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Residents win fight for speed curbs at dangerous junction

'I hope drivers will heed the new signs and slow down earlier'

REPORT
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Residents have won a year-long fight for action to curb speeding drivers at one of the island's most dangerous junctions.

A radar trap set up at Fen Place in Whiting Bay caught 16.5 per cent of drivers driving at more than 41mph, after they had passed the 30mph village sign.

Now following talks between North Ayrshire Council and Police Scotland new measures are to be taken to try to get drivers to slow down as they enter the village from Lamlash.

And for the residents of Fen Place the measures can't come soon enough.

It was in March of last year that Jean Miller contacted Arran MSP Kenneth Gibson

telling him of her concerns.

She told him that drivers approaching Whiting Bay rarely heeded the 30mph speed limit as they passed Fen Place making it difficult for motorists to pull out of the cul-de-sac and also causing a danger to pedestrians in the area.

Mrs Miller told The Banner: 'The Fen Place junction must be one of the most dangerous on the island.'

'I am often out on the road walking my dog and the cars go flying past even though they are already in the 30mph limit.'

'I sometimes try to warn them to slow down but some of the drivers are very rude.'

'The Fen Place junction is also the entrance to the Seven Acres caravan park and there are a lot of children around in the summer.'

Even when she is in her car

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Darlings you were wonderful

Actors from Shiskine SWRI perform a scene from their play Darlings You Were Wonderful at the Arran Drama Festival held last weekend at the community theatre at Lamlash. A full report and photographs starts on page 4. 20_b10swri01



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Action taken after radar trap catches drivers

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Mrs Miller and other neighbours like Peter and Jos Randall can't escape irate drivers.

'When you slow down to turn into Fen Place you have drivers right behind you flashing their lights because they don't realise you are turning as there is no sign for it.'

As a result, last month a traffic radar unit was erected on the A841 immediately south of the junction with Fen Place for seven days.

A total of 9,676 vehicles were recorded during the week of monitoring - 9,145 cars and 531 HGV and buses.

A total of 1,597 vehicles, or 16.5 per cent of the total number of vehicles, were travelling at a speed above

41mph, having already passed the 30mph sign, indicating that many drivers were failing to adjust their speed early enough.

The results were discussed at the last meeting of Arran Community Council, attended by Fen Place residents, where island office Gus Macleod gave a report.

Proposed

He said as a result of the study it was proposed to put up 'count-down' markers before the 30mph village sign and paint a 30mph sign on the road. The works will be carried out in April/May once the weather has improved.

He said there were no plans to move the sign closer to the village, which is opposed by Fen Place residents.

He also said that the initial results suggested that a number of the drivers who were speeding at the spot were coming out of Whiting Bay and heading for Lamlash.

The figures are now being studied by Police Scotland and North Ayrshire Council liaison committee.

Afterwards Mrs Miller said: 'I am pleased something is at last to be done and I would like to personally thank Kenneth Gibson and Sgt Allen Dodds for all their help in this matter.'

'I hope drivers will heed the new signs and slow down earlier, but we will just have to wait and see what effect they have. I will certainly be keeping a close eye on the situation.'



Jean Miller with her dog Huw at her home in Fen Place. 20_b10fen01



The Fen Place junction with the location of the 30mph sign in the distance. 20_b10fen02

Breakdown leaves passengers high and dry

Ferry passengers on Arran and the mainland were left stranded on Monday after the MV Caledonian Isles broke down in Ardrossan.

The ferry had left Brodick on its first sailing after berthing overnight on the island due to the weather. However, at Ardrossan it developed a technical fault which put it out of service for the rest of the day.

Identified

Passengers were told as the day went on that Caledonian MacBrayne had identified the fault and located spare parts which were being delivered by

courier to the vessel, but these were delayed by bad weather.

And passengers were angry that it was 6pm before CalMac announced there would be no sailings until the following day leaving passengers, some of whom had been there for nearly 12 hours, high and dry.

As a result Cal Mac arranged accommodation for those with nowhere to go and said that others could claim 'out of pocket' expenses as a result of the breakdown.

