland’s west coast.

Martin Dorchester, managing director of CalMac said: ‘We were concerned that Explore wasn’t doing what it

was intended to do as a pre-planning guide especially for first-time or infrequent visitors, so decided to go back to basics and look at how it could be used to encourage more people to travel to Scotland’s islands and make it easier to plan and book their ferry travel.

‘This helped us identify

what was missing from the brochure and by putting ourselves into the shoes of visitors have been able to make the information and booking process easier to understand.

‘It still contains the important information on who we are, what we do, where we travel to, where to stay, things to do and see, plus timetables and fares, but it is done in a way that we think is easier to navigate.

‘We’ve also retitled it ‘Go Explore’ and taken some fares and routes out of the formal timetable sections to give examples of prices and show how easy it is to get to the islands and how little it

can cost.’

He added: ‘CalMac is also delighted to be supporting the Year of Natural Scotland 2013 which celebrates Scotland’s breathtaking scenery and unique natural heritage. ‘Nowhere epitomises Scotland’s natural beauty better than the islands we serve, and the guide contains ideas on how and where visitors can best experience it.’

The 2013 Go Explore holiday guide, including CalMac’s current and Summer timetable which comes into effect on March 28 and runs up to October 2013, is now available online at www.cal-mac.co.uk.



Footage from the onboard camera on the Arran lifeboat.

Arran Lifeboat assists man overboard

Arran RNLI crew were called to a man who was thrown into the water from his dinghy by a strong gust of wind.

At lunchtime on Valentine’s Day Arran lifeboat was alerted after the man had fallen from his dinghy in Brodick Bay.

One of the crew from the timber barge was going on board to check the towlines in his rubber dinghy when a sudden gust of wind capsized it and threw him overboard. On arrival the crewman was found sitting on top of his upturned dinghy.

He was quickly taken on board the lifeboat and his dinghy recovered and both were returned safely ashore.

The lifeboat then returned to station in Lamlash at 2.45pm.

Crew for the day was Crawford Duncan helming, with old hand Martin Ferris and new crewmember Brian Donlin.

Crawford Duncan said afterwards: ‘It was all in a day’s work and we were glad to be of service.’

This is Arran lifeboat’s third callout so far this year.

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Anne takes over the reins at Eilean Mor

A popular Brodick eaterie is in new hands.

Anne Beveridge has just taken over the reins at Eilean Mor, the established seafront bistro on Brodick’s main street. With a two-year lease, Anne brings 30 years of experience in the pub trade to the front of house in the licensed bistro.

A new menu will be ready for Easter, offering a wide range of contemporary favourites such as lamb shank, duck and seafood, and an accent on local produce where possible.

A new feature will be regular theme nights, such as curry nights.

As well as the usual draught beers, Anne intends to increase the range of bottle beers.

There will be a daily specials board and upgraded children’s menu, and Anne emphasised that families and young folk would be equally welcome.



Anne Beveridge, the new face behind the counter at Eilean Mor, Brodick. 02_b08mor01

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Obituary:

Lawrence James Crawford

15 July 1930 - 3 February 2013

Lawrence Crawford was born in Glasgow in 1930.

His father Robert James Crawford, a Chartered Accountant, and his mother May moved their family to Singapore where they lived a privileged life.

However before the invasion of Singapore, Lawrence, his mum and brother Robin were sent back to Glasgow, for safety to live with cousins, aunts and uncles in Maxwell Drive, Pollokshields.

His family used to come regularly to Arran on holidays to Lamlash and Whiting Bay, starting a love for Arran very early on.

Lawrence attended The Glasgow Academy where his leadership skills became evident and he was made School Captain at the Academy and later Captain of the Glasgow Academicals First XV rugby team.

During his National Service Lawrence was a Lieutenant in the Highland Light Infantry. At the start of the 1950s he served with the regiment in the Korean War. It is a time that Lawrence rarely spoke of but some of those experiences had a lasting impact on him.

Experiences

His formative hotel management experiences were in the Bath Hotel in Glasgow and Russacks Hotel in St Andrews after which he decided that this was to be the future for him.

In 1954 Lawrence and his mother May Henderson Crawford bought the Kinloch Guest House. Brother Robin joined them in the business which they ran together for 40 years until Robin's death in 1999.

He was a member of the Hotel & Catering Internation-

al Management Association. The guesthouse grew into the large hotel it is today, a major employer and the social hub of the community. The hotel provided beds, meals, weddings, dinner dances, beetle drives, whist drives and many other functions, and the Kinloch bar became the entertainment centre for the West Coast of the Island.

Attracted

Soon after moving to Arran, Lawrence's eye was attracted to a young Janess Hamilton. After persuading her to come and help him with the hotel's accounts it wasn't long before Lawrence proposed marriage.

He had identified a perfect partner to be at his beck and call and to help him with the difficult jobs that needed to be done! They were married in 1964 - and set sail to Madeira on their honeymoon in a force 10 gale.

They weathered the gales and storms of life and made plain sailing of it ever since - one wonders who else but Jan could have done it in such a pleasant way and with such great humour and personality.

Lawrence and Jan had four sons - Robbie, Gavin, Stevie and Jamie.

The unforgettable image of

Lawrence was in what would now be called the Kinloch corporate clothing; that was a string vest, shirt with sleeves rolled up to the elbows, charcoal grey trousers and with several cigarettes simultaneously smouldering in every ashtray in both bars while he sat on his stool at the end of the public bar lighting another one.

From that unique vantage point he had a window on the community and the comings and goings.

There wasn't much he didn't see. At quieter times he would join some of the then worthies at the table beside the open fire in the old wee bar for a game of dominoes or practice his other part time profession as the in-house barber.

Important

Lawrence was a forward thinker and built the hotel swimming pool. This was an important and pre-grant aided addition to the local community and many of the people on the island learned to swim as a result of that pool.

Many of them were taught to swim by Lawrence himself. Although Lawrence didn't believe in global warming, he invested in green technologies - putting in solar panels and heat pumps over 30 years ago.

Sadly he never did realise his ultimate dreams of the much-discussed curling rink in the hotel and the yacht pontoons in the mouth of the burn.

Quality

In the 80's, Lawrence was named Scottish Brewers Local Hero. Some say this was nothing to do with the quality of the beer but more down to him helping some of the local men find a wife by bringing in plenty of female summer staff.

He continued working until he was 77 years old. But stopping work did not bring an end to his organisational skills; becoming a grandfather gave Lawrence a new lease of life and new people to organise and educate, namely his seven grand-children - Fraser, Lois, Stuart, Jordan,



Lawrence Crawford.

Kirsty, Lucy and Cara.

Lawrence had been quite ill for a few months but he never lost his humour. He was the Crawford family's Dad and Papa but he considered that he had two families - one at The Knoll and one at the hotel, and he looked after both as best he could.

He loved his family, his

hotel, the village, the island, customers and the wider community - and he was very proud and very pleased to be part of it.