A CalMac spokesman said: 'There was a technical fault with the starting

mechanism of the MV Caledonian Isles on Monday which took the vessel out of service temporarily. We are sorry for this disruption which we worked as quickly as possible to resolve and apologise for any inconvenience this suspended service may have caused.'

Stranded

'The suspension resulted in four passengers being stranded at Ardrossan and we arranged overnight accommodation for them.'

An additional sailing was arranged between Lochranza and Tarbert late on Monday afternoon.

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Marines storm ferry in training for operations

Passengers on board a recent ferry crossing to Arran had a surprise in store when the boat was stormed by elite black-clad Royal Marines Commandos.

The Marines from 43 Commando Fleet Protection Group, based at HMNB Clyde, were conducting an underway boarding exercise of the Caledonian Isles.

Despite rough seas, the Marines were able to thrill the on-looking ferry passengers with continuous drills during the journey from Ardrossan to Brodick.

The exercises were designed to train the Royal Navy's Fleet Contingent Troop (FCT), one of 43 Commando's many teams who are deployed on counter-narcotics and counter-piracy operations around the world. The troop consists of around 30 men, who are the Royal Navy's boarding specialists, skilled in enhanced access and entry techniques.

Marines from 43 Commando have been instrumental in many recent successes on

the high seas, including the seizure of narcotics with a street value of £21 million while embarked on HMS Argyll in the Caribbean, and on HMS Somerset in the Indian Ocean, where heroin was seized worth £8 million.

Closer to home, Royal Marines from 43 Commando also enhanced the wider security presence for last year's Glasgow Commonwealth Games, providing Police Scotland with an available and unique waterborne capability.

Royal Marines need to be able to gain access onto any vessel at sea anywhere in the world. FCT continually train to board ships using a variety of methods involving boats and helicopters.

Colonel Matt Pierson, Commanding Officer of 43 Commando, said: 'Thanks to the kind support of Caledonian MacBrayne, one of our specialist troops was able to achieve significant training in demanding sea conditions, which will prove invaluable on operations.'



Above: Royal Marines Commandos prepare to storm the ferry.

Left: Passengers look on from the window as a Marine scales the exterior of the ferry.



Left: A fast rib comes in close as Marines clamber up a rope ladder.

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Hop on board reading bus

Parents and their wee ones are invited to jump on board the free PlayTalkRead bus 'Bessie' when it visits Arran.

Designed as a free drop in playground, Bessie offers parents and carers a fun and relaxed environment to pick up exciting new ideas and tips to play, talk and read more with their little ones which will help make a positive difference to their health and happiness.

Bessie will be stopping at Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday 11 March, Lamlash Primary School from 9.30am to 11.45am on Thursday 12 March and Brodick Library from 1.15pm to 3.30pm on Thursday 12 March.

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Allan Little is a little tied up as Steve Garraway tries to hold the set up. 20_b10play08

Stalag 69 takes top prize at annual drama festival

A play set in the cell of a German prisoner of war camp may not seem the obvious choice for a farce, but it had the audience rolling in the aisles at the annual drama festival last weekend.

As a result Stalag 69 saw that Lamlash Drama Club was the big winners at the Isle of Arran Drama Association, one act drama festival of 2015.

Over two nights at the community theatre at Arran High School packed audiences were treated to seven splendid plays, most of them varying degrees of comedy.

But the laugh out loud winner when the results were in was the super Stalag 69 which not only picked up the overall prize, but also an award for Steve Garraway, as best supporting actor, for his portrayal of a Gestapo interrogator.

It also won the prize for the best moment of theatre when, as part of the play, the set collapses.

Adjudicator Alasdair Hawthorn admitted he had chosen the 'best moment' because of the reaction of the audience who erupted in surprised laughter when it happened.

Sheila Gilmore was also among the prizewinners lifting the best actor prize for her portrayal of Judy in the Shiskine SWRI performance of Darlings You Were Wonderful and a director prize for the Shiskine Junior Drama production of

Jump Off.

James Mutch took the best youth actor prize in the Lamlash Youth Drama Club production of the dark comedy Lashings of Ginger Ale which sees the cast bumped off one by one - without anyone noticing!

Summing up at the end of the festival Mr Hawthorn said it had been a 'wonderful' two evenings of theatre.