Lawrence will be fondly remembered and the many wonderful stories about him in the hotel will be retold many times and with great affection. NA

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Northern Energy Developments Limited (NEDL) are seeking to develop a wood fired combined heat and power (CHP) plant at Dyemill, near Lamlash, Isle of Arran. A previous planning application for the proposal was withdrawn in September 2012 to allow for further review of the issues highlighted in the public consultation.

NEDL are keen to discuss the proposals prior to submission of a new planning application and Environmental Consultants Ironside Farrar have been appointed to facilitate and support stakeholder engagement.

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Provost Joan Sturgeon had the unenviable task of shortlisting just three finalists in each of the five categories.

It's time to vote for the 2013 Civic Pride Awards

'My fellow judges and I were overwhelmed by the high standard of nominations'

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

And as detailed in last week's Banner, Fiona Laing of Pirmill is one of three short-listed nominees in the Citizen of the Year category.

Provost Joan Sturgeon, the chair of North Ayrshire Council's Area Committees and sponsors considered the 69 high-calibre nominations received across the awards and had the unenviable task of shortlisting just three finalists in each of the five categories.

Presented

Residents now have the chance to decide the five winners who will be presented with the coveted awards at the Provost's Civic Pride Charity Dinner by casting their votes.

Provost Joan Sturgeon said: 'The 69 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 and Arran 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 Citizen of the Year category is for a person who has made a positive contribution and promoted or demonstrated civic pride in his/her community.

Fiona Laing became a retained firefighter in Lochranza in 1995, and in just under two years she will qualify for a 20-year long service award.

In 2003, Fiona was instrumental in founding the North Arran First Responders, a voluntary group on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This ground-breaking group has been providing emergency life support for 10 years in cases where an ambulance or paramedic would be too late.

Not only is she a founder member, but Fiona also organises the rota for the trained volunteers.

And over the last year she



Fiona Laing, nominated for 2013 Citizen of the Year.

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death for a heart attack victim.

In addition to all this, she joined the Arran Coastguard team as a volunteer in 2006 and is now Deputy Leader.

Now you – readers of the Banner – have the chance to show your appreciation by casting your vote in each of five categories, including the Citizen of the Year, on the form on this page.

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Arran Farmers' Society AGM

The annual general meeting of Arran Farmers' Society was held at the Kinloch Hotel on Tuesday 19 February.

Chairman Kenneth Bone welcomed a good turnout and thanked the members and directors for their support in what had been a difficult Show Day last year, caused by heavy and persistent rain.

The financial statement was discussed and adopted, and office bearers elected.

Liz Kennedy took over as chairman and Willie Robertson was elected vice chairman. Some minor changes were made to the Premium List and General Rules of Competition.

The date of this year's show was confirmed as Wednesday 7 August, to be held at Glenkiln, Lamlash.

Local Tory party AGM

The annual general meeting of the local Conservative and Unionist Association was held in Brodick Library last Monday 18 February.

Colin Siddle was re-elected chairman of the branch, with Margaret Godfrey as secretary. Outgoing treasurer Laurie Campbell was thanked for his long service and wished a happy retirement.

The main topic under discussion was the party's 'Better Together' campaign which advocates Scotland remaining within the United Kingdom ahead of a planned referendum on Scottish independence.

Richard Wilkinson, chairman of the North Ayrshire and Arran Conservatives, was in attendance.

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Wullie Stevenson and Birch were the winners at the final Nursery Sheepdog Trials at Druid on Friday. 01_b08dog03

Wullie and Birch triumph in final trial

The final Nursery Sheepdog Trials of the season proved to be a great day for Wullie Stevenson and his dog Birch as they swept the board at Druid.

Held on Friday by kind permission of Mr Stephen Gibbs and Liz and Duncan Robertson, the judge for the final trials was Neil Henderson with Margie Currie acting as timekeeper and clerk.

The Nursery trials are held for young dogs under two and a half years old at the start of the winter series.

The trial was run on Cheviot hogs that were good to handle, though troublesome at the penning with the second run points being the highest this winter.

The winner of the trial was Wullie Stevenson with Birch on 81 points.

Second was also Wullie Stevenson with Seamus and 68 points and Niall McMaster and Sweep were third.

George Tod and his new dog Glen were fourth.

During the second trial the winner again was Birch and handler Wullie Stevenson with 97 points.

Wullie also received the Hirsell Cup as overall winner for the winter.

Second were John Murchie and Glen with 96 points and third was Wullie Stevenson and Seamus 95.

The sweepstake winner for older dogs was Wullie Stevenson who received the Drumadoon Trophy.

Second was John Murchie and Midge on 96 points, third was Wullie Stevenson and Seamus with 95 points and times from Geoff Brooks

and Shona on 95. The other trophy winners were: Wullie Stevenson and Birch who received The Alba Cup as overall winter winners.

They also received the JC Picken Cup for under 18 months old and the Cnoc Shield for out run and lift (as featured in last week's 20 Years Ago page).

The Wilson Dog Meal Trophy for overall winner of the 2012 summer trials was given to Niall McMaster and Ann.

Wullie and Birch will now go on to compete at the Scottish Nursery Dog Trials at Dalrymple on Saturday 2 March.

He will be part of the Arran and Kintyre team along with Jessie Main and Cassie, John Casey and Dot, Brian Strachan and Kate and Mike McNally and Col.



Wullie Stevenson and Birch and Niall McMaster with Ann - prizewinners from the recent Nursery Dog Trials. 01_b08dog02

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Public consultation – what's the point?

In this new age of openness and transparency, the words 'public consultation' probably leave most of us out in the cold.

In the coming weeks Arran will host three separate 'public consultation' events.

Next Saturday Northern Energy Developments Ltd (NEDL) will be holding the second of two events that are designed to allow people here to comment on the controversial plans to build a biomass plant in the woods above Lamlash.

The following Monday CMAL are also hosting the second of their consultations into the proposal to build a new double-berth pier in Brodick. To top it off The National Trust for Scotland are holding a public meeting on the Wednesday seeking input from the people of Arran into the Signature Project at Brodick Castle.

All of these events have been widely advertised and it is hoped there will be a good turnout at each one as they all cover important issues for the island's future.

North Ayrshire Council also held four consultation events last week at various locations around the island to give people a chance to see the plans for the new Montrose House.

These events were only advertised on the council's website – which seems strange given that the people probably most interested in the new Montrose House are older people who do not necessarily have access to the internet.

And last month they hosted a 'Straight Talking' event in Lamlash similar to the one held on the mainland to discuss the future provision of services on the island.

The only difference between the Arran event and the one in Ardrossan was that only invited guests were present in Lamlash – it wasn't actually open to the public!

So you have to ask, are the council really interested in what the public has to say? Public consultation in my experience often means simply ticking off boxes.

In most cases nowadays it is necessary to show that those of us affected by changes have been properly consulted.

Often it seems the concerns or problems highlighted by the public are ignored.

So what really is the point of public consultation?

All of us should take an interest in the changes and developments taking place on Arran.

But it is easy to be cynical about just how much notice the local authority and large companies like CMAL and NEDL will actually take of the public's fears.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Who among the gods is like You, O LORD? Who is like You - majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? (Exodus 15:11)

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Letters to the Editor



Independent Arran?

Sir,
Is Arran ahead in the independence game?

In a recent conversation with a young lady in the transport industry, the subject of roads came up.

I was telling her of the interesting and infinite variety of potholes to be enjoyed on the island, some of which may have been encountered by The Bruce himself on his fateful journey to meet his arachnid muse.

'Yes' she replied, 'it's the same in this country.'

She was in Ayr.

Yours,

Ian Farquharson
Bellvue Farm Cottage
Sliddery

Keep dogs on leads

Sir,
Please find below a plea from my 10-year-old daughter to Arran dog owners, which echo my thoughts precisely.

Dear dog owners,
I would like to ask you all to please keep your dogs on leads.

They may be harmless, but when a dog is bounding towards you, you don't exactly think of it as a cute, cuddly teddy bear, you think that you are going to get bitten.

My mum had to speak to a gentleman at Lamlash beach today when his (large) dog came running up to us, unaccompanied.

I was absolutely petrified and so was my mum.

The man just kept walking and didn't call his dog off, even though it was right up at us.

He did say sorry, when mum called him back, but he didn't seem to understand how scared we were.

As a dog owner myself, I do understand that dogs need exercise, and we do let ours off her lead too, but we go somewhere private and make sure no one else is about, otherwise she stays on the lead.

Please can you do the same?

Yours sincerely,
Lori Murchie

The gentleman concerned gave me the usual refrain,

'She's harmless', which frankly is beginning to wear a little thin.

You are entitled to your opinion certainly, but no matter how much you trust your dog, you cannot possibly account for its every action.

I own a dog, and she is gentle natured, but she is still a dog; to be kept watch over and under my control at all times.

That is my responsibility as a pet owner and other members of the public should not be made to feel vulnerable because of dog owners' irresponsible behaviour.

If I encounter another incident like this, I will not be heading for home with my upset children – I will be heading for the police station.

Yours,

Donna Murchie
Lamlash

Dirty carrots scandal

Sir,
This week consumers on Arran were rocked by allegations and rumour that Willie Cook's dirty carrots had been contaminated with European muck.

The FSA swooped on the island to examine Cook's hi-tech transportation vehicles and IT experts began to unravel the tortuous paper trail of the carrot distribution.

At the centre of the allegations were international oil workers Robert 'Slick' Miller and Slim 'Shady' Yates.

Both have been linked to nefarious activities in the past but Miller denied any wrongdoing saying that as they had both attended Arran High they did not know what big words like 'nefarious' meant. It was suspected that the men had smuggled in Romanian dirt but it transpired that in both cases they had merely brought their overalls home for their mums to wash.

The international division of the company 'Les manky carrots de le Grande Wullie' admitted that European dirt had been used but never on Scottish carrots.

Mr Cook has now been cleared; asked if he would

be emailing his customers to offer reassurance he said that no matter what the category of postage, whether it be A, B, C, D or E it would probably be too expensive for his liking.

'Word of mouth is good enough – my customers appreciate that I have been supplying dirty, unwashed food for many years and that's not going to change.'

A government spokesman said that DNA tests on the van cleared Mr Cook but some of the results were proving to be of considerable interest to students of Darwin's theory of evolution.

Yours,

Name and address supplied
Big Society on
Arran

Last September 29 our weekly editorial column praised the community spirit on Arran and suggested that Prime Minister David Cameron should drop in to the Southend of the island to see that his 'Big Society' is already

alive and well in these parts. Banner subscriber and chairman of North Ayrshire and Arran Conservatives Richard Wilkinson sent a cutting of that column to the Prime Minister with the following covering letter:

Rt Hon David Cameron,

Dear Mr Cameron,

Within our constituency we are lucky to have the beautiful Island of Arran where Big Society spirit is alive and well.

I am enclosing a newspaper cutting of a recent editorial in the Arran Banner newspaper which exemplifies the voluntary work of people not only on Arran but in many islands, cities, towns and villages in Britain.

I hope that you find some inspiration from the people of Arran in the difficult job you have to do.

I know that you would be made welcome if you drop in at the Southend to see how the Big Society really works.

Best wishes,

Richard Wilkinson



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THE PRIME MINISTER

Wednesday, 14 December 2012

Dear Richard,

I am writing to thank you for your letter of 30 November. It is good of you to have taken the time and trouble to write and to pass on your warm words of support and good wishes.

I greatly enjoyed reading about the voluntary work of the community on the Island of Arran; this is showing exactly what our Big Society can mean in action and I am most grateful to you for bringing the article to my attention.

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Mr Richard Wilkinson

The reply from Prime Minister David Cameron to Richard Wilkinson. b08dav01

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Rolling back the years with jubilee party in Whiting Bay

Thursday Club celebrate 50th anniversary with a tea party in the village hall

Last week, the members of Whiting Bay Thursday Club celebrated the 50th anniversary of their club with a jubilee tea party in the village hall.

President Heather White introduced founder member Jean Johnson who gave a fascinating talk detailing the history of the club.

In 1963, Bute County Council gave small grants to each village to encourage afternoon teas for OAPs. The first meeting of the Thursday Club took place in the Kiscadale Hotel with organisers Ella Lennox, Betty Ure and Kay Brown.

Jean's parents Chris and Tom Campbell were founder members of the club as were Lizzie Miller and Isa Steel.

The club continued at the Kiscadale until the front steps proved dangerous in icy weather and Mr and Mrs Bowden offered their lounge. As numbers increased, the club moved to the village hall.

The committee ladies were responsible for teas and home baking, and the men did the washing up!

There were bus trips round the island, but with the advent of car ferries the members ventured further afield to Glasgow, Oban, Inveraray, New Lanark, Luss, Erskine and the Falkirk Wheel.

Jean reminded members how much Whiting Bay has changed in 50 years.

It had two banks, four local

shops, three garages, five tea-rooms, one blacksmith, one shoemaker, three hotels and numerous guesthouses. Delivery services included the Co-op, Coopers, McKelvies and a chemist. There were also three tennis courts.

In 1963 there were regular steamers with cars boarding on two planks until the pier was demolished in 1964. All materials came in cargo boats with goods winched ashore in cargo nets, including cars.

Thanks go to Jean for her fascinating tales, Janet Mair for baking the jubilee cake, Jim Arnold for entertaining on the accordion and to Sheila Nicol for reading a very funny Valentine's Day poem. Here's to the next 50 years!



Jean Johnson cutting the Jubilee cake with committee members Heather White, Michael Holmes, Pam Holmes, Mary Kelly, Yvonne Allen, Lesley Reid and Hugh Thomson. Committee members not in photo are Janet Mair, Isobel Thomson and Tony White. 02_b08club01

Rest assured with quality meat from The Arran Butcher

This week, rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead has reported a recent increase of up to 20 per cent in business for local independent butchers.