He said: 'There has been a wealth of talent on show which is clear for everyone to see.

'There is so much talent on one island.'

He added it was good to see so many young performers which he said bode well for the future of theatre on Arran.

His only criticism was the fact that all seven plays had been varying degrees of comedy and he thought that for the future drama groups should consider other plays to give the festival more variety.

The plays performed were:

Lashings of Ginger Ale

Set in a potting shed 12 members of Lamlash Junior Drama Club gave a good interpretation of the Stuart G Smith satire. The story revolves round a group of teenagers looking for adventure unaware that each of them is about to meet a grizzly end without the others noticing.

There were some good performances particularly by James Mutch who took the best supporting acting prize in a youth



Allan Little on the upside down set of Stalag 69. 20_b10play07



James Mutch takes centre stage in Lashings of Ginger Ale. 20_b10play02



Dorothy Campling and Assja Baumgartner as dancers in Deckchairs. 20_b10play12



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play for his bright and expressive portrayal of Nigel.

Ragtime Mystery

The least comedic play of the festival saw Shiskine Junior Drama group bring to life a detective story surrounding a jewel theft in the grand surroundings of a stately home. The set lighting gave the tale atmosphere and there were good performances particularly from Innis Thorborn as Charlie, who lifted the best youth acting prize, and Rory Morrison as Count Pushkin.

Stalag 69

The star play of the festival performed by Lamlash Drama Club and what a treat it was. Although set in the cell of a German POW camp, the play is really a comedy of errors by actors staging the play. It is really a two-man piece with Allan Little as Captain Crawford taking centre stage as the main character with Gestapo interrogator Steve Garraway providing the foil.

There was good support from the rest of the cast trying to keep the play going as the set, literally, falls around them. While Steve picked up the best supporting actor Allan must have run Sheila Gilmore close for the best actor prize.

Deckchairs

Again not an out-and-out comedy, the play is again essentially a two header as Dorothy Campling and Assja Baumgartner play dual roles as first shoppers and later as dancers discuss shopping, love and put the world to rights while sitting on two deckchairs on a seaside promenade which they pulled off with aplomb. It saw The Castaways taking what is essentially the runners-up prize at the festival.

Jump Off

Shiskine Junior Drama lifted the best youth prize with this 'high' comedy set on a window ledge on the sixth floor of an office block.

Here Aubrey is seemingly about to commit suicide, but the slick dialogue makes this black comedy work. He is joined by Pauline, played by his real life sister Katie, who helped the play rattle along, with help from the supporting cast, to its twist

in the tale's finale.

Tracks

It will be a surprise if Linzi Nicol is not black and blue with the thump she hit the stage when her character Annabelle was 'shot' near the finale of Tracks. Indeed she was one of three actors left 'dead' on the stage at the end of the spy spoof play - the others being Felicity (Anne Luttrell) and John (Allan Nicol).

Whiting Bay Club of Drama and Music did a fine job of bringing the Geoff Graves play, which sees a knitting club used as a cover for a government spy agency, really come to life.

Darlings You Were Wonderful

It was a busy festival for Assja Baumgartner, taking her second role of the weekend in the Shiskine SWRI performance of the comedy Darlings You Were Wonderful. Here she is the tyrannical leader of a disjointed acting group about to perform a difficult period Spanish tragedy at a festival.

Sometimes a play within a play can be difficult to pull off but the talented cast had no worries on that front and saw Sheila Gilmore as Judy walk off with the top acting prize.

Hugh Boag



To catch a thief the cast of Ragtime Mystery. 20_b10play05



The cast of Tracks knitting before the shooting starts. 20_b10play15



Sheila Gilmore (left) is filled with woe in a scene from Darlings You Were Wonderful. 20_b10play24



Ruth Betley goes head to head with Assja Baumgartner in a scene from Darlings You Were Wonderful. 20_b10play20



The cast of Jump Off on the window ledge set. 20_b10play13



Allan Nicol is menacing as agent John prepares to shoot Felicity (Ann Luttrell). 20_b10play17

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Director Maureen Smith lifts the overall trophy for Stalag 69. 20_b10play34



Steve Garraway with his best supporting actor shield. 20_b10play28



James Mutch collects his prize from adjudicator Alasdair Hawthorn. 20_b10play26



Sheila Gilmore with her best acting prize. 20_b10play29



Innis Thorborn with his best youth actor prize. 20_b10play27



Director Jerry Arthur lifts for the best SWRI play, Darlings You Were Wonderful. 20_b10play32



All the prizewinners with their awards. 20_b10play36

Winners lift their trophies aft

The following trophies were awarded at the end of the two-day drama festival.