Arran's own family butcher David McKinnon supplies a comprehensive range of meats throughout the island.

David said: 'At the Arran Butcher we specialise in supplying our customers with meat that is so tender and delicious that you will always come back for more.'

'By using traditional time-honoured techniques we ensure that our products will be the best that you ever taste.'

Extensive selection

The two shops in Blackwaterfoot and Lochranza offer an extensive selection of quality meats including traditional cuts of naturally-reared local scotch beef, lamb, venison and pork. They also have a fantastic selection of fresh fish and an ever-growing range of homemade produce.

The Arran Butcher supplies all three Co-op shops on the island and several other shops along with a majority of hotels and B&Bs. They have a wide range of products and also a mobile shop that can

'We are continually re-investing in the business to keep standards high'

deliver right to your door. David added: 'We buy our beef and lamb from local farmers when possible and also from Paisley Abattoir who supply Scotch beef and lamb.'

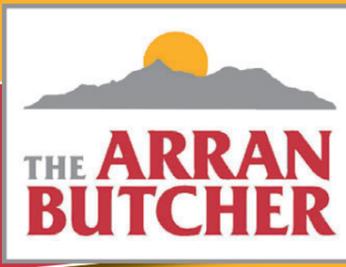
'All our venison is locally sourced on the island. We buy our pork from a supplier in Ardrossan who supplies Scotch Specially Selected Pork and is an approved processor

for Quality Meat Scotland. 'All our sausages, burgers, haggis, black pudding, cooked meats, steak pies, sausage rolls etc are made at our shops.'

'We are continually re-investing in the business to keep our standards high and are dedicated to ensuring our customers get the best possible service and the freshest local /scotch meat at all times.'



Dawn McKinnon with one of The Arran Butcher vans.



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Arran's top ten gar



As in the previous two years one bird was present in all gardens, the Chaffinch. Photo by Angela Cassels

As in the previous two years one bird wa

The last weekend in January was the weekend of the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch, a survey that successfully helps to form a picture of garden bird populations across the country, highlighting any changes.

Twenty-five households on Arran not only took part in this survey of garden birds but also shared their results me.

As in the previous two years one bird was present in all gardens, the Chaffinch.

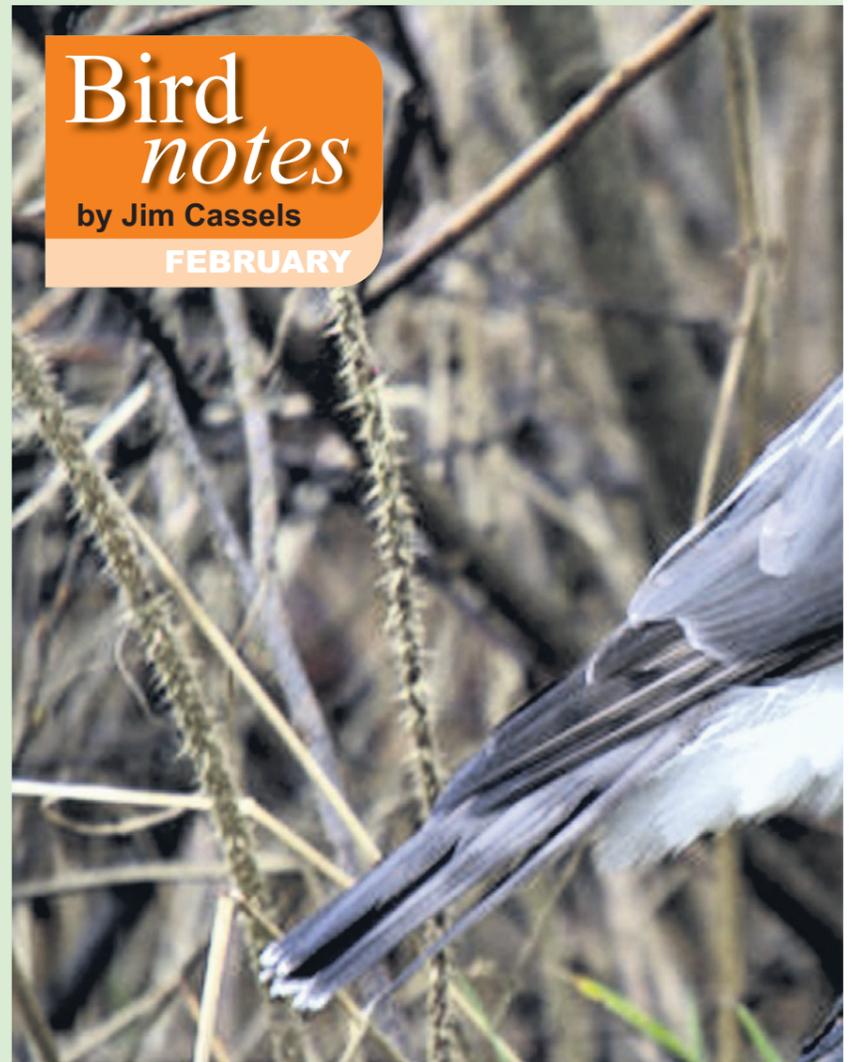
The top ten birds in terms of the number of gardens where seen were Chaffinch, Robin, Dunnock, Coal Tit, Black-bird, Great Tit, Blue Tit, House Sparrow, Greenfinch and Sparrowhawk.

While Chaffinch and Robin have been number one and two in the previous two years, Dunnock and Coal Tit have moved up from seventh and sixth respectively last year to joint third this year, while Blue Tit has gone from third this year to seventh this year.

For the first time Sparrowhawk made the top ten with reports from 40 per cent of gardens.

In each of the last three years almost 30 species were seen.

This year, while Treecreeper, Bullfinch, and Yellowhammer were not recorded, Great Spotted Woodpecker turned up for the first



For the first time Sparrowhawk made the top ten with reports from 40

time. Parties of Long-tailed Tit gave particular pleasure this year with records from nearly one in five gardens.

By far the largest total of birds seen was Chaffinch with 307.

There were some quite marked changes including Coal Tit increasing from 37 in 2011 to 141 in 2013 and House Sparrow decreasing from 148 in 2011 to 60 in 2013.

While the information is not be read into these small

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Since it started in 1979,



Blue Tits have increased nationwide but less were seen on Arran. Photo by Robert Lambie



Dunnocks were one of the mc Birdwatch on Arran. Photo by Robert

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Golden birds revealed

As present in all gardens, the Chaffinch



... per cent of gardens. Photo by Robert Lambie

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samples from three years.
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; Garden Bird Watch, please
the nationwide survey has

charted the decline of the starling, once averaging 15 per
garden, but now down to two or three in some areas.
But others – blue tits, great tits and coal tits in gardens
nationwide have increased – and goldfinches, which
were absent from the Big Garden Birdwatch top 15 in
the early years, since 2004 have featured regularly as a
top 15 species.