The Jean Bannatyne Trophy, best supporting acting performance in the youth play: James Mutch, Lashings of Ginger Ale.

Youth play
The Douglas Sillars Trophy, best acting performance in a youth play: Innes Thorborn, Ragtime Mystery.

The Mattie Gillies Trophy, best supporting acting performance in any adult play: Steve Garraway, Stalag 69.

Best acting
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Shiskine Junior Drama group with the winning trophy for Jump Off. 20_b10play37



The cast of Deckchairs with The Millhill Players Trophy they won. 20_b10play38

er a two day extravaganza

best moment of theatre: Stalag 69 directed by Maureen Smith.

The Mary Stewart Orr Trophy, awarded to the best youth team: Jump Off directed by Sheila Gilmore.

The Jane McBride Brown Bowl, awarded to a SWRI team, Shiskine SWRI, Darlings You Were Wonderful.

The Millhill Players Trophy,

awarded to the team gaining the highest total of marks in a play of contrasting type to the overall winner, Deckchairs directed by Michael Collings/Michael Campling.

Highest mark

The Archie Kerr Wooley Trophy, awarded to the team gaining the highest mark in the festival: Stalag 69 directed by Maureen Smith.

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Keep to the speed limits

The bid to slow down drivers in Whiting Bay is a welcome move, but maybe it just shows a lot of motorists are just plain selfish.

The sign may say 30mph but clearly these drivers know better. 'So what if there is a concealed exit that others may be trying to come out of or kids from the caravan park are trying to cross the road to the bus stop? We're not slowing down until we are ready to,' appears to be their attitude.

And maybe it will take more than some count down signs and a painted sign on the road to totally change that view, but at least it is a positive step to try.

Whiting Bay is not alone on Arran in having to cope with selfish drivers a lot of whom drive too fast in work vans and other vehicles.

But it's not just islanders. Visitors too often cause needless frustration by driving too slow, or even stopping completely to admire the view.

And the situation is only going to get worse as the new RET fares bring more and more cars, motorhomes and caravans to the island.

So what's the solution? Keeping calm and driving within the speed limit will help keep everyone safe and particularly so in the villages, where often there are no pavements and it is absolutely essential to keep your speed down.

The police try to help with regular speed traps around the villages and visits from mainland traffic officers, but drivers are helping no one by 'flashing' speeding drivers that there are traps up ahead.

Just keep to the speed limits and we can all travel safely.

Theatre of the future

The Arran Drama Festival provided an entertaining weekend for many. Two packed houses show how popular the event is. However, in recent years the number of plays being entered has been dropping off.

However, seven excellent productions this year shows signs that there is life in the old am-dram yet.

It is positive too that three of the plays were by youth theatre companies. As adjudicator Alasdair Hawthorn said, if that talent can be nurtured and encouraged, there will be a bright future ahead for theatre on the island.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Come to Me and listen to My words; hear Me and you will have life.' (Isaiah 55:3)

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Petrol surprise

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I was most surprised to see Labour MP Katy Clark expressing her concern over 'discrepancies between island and mainland prices' with regards to fuel costs in the Banner of Saturday 21 February.

My surprise is due to the fact that when I debated with Ms Clark on Arran prior to the 2010 Westminster election, she was completely unaware that the cost of fuel on the island was a major issue for islanders.

At that same hustings I pointed out that Ms Clark had obediently trotted through the Labour Government lobbies to vote on every occasion required to raise the duty on petrol, making it an even more expensive commodity for islanders. To this, Ms Clark stumbled through an explanation about how the high cost of fuel could be justified on 'environmental' grounds, much to the incredulity of her audience.