Across Scotland, the
house sparrow took the
top spot last year, with
an average of nearly six
seen in the nation's gar-
den.

In 2011, the species
was the second most
seen with an average of
just over five spotted in
Scotland's gardens and
parks.

Second in 2012 was
the chaffinch compared
to just over six in 2011,
when the bird was the
most seen across Scot-
land.

This survey was over
one weekend in the
year.

There is a garden bird
watch that you can join
that encourages people to
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Robins are still one of Arran's most reported birds.

Photo by Sue Archer.



Most spotted bird in this year's

Photo by Robert Lambie



More Coal Tits were seen this year. Photo by Robert Lambie

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Neals and nails at Lamlash WRI meeting

On Wednesday 6 February, Lamlash WRI president Kathleen Sowden welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially to more new members.

Lynn Walker gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on Neals and Nails. Thank you once again Lynn we all enjoyed the evening.

The exhibit for the evening was won by Kathleen Sowden, no entries this month for the competition.

The next meeting will be held at the Lamlash Fire Station on Wednesday 6 March at 7.30pm and this will be our AGM.

The topic for the evening is 'Dress to Impress' from ArCaS.

Come along ladies, start hunting for those bargains.

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HMS Vandal remembered after 70 years

This Sunday marks the 70th anniversary of the sinking in the Kilbrannan Sound of the U-Class submarine HMS Vandal with all crew on board.

HMS Vandal was built at Vickers-Armstrong in Barrow-in-Furness in 1942; the vessel was only handed over on completion to the Royal Navy on 20 February 1943. Tragically she holds the record for the shortest career of any Royal Naval submarine, less than four days.

The submarine made its way to the Holy Loch to join the Third Flotilla and was scheduled to undergo her working up exercises on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th February.

Moorings

On the morning of 24 February HMS Vandal left her mooring in Lochranza to make her way to the deep waters off Inchmarnock where

she was to complete her deep diving exercise - searches only began after she failed to return to the Holy Loch that evening.

For years it was thought that she had sunk in the deep waters off Inchmarnock, but a spotter plane sent out to search at the time had reported seeing a small oil slick in the Kilbrannan Sound between Lochranza and Claonaig.

Reported snagging

This report was dismissed for years until the Scottish Branch of the Submariners Association persuaded the Navy to search this area; fishermen had often reported snagging nets on an underground obstruction in the same area.

In 1994, 50 years after her loss, the wreck of HMS Vandal was located in about 70 feet of water about one and a half miles from Lochranza -



The loss of HMS Vandal went relatively uncommemorated until 1997 when the Submariners Association had a memorial erected beside the ferry slip in Lochranza.

the summer ferry to Claonaig passes not far from her resting place on each crossing.

There are many theories as to why she sank, but a definitive answer will probably never be found. The wreck has been designated an official war grave.

HMS Vandal sank with the

loss of 37 sailors, with an average age 24, under the command of Lieutenant James S Bridger, their loss went relatively uncommemorated until 1997 when the Submariners Association had a memorial erected beside the ferry slip in Lochranza.

Every May the association

hold a short memorial service in Lochranza as part of a weekend of commemorations to submariners lost in the Clyde.

This year the service will be on Friday 10 May and anyone wishing to attend will be made most welcome.

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Lamlash Beavers celebrate Tibetan New Year



The Lamlash Beaver colony celebrated the Tibetan New Year Monday 11 February as 2013 the Year of the Snake began.

The photo shows Beavers Tenzin and Yeshe

Gautier in their traditional Tibetan costumes beneath the nation's flag.

The other Beavers joined them in wishing everyone a Happy New Year in Tibetan.



Brodick Castle property manager Ken Thorburn and Signature Project leader Jonathan Bryant, centre, with the NTS team and Kevin Murray Associates on the Castle steps on Tuesday. 02_b08cas01

Signature Project team meet at castle

The National Trust for Scotland's team that has been formed to deliver the Signature Project gathered for the first time at Brodick Castle this week.

NTS staff from across the country, all with specialist skills, joined with the Kevin Murray Associates planning team to start what is described as a 'drains up' review of Brodick Castle and Country Park.

Brodick has been selected by the Trust for this innovative

and exciting conservation, regeneration and economic development review.

Comprehensive plan

The team will be bringing together a comprehensive plan for the public to best enjoy all aspects of the property and grounds.

Their experiences here may eventually be rolled out to other NTS properties across the country.

Save the Children funds benefit from 'cheese and wine' event

The Arran Branch of Save the Children raised the magnificent sum of £1,001 at their annual 'Cheese and Wine' evening on Wednesday 13 February.

Included in this sum is £280 from the usual large raffle and £89 from the whisky raffle.

Brodick Golf Club once again provided the venue where the warm friendly atmosphere was much appreciated on a very stormy night.

Carol Burge, chairman, welcomed everyone and thanked them for braving the elements.

She gave a brief summary of the work at present in progress in many areas of the world emphasising the importance of our continuing efforts.

Photographs were on show to illustrate her comments.

Last year the Arran Branch raised just over £8,000 of which 89p in the £1 goes directly to Save the Children projects.

An interesting quiz entertained the company prior to the legendary large finger buffet, which was much enjoyed by all.

Unusual

Our main annual quiz, which is very unusual and challenging, was available for sale during the evening.

With the draw not for several months yet, there is still plenty of time to purchase your copy and work out the answers.

The evening came to a close with a vote of thanks from Carol to Dougie and Brodick Golf Club for their hospitality and a final thank you to all present for their support.

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Arran's carers to be offered support service

NHS Ayrshire and Arran are joining forces with ACVS to try and provide a service that will support carers on the island to continue this important role for longer periods of time.

Families and carers on Arran play a vital role in helping patients with life limiting illnesses to remain at home if they wish.

This can become very stressful for the carers, as they often struggle to manage their caring role and take time out for themselves even for essential appointments.

This can result in the patient being admitted to hospital for the remainder of their care. Morven Buckby of ACVS said: 'We would like to develop a flexible support service that will relieve carers of their role for short periods of time during the day so that they can attend appointments, do shopping or attend special occasions etc.'

'Volunteers would be arranged to provide support for people in their own homes whilst their carer goes out. This could be as simple as having a chat, playing games, reading, or making a drink etc. Volunteers would not provide any personal care or do any domestic tasks.'

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the 'Take a Break Service' or you would like any further information on this please contact Morven Buckby (600909) morven.buckby@arrancvs.org.uk or Vera Ransome, District Nursing Team leader on 601054.



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Off the European map

Arran will not receive its share of a £240m handout from the European Community over the next six years after the island was left out of the Highlands and Islands area.

It was announced last week that, in EC terminology, Argyll and Bute (of which Arran is a part) will not be in-

cluded in the new Objective One boundary for the highest level of funding.

Steps are being taken to rectify the oversight.

New title, new job

Charles Currie, tourism manager for the last five years, is to take half a step up to become 'project officer' for the island while the part of his present job that he sheds will be taken on by Jane Miller in

her new post as assistant tourism manager.

Eviction notices received

The small number of people living and working in the semi-derelict area behind the Brodick shops have all been sent eviction notices by Arran Estates.

It is understood that the plan is to build low cost homes on the site.

Ailsa McNicol's jewellery workshop is one of the businesses that received an eviction notice.

'This is my livelihood,' she told us. But did add that she has until November to find alternative premises.

Sick room sewage

It has been widely reported that the use of the sick room on the MV Isle of Arran has been forbidden this week after complaints of a strong smell of sewage in it.

Hockey team delay

Members of a visiting Arran hockey team playing Arran last week were late for the game after their minibus ran out of fuel on the Lamlash Hill.

A Western Scottish vehicle, it is believed the diesel was siphoned from the tank the previous night.

Red handed

Video cameras installed at the Kinloch Hotel caught a thief red handed this week.

Installed on advice from Customs and Excise because of suspicions of theft, the cameras detected a person



The Lamlash Cubs are photographed after their Thinking Day service at Whiting Bay Church. b08twe04



Charles Currie, the island's new Tourist Board project manager with new assistant tourism manager, Jane Miller. b08twe01



The site behind Stalkers in Brodick which is due for redevelopment. b08twe03



The demolition of the high school's swimming pool began on Monday. b08twe02

entering the bar in the small hours of Monday morning and recorded his activities.

The person was from the mainland and has since left the island.

Pool goes

Eight years after it closed, the demolition of the high school's swimming pool began on Monday.

Despite assurances in the late 1980s that a new pool would be built a decision was taken recently to demolish it as pupils now use the facilities at the Auchrannie.

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If you think you know then post your answer on the website www.arranbanner.co.uk
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30 pence an hour increase for lowest paid NAC workers

North Ayrshire Council has committed to ensuring its lowest paid workers are paid a living wage.

The Council has agreed to increase the Living Wage to £7.50 per hour - a rise of 30p per hour from the current Living Wage of £7.20 per hour and above the UK minimum wage of £6.19 per hour.

Guarantee

The increase will guarantee a minimum wage of £7.50 for almost 480 Council employ-

ees and will help North Ayrshire Council address one of its main priorities - tackling poverty and low pay within North Ayrshire's communities while increasing residents' quality of life.

Councillor Willie Gibson, Leader of North Ayrshire Council, said: 'I am delighted to be able to increase the Living Wage for hundreds of Council employees.'

'Tackling poverty and deprivation across our communi-

ties is at the heart of what we do - something that does not stop at our own door.

Difference

'We are committed to doing everything we possibly can to make a positive difference in our communities.'

'However, we are in a position to make an immediate difference by improving the conditions of our lowest paid employees with this significant increase in the Living Wage.'



Seawall breached in Whiting Bay

Last Thursday a large hole appeared in the coast road and seawall opposite Golf Course Road in Whiting Bay. And Council workers are looking into it.

This hole is at the same point as shown in the photo on page 12 of last week's Banner with waves crashing over the seawall.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'The Council's Arran Office is addressing the damage at Whiting Bay.'

'This will involve plugging the base with concrete, building up to the road level and then restating the surface.'

'This work is expected to be completed later this week.'

The hole in the road and seawall in Whiting Bay.

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January Garden Club meeting

The Garden Club was delighted to welcome the guest speakers for their January evening, Rev John Potter and the Rev Jack Patterson.

It was a stormy day casting doubt whether the evening would take place but by late afternoon the wind had calmed down.

The two friends amused and inspired us by relating stories of the gradual blooming of their respective and beautiful gardens, both started entirely from scratch.

The members listened with keen interest

as the merits of their favourite plants were mentioned which promoted a discussion on the various plant species suitable to be grown on Arran.

An enjoyable evening concluded with refreshments and we will meet again on Thursday 28 February at the Ranger Centre in Brodick Castle grounds at 7.30pm.

Mr David McKee from Sunnyside Nursery, Kilwinning will talk to the club.

New members and visitors are always made very welcome.

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- on holiday . . .



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

This week we have a very special photograph from Alex Raeburn's wedding to Ricky Grout in Kinloch, New Zealand.

Her family and friends from Arran joined her for the big day and they all managed to find time to catch up on the news from home.

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

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

When space permits we will continue to print the photos that we have on file.

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 Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Arran Dancers (4yrs & up) Arran High School, 10am
 Darts Doubles Kinloch Hotel, 7pm
 The Cool Club Coffee Morning Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am-12noon
 One Act Drama Festival Community Theatre, Lamlash 7.30pm

Sunday 24th February

Alcoholics Anonymous Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
 New AI-Anon Meeting Brodick Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 pm.
 Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Open Mic Session Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
 Folk night Ormidale Hotel, 8.30pm
 Cocaine Anonymous Ormidale sports pavilion, 2pm – 3.30pm
 Arran Ladies Pool Open PHT, 3pm

Monday 25th February

Outside Boot Camp Whiting Bay Park 6am
 Over 50s Badminton Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Citizens Advice Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
 Morning Fitness Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Breathe Walk Class Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
 Table Tennis Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Badminton Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Lamlash Bridge Club Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
 Volleyball Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm
 Arran Junior Football Club Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Scottish Country Dancing Beginners & improvers, Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2-4pm
 Lunch Club Glen Estate, Brodick 12.30pm

Tuesday 26th February

Pop Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Youth Club Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Rotary club Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
 Streetly Dance pre school Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.45-2.30pm
 Streetly Dancing Classes P1-S7 Auchrannie Gym Hall, 3.45pm – 6pm
 Youth Club Brodick Hall, 6.30 – 8pm
 Rowan Singers Lamlash church hall, 7.30-9.30pm
 Weight Watchers St Molios Church Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
 Junior Hockey Club Auchrannie Sports Hall, 6-7pm
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
 Healthy Outdoors 10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
 Cricket Practise Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7pm-9pm
 Scottish Country Dancing Brodick Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
 Arran Abs Runners – beginners Lamlash high school car park, 5.30pm
 Arran community Council Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30pm

Wednesday 27th February

Hockey Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
 Tae Kwondo Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm
 Arran Brass Rehearsal Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
 Senior Badminton Arran High School, 8-9pm
 Yogalates Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
 Aquafizz Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
 Music Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 Arran Abs Runners – beginners Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 5.30pm
 Arran Abs Runners - advanced Auchrannie Spa Car Park, 6pm
 Northend Football Training Lochranza, 7pm
 Outside Boot Camp Whiting Bay Park, 6am
 Book Bug Session Brodick Library, 11am – 12noon

Thursday 28th February

Quiz Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
 Morning Fitness Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Lochranza Craft Club Lochranza Hall, 2pm
 Youth Club Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
 Live Country/Folk music Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
 Brodick Embroidery Group Brodick Library 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 pm
 Brodick Bridge Club Brodick Golf Club, 7 pm for 7.15 pm
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
 Ladies Netball High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm
 Arran Abs Runners – beginners Kinloch Car Park, 5.30pm
 Lunchbox Ormidale Pavilion, 12.30-2.30pm
 Garden Club Rangers Centre, Brodick, 7.30pm