Of course, no one need take my word that Ms Clark is a recent convert to the need for fuel justice for islanders. All one has to do is look at her voting record when Labour were in power which will indeed confirm that she voted on each and every occasion required to raise the duty on petrol.

Also, Hansard, the Parliamentary record, will show that on all the occasions she spoke in the House in her tenure up to 2010, not once did she speak on or raise concern about this issue – not once did the words 'fuel' or 'petrol' pass her lips in the chamber of the House.

I am sure we are all pleased that Ms Clark has finally realised that the price of fuel is a vital issue for islanders.

To what can we attribute this realisation? Could it be that there is an election in the offing?

Yours,
Patricia Gibson
SNP Westminster
Candidate
North Ayrshire
and Arran constituency

Generous donations

Sir,
On behalf of Arran Resilience, I am writing to thank everyone who donated so generously at the funeral of John Graham (Hooks) last November.

More than £1,400 was raised, and this has helped us to purchase emergency medical training equipment which can be accessed by all emergency responders on the island.

We have been able to add to the equipment provided by the Sandpiper Trust for casualty care simulation and we now have advanced airway heads on our cutting-edge CPR mannequins.

Already these have been put to great use, including by our First Responder teams, and more will benefit over the coming months.

The level of commitment seen from our island emergency responders is second to none, and we're delighted that we now have such effective training aids to share around our teams.

Hooks was keen to encourage joint training opportunities for local responders, and we hope to continue that legacy with the funds raised.

Yours,
Dr David Hogg
GP/Arran Resilience
co-ordinator

Save the trees

Sir,
Further to recent articles regarding deforestation, it appears that all trees on this beautiful island are subject to attack.

There are only a handful of trees on Arran that are actually protected.

People come to this island to enjoy the trees, birds, squirrels and all natural elements that make Arran so special.

We live in Whiting Bay beside Glenashdale Falls which has magnificent mature trees such as Scots pine, beech, cedar, sycamore and more.

These trees provide nesting grounds for doves, robins, blackbirds, chaffinches, tits, gold finches and a growing population of red squirrels. Residents and visitors

alike appreciate this park-like setting.

However, some trees and the wildlife they support are under threat due to a decision to remove trees from an area of land.

Many trees have already been felled demonstrating that the threat is very real.

Having contacted the council office, it has advised that felling be stopped until these trees have been evaluated.

This was an immediate relief, although, whether any of these trees will be protected is unclear.

Can the Forestry Commission or other groups actually protect our trees, birds and red squirrels or will the people of Arran have to stand by and watch the amenity of our area permanently change whilst individual landowners and developers strip away trees and wildlife as they see fit?

If anyone can offer some helpful advice we would certainly be grateful.

Yours,
Bill Palmer
Elizabeth Morgan
Whiting Bay

Excellent service

Sir,
On 18 February I flew from Birmingham to Glasgow Airport on a 7am flight to attend a job interview.

On reaching Ardrossan harbour to my horror there was an amber alert - after all of the travelling was I going to make my appointment?

The ferry was on her way from Brodick the staff advised and would make the return journey but as the weather was forecast to deteriorate they were not sure if I went over for my interview that I would get back to take my flight back to Birmingham at 8.30pm.

On that very day my phone decided that the battery wouldn't hold its charge and I desperately needed to contact the lady to advise that I was unable to make the trip across for my interview fearing I would not be able to get back for my flight.

The staff did not hesitate to lend me a phone charger and

this enabled arrangements to be made for my interview to take place in Saltcoats.

I had again to ask the staff's advise on how to get to there and without any hesitation I was offered a lift.

Without the kindness, understanding and excellent customer service provided by Carol and Steve on that day I know I would have broken down with sheer disappointment.

A massive 'thank you' to you both, without your kindness the trip could have been a total waste of time. Calmac can be proud of staff who can offer such an excellent caring customer service.

PS By the way, I was offered the job.

Yours,
Sue Prewett
Coventry

Carpet Appeal

Sir,
The volunteer maintenance squad at the Arran Heritage Museum works throughout the year keeping the various buildings up to a high standard of repair, and over this winter has been upgrading the rooms in the cottage.

Inevitably after many years thousands of feet have walked over the parlour carpet, and it has now reached the point where it has been worn out and must be replaced.