Friday 1st March

Aqua Fizz Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
 Yogalates Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
 Arran Youth Foundations Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Weight Watchers Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
 Lochranza Kids Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Adults Badminton Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Outside Boot Camp Whiting Bay Park 6am
 Arran Ceilidh Dance Group Lamlash Church Hall, 8-10pm



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Public Meeting Brodict Terminal Redevelopment

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Public Meeting:
Brodict Hall, Brodict, Isle of Arran
Monday 4th March 2013 19.30hrs



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As required by paragraph 96(1) of the above Act, North Ayrshire Council give notice of, in terms of paragraphs 70(1) and 93(1) of the same Act, the amounts of Council Tax payable in respect of chargeable dwellings in each valuation band for year 2013-14

Valuation Band	Full Council Tax (£)	Council Tax discounted by 25% (£)
A	768.00	576.00
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E	1,408.00	1,056.00
F	1,664.00	1,248.00
G	1,920.00	1,440.00
H	2,304.00	1,728.00

The above figures exclude water and wastewater charges. Scottish Water is responsible for setting its own charges for household water and wastewater services, which are subject to scrutiny by the Water Industry Commission for Scotland. North Ayrshire Council is required by law to include water and wastewater charges on its Council Tax bills and to collect the sums due on behalf of Scottish Water.

The level of discount on second homes and unoccupied properties is 10% in accordance with the Council Tax (Discount for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2004. The 2013-14 annual Council Tax Notices will be issued in March 2013.

L Friel, Chief Financial Officer

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

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

Written representations may be made to the Corporate Director (Development & Environment) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 15.03.13. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
13/00061/PP; Site To South of Colathim, Blackwaterfoot, Brodict, Isle of Arran; Erection of detached dwelling house and formation of access.
13/00067/PP; Ferry Rock, Corrie, Isle of Arran, KA27 8JP; Construct dormer with door, bridge, level platform and access stair on the rear (west) elevation at first floor level of the existing house to form new access to the existing parking area.

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Sunday 24th February
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mr John Roberts.
Coffee after service.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:
Friday 1st March
2.00 pm, in Holy Cross Church, Brodick.
This year: France – Theme: 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'
ALL WELCOME!

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of 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.
Sunday 24th February
Brodick Church, 10.30am, Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.
Lochranza and Pirmill Churches, 10.15am, Morning Worship at Pirmill.
Shiskine Church, 12noon, Morning Worship.
A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash 'A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share'
Sunday 24th February
Kilmory 10 am
Lamlash 11.30 am
In both churches:
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Sunday 24th February
Mass 11am

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WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005).
Sunday 24th February
Worship will be led by the Worship Group, 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.

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday 24th February
Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
11am Morning worship
Tea/Coffee after the service
Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm
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Services as follows
Shiskine 11.00am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 24th February
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 27th February
at 7pm
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Quakers meet every Sunday at 11am.
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DEATH

MILLER – Hugh
Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Sunday 17th February 2013. Hugh, aged 87 years, beloved husband of the late Betty, dear father of Hugh and Scott. Loved by all the family. Funeral service in Whiting Bay and Kildonan church on Saturday 23rd February at 10am and thereafter to Lamlash cemetery to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired to fire services National Benevolent Fund.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Sunday 17 February, Smiddy Brae Stableford. On a beautiful spring morning, five ladies competed for Marjorie Brown's Smiddy Brae tankard. 1 Susan Butchard with a well deserved 37 points, 2 Marjorie Brown the sponsor with 33 points. The magic two money was won by Susan after a wonderful birdie at the third which helpfully contributed to another wee cut to her handicap! Fixtures: Saturday 2 March, Mixed Fours at 11am.
Gents fixtures: Sunday 24 February, Winter Cup Round 5, (rearranged from earlier in the month.) Sunday 3 March, AGA Winter League at Lamlash against Brodick.

Shiskine Golf Club

Ladies: February 12 Hole Medal, CSS 44. Silver: 1 E Kelso 55-10= 45 BIH, 2 A Anderson 53-8=45 and Best Scratch. Bronze: 1 S Hill 59-14=45, 2 S Brookes 65-13=52.
Ryder Cup final standings - 1 Torbeg 17 ½ Champions! Congratulations to the Torbeg Team, 2= Kilpatrick 12 ½, 2= Shiskine 12 ½, 4 Blackwaterfoot 11 ½ wooden spoon. Captains for next year are Torbeg: James Kelso, Kilpatrick: David Tod, Shiskine: Ian Murchie and Blackwaterfoot: Alistair Liddell.
Fixtures: Sunday 24 February, 12 Hole Medal and Winter Cup.

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John Anderson of Hillcrest, Machrie would like to thank everyone who visited him, phoned and sent gifts and cards on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Saturday 16 March 16 played CSS 61 Winter Cup. Sweep 1 A McDonald 68-10=58, 2 S Wood 76-16=60, 3 P Bremner 66-5= 61. Scratch P Bremner 66. Magic twos S Wood, P Bremner, A McDonald and A Smith.
Monday 18 March 19 played 1 H McArthur 69-14=55, 2 R Burke 68-11=57, 3 A Burke 73-15=58. Magic twos Adam Burke, H McArthur, I McMillan, A Smith, D Price, I Buchanan.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

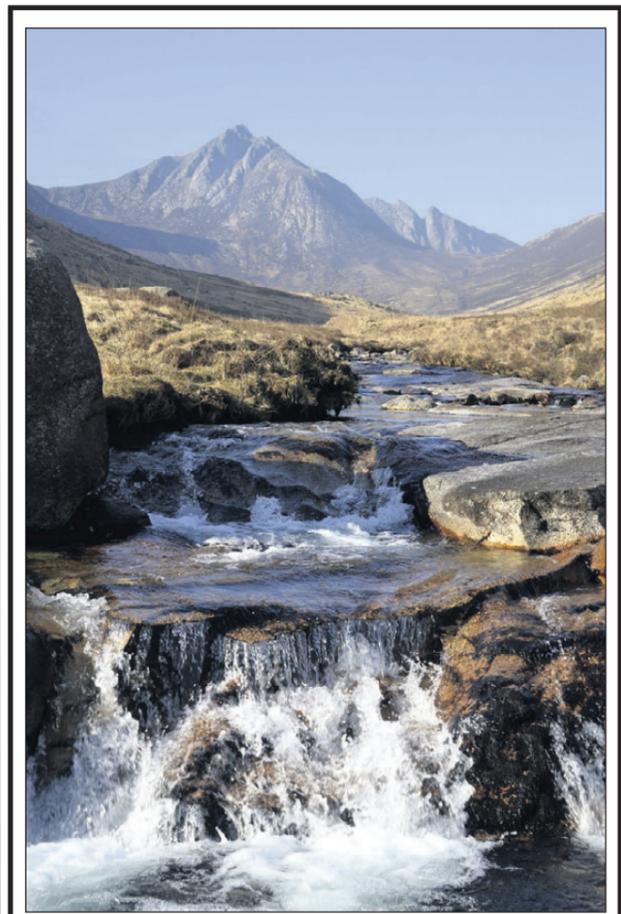
Results: Tuesday 12 February Winter Cup, 1 Campbell Laing 62, 2 Ron Woods 66, 3 Brian Sherwood 68 Scratch Brian Sherwood 77. Magic twos Campbell Laing
Fixtures: Tuesday 26 February Winter Cup tee off 12noon. Saturday 2 March Lochranza Hotel Cup tee off 12noon.