If any of your readers have an old fashioned patterned carpet which they no longer need the museum would be very grateful to receive it.

Arrangements can be made to collect if necessary.

As the museum opens for the new season on 1 April, and by that time all exhibits must be back in place, anyone able to help should ring Tom Macleod on 302185 as soon as possible.

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European visitors get to savour Arran's food delights

A number of European journalists are visiting Arran this weekend to experience the excellent array of fresh, local produce available on the island.

As part of Scotland's Year of Food and Drink, six journalists from top European pub-

in Italy, George Keters from Belgium's Food and Gastronomy, Anna Borel from Grazia France and Jose Mario de Pablo from Spain's Esquire.

The trip, organised by VisitScotland in partnership with VisitBritain and with local support from VisitArran, is

they will be staying overnight.

The journalists will be accompanied by a guide who will talk about the island's outdoor activities including golfing, walking, local geology and wildlife and many of Arran's freshest products will be offered to the group during a picnic at Machrie Moor standing stones.

Anniqe Armstrong, Regional Director of VisitScotland, said: 'We are delighted to have secured quality European journalists to visit this very special part of Scotland and by working in partnership with VisitBritain and supported by VisitArran and local businesses, we hope to show off the very best of Arran's local produce during Scotland's Year of Food and Drink.'

Meanwhile, Arran features in a new marketing campaign to encourage more people from Scotland and the north of England to visit Ayrshire

and Arran this spring and summer which has just been launched by VisitScotland.

Complementing the national tourism organisation's UK & Ireland 'Brilliant Moments' marketing campaign, the new regional campaign has been created to inspire, engage and

motivate potential visitors to come to Ayrshire and Arran to experience their own 'brilliant moments' during 2015 - Scotland's Year of Food and Drink.

The new spring campaign, which runs till the end of March, positions Ayrshire

and Arran as a great place to experience the very best of Scotland and forthcoming events, such as the Arran Malt and Music Festival (26-28 June), are also highlighted to illustrate the range of things to see and do in the region.



lications, including Hanne Wurtz, who will be writing for Germany's national paper Jyllandsposten, are visiting Arran until Sunday.

She has been joined by Annette Walter, a freelancer also from Germany, Andrea Forlani from Bell'Europa

visiting several local attractions. The travel and features writers will have a chance to make their own haggis at the Arran Butcher, sample whisky in a VIP tasting at Arran Distillery and enjoy speed dating with Arran producers at the Glenisle Hotel where



Lorna and Emma ready for their half marathon challenge. 20_b10half01

Duo ready for half marathon children's charity challenge

Two Arran women are running their first half marathon to raise money for the Yorkhill Children's Charity to say thank you for helping to save the life of a friend's baby.

Lorna Logan and Emma Campbell are making a last plea for donations ahead of the Inverness Half Marathon on Sunday.

They have already raised £500 but would like to smash their intended target of £600 before the gruelling challenge gets underway.

Both have been undertaking extra training ahead of the 13.1 mile course they face around Inverness.

They chose Yorkhill Hospital to raise money for after Lorna's friend Kerri Traill from Lochranza had her baby 11 weeks prematurely last May.

'Without all the specialist care baby Calum has received over the last eight months, he may not have survived. This is our small way of saying thank you and for others too who need this continued care,' Lorna said.

'It's a new challenge and we want to raise as much money as possible for the charity.'

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In this superbly crafted film the audience enters a world where cultures clash violently when two liberally minded English women, Mrs Moore, beautifully played by Peggy Ashcroft, and Adela Quested - Judy Davis - arrive in India and are shocked by the racial prejudice which exists. Although kind Dr Aziz - Victor Banerjee - rises above the intolerance, his kindness ends in tragedy when Adela is attacked in the mysterious Malabar Caves and the incident ignites a powder keg of tension which spreads all over India.

First class performances and stunning photography make this a film not to miss.

Corrie and Sannox SWRI

Members and friends were welcomed by president Elma Stevenson to an afternoon meeting in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall where a most interesting talk on her painting life was given by local artist Avril Paton.

Her talk was illustrated with a great selection of her pictures through the years as a powerpoint display. Her paintings had some very quirky titles and, of course, her most famous one is titled The Windows in the West.

Raffle tickets and voting papers were given out with the reminder they have to come back to the next meeting which will be on 12 March at 2pm in Corrie and Sannox village hall. This will be the AGM when there will be a demonstration using marzipan from treasurer Vicki Milne's husband Peter.

At this meeting there will be a bring and buy sale for institute funds and the tea will be provided by the committee.

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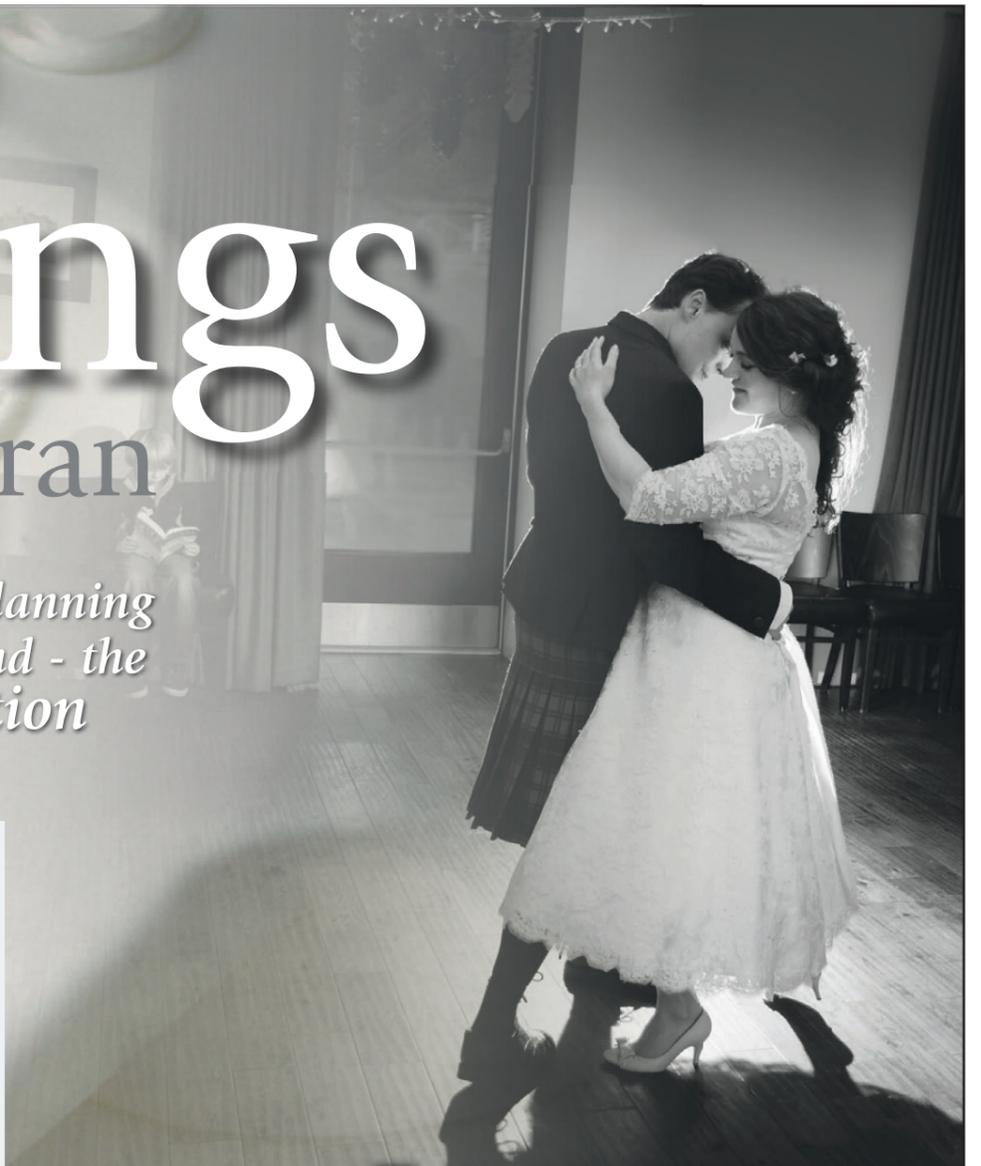
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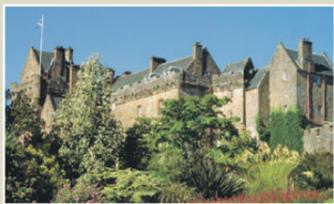


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Innovative ideas at school enterprise day

Arran High School's 2015 enterprise day saw S1 pupils take on the challenge of promoting Arran tourism with a new festival or event.