Brodick Golf Club Knowe take commanding lead in Clochendichter competition.

The fifth and penultimate round of the 2012/13 Clochendichter took place on Sunday 17 February in glorious sunshine. It was another singles round with a shotgun start at 10.30am.

Current champions The Knowe played against the Village with the results as follows: It was good to see Bobby McCrae back from illness to play for the Knowe and he continued his excellent record in this competition with a win against Matt Keir (Village), Gordon Robertson (Knowe) won against Angus Raeburn (Village), David Hendry (Knowe) won against Iain MacMillan (Village), Gordon Hendry (Knowe) won against Lindsay Keir (Village), Kenny McMillan (Knowe) won against Jimmy Armit (Village runner-up), Terry Raeside (Knowe) won against Ally Hume (Village)

Dougie Robertson (Knowe) halved his match with Ian (Sid) Sillars (Village), Alastair Dobson (Knowe) halved his match with Village Captain John McKean. These results gave six wins and two draws to the Knowe and two drawn matches to the Village resulting in the Knowe 14 points and the Village two points.



It has been an absolutely beautiful week on Arran and it has been wonderful to see the sun shining on our stunning scenery. This stunning picture of the wintry waterfalls in Glen Rosa with Cir Mhor in the background was taken by Jeannie MacKenzie.

The Street played Alma with the following results:

Nicol Hume (Street) recorded a win against Gus Robertson (Alma), Alan Hart (Street) won against Iain McDermid (Alma), Alan claiming a notable win against the formerly unbeaten Iain McDermid. Campbell Russell (Street) won against Lenny Hartley (Alma), Ross Butchard (Street) won against Brian Smith (Alma), Bryce Walker (Street Captain) halved match against Robbie Duncan (Alma), Finlay Sillars (Street) lost to Donald McKinnie (Alma Captain), Brian Allison (Street) lost to Bert McGunnigle (Alma), Gordon Sillars (Street) lost to Jim (Peterhead) Reid (Alma).
These results gave the Street four wins and a draw and Alma three wins and a draw resulting in the Street nine points and Alma seven points.

Following these results the League table is: Knowe 40 points, Alma 26 points, Street 25 points, Village 21 points. The final round will be

played on 17 March with the Knowe playing the Street and Alma playing the Village in a shotgun start at 10.30am.

On Sunday 24 February the competition will be a Brandon and Winter Cup with draws at 9am and 12noon.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 14 February, Yellow Medal. 1 Graeme Andrew 69-11=58, 2 Ian Bremner 69-5=62. There was one two from G Andrew at the fifth.

Sunday 17 February, Lamlash v Whiting Bay friendly, stableford, 24 played. 1 Neil Young 39pts, 2 Ian Bremner 38pts, 3 Nicol Auld 35pts, 4 Drew Wales 34pts BIH over Jon Smith. Best Scratch Neil Young 35pts to Stableford. Twos from Nicol Auld at the 16th and 17th, P Jameson at the 4th and M Wren at the 13th.

Fixtures: Sunday 24 February, Stableford 9.30am and 12noon starts. Counting round for handicap - No Ball Lift to semi-rough at the sixth and seventh fairways.

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Pointless playing this game!

Not one point scored in Arran's draw with Loch Lomond

RBS West Division Three
Loch Lomond 0
Isle of Arran 0

How many no score draws in club rugby games come to your mind?

Nil-all after 80 minutes of rugby is almost unthinkable.

You'd at least expect a penalty or two to go over.

Well on Saturday at the home of Loch Lomond RFC the final score was exactly that, nil-nil; not one point was scored by either side.

The Loch Lomond pack looked dominant right from the start but repeated mistakes gave Arran repeated penalties.

Desperate to get points on the board the island team

chose to kick for goal five times.

But it just wasn't fly-half Lachlan Jones' day as all five penalty goals were awarded from difficult positions and were just out of reach.

Evenly matched

For most of the game neither side seemed to be able to move from the middle of the pitch – it was just too evenly matched.

Arran's defense was incredible and Loch Lomond only came close in the final

minutes to a try. But they failed to break the duck on the scoreboard and after 80 minutes of an evenly contested match the scores remained Loch Lomond 0 Isle of Arran 0.

As the top of the table shows, Arran are still third in west division three.

With another break for the Six Nations tournament this weekend, Arran's next game will be on Saturday 23 March when they play Millbrae away.

Desperate to get some points on the board fly half Lachlan Jones took five penalty kicks but all were just out of his reach. 01_b03rug01

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results from the tournament on Monday 18 February were as follows: N/S 1 Trish Martin and John Huston +2500, 2 Margaret McGill and Evelyn Sillars +810, 3 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingstone +640.

1 Douglas and Margaret Bruce +1750, 2 Janey McLure and Ann McKelvie +870, 3 Jennifer McArthur and Jean Barclay +560.

Tight at the top as pool league enters final weeks

PT1934 are two points ahead of the PHT at the top of the Arran Pool League after an 8-2 victory over Catacol last week.

However the Lamlash team had a bye on February 14 so they will be hoping to make up the deficit this week.

With just three weeks to go it is looking pretty tight at the top of the table.

The results from Thursday 14 February were Kildonan 4 Mac's Bar 6 (G), PT1934 8 (G) Catacol 2. Whiting Bay Golf Club and the PHT had a bye.

The draw for the quarter finals of the Arran Singles competition has been done.

All games should be played on or by Sunday 3 March.

The draw is as follows: R Buchan (Mac's) v M Worthington (1984) at PHT, D Smith (1934) v G Stewart (1934) at PT1934, J Ainsworth or C Duncan v A Picken (1934) at Bar Eden, I McDonald (Mac's) v D Head (Whiting Bay) at PHT.

Champion of Champions

The Champion of Champions will be played at Whiting Bay Golf Club on Sunday 10 March at 2.30pm.

The Finals Day will be played at Kildonan Hotel on Sunday 17 March at 3pm.

RBS West Division Three		
	Played	Points
1	Oban Lorne	9 38
2	Loch Lomond	10 35
3	Isle of Arran	10 30
4	Uddingston	7 18
5	Isle of Mull	11 18
6	Paisley	7 15
7	Millbae	7 12
8	Lanark	8 8
9	Clydesdale	7 6

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