This year's ideas were extremely innovative, ranging

from a Scrabble tournament with sightseeing during the day, family friendly festivals encompassing various outdoor activities on the island and Challenge Arran, including more extreme events.

During enterprise days pupils work in small groups led by a business adviser and the school wishes to thank the Auchrannie, Routes to Flourish, Arran Youth Foundation, VisitArran and Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce for their time, assistance and guidance during both days.

Thanks also go to the eagle-eyed judges Kenneth Bone and Sheila Gilmore from VisitArran.

The S1 winning team, supported by Gil Cameron from Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce, consisted of Aiken Adam, Hannah Glendinning, Kirk Inglis, Gregor Morrison, Aimee Prescott and Ellie Wood, assisted by Natasha Murray, S3.

Their idea of a 'traditional adventure on the rock' was well presented, had an excellent logo and the concept was feasible too.



Pupils are hard at work on their project.



The winning team with judges Kenneth Bone and Sheila Gilmore.



Another team show off their certificates.



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Antiquarians get an insight into an unconventional and very interesting family

Since the advent of the internet the research into the family has continued through the generations

There was a good turnout of 55 members at the February meeting of the Arran Antiquarians, who welcomed Alison Prince of Whiting Bay as their guest speaker and were amused by her account of the three preceding generations of her family tree.

Alison, of course, needed the briefest of introductions as everyone knows her as the writer of books and poetry, including the unforgettable Trumpton. She is a long standing past member of Arran community council, editor of the on-line newspaper The Voice and jazz musician playing the clarinet. She last spoke to the group a decade ago but a return visit from this great raconteur with her mellifluous voice was eagerly anticipated.

Alison likened people of 80-plus years to antiques, not the type of antiques like the little glass and silver inkwell and silver chicken which she showed the audience, but living antiques with a far more fascinating history.

She spoke about the lives of her grandparents, her mother and her siblings, her father and finally herself. Granny Flora was a great traveller and free spirit with a distinct lack of deference, traits Alison admits she sees to some extent in herself. Living in England as a young girl, Flora met a young Scots laird who had ventured south for the duck shooting. They had an affair, and when Flora became pregnant the young laird was rapidly despatched to the Indian Army. Determined not to be abandoned, Flora took ship to India, landing at Calcutta and travelling to his base in Poona. A very pregnant Flora told the commanding officer of her plight and he immediately ordered the young officer to marry her.

Louise (Alison's mother) duly arrived, followed in due course by Hector and Marjorie. The children had a

typical Raj upbringing, having an Ayah and speaking Hindi. When Louise was sent to Dundee at the age of three to a country of rain, cold and child poverty, she immediately became a Socialist!

Her father's family in Dundee were a globetrotting and eccentric family. Even Teddy the dog used to take himself off on the tram in search of some canine amorous adventures. Brother Hector, a handsome man of the Raj, was indulged and quite a social conman with no regard for rules and regulations. At 16 he joined the Fleet Air Arm and was flying a year later. Having crashed his plane through the roof of a house where four daughters resided, he married one and a son and daughter were produced. Hector throughout his life seemed to disappear for years then return after some other escapade. He married Winifred, a Putney barmaid, while he was possibly still married, and they had a son, Dave, and later a daughter Mary. He consequently had two separate families. One of his adventures was to go off and join the Black and Tans. Sister Marjorie came back from India later and eventually married a Canadian GI, moved to Canada and started a Canadian branch of the family. Alison remembers her as a generous person.

Alison's father, Charles, was from a mining village north of Leeds, who had a great future as a pianist but on his father's death when he was 13 he had to abandon his ambition and begin work in the mill until 1914 when he went to war, serving at Ypres and the Somme. The war affected him greatly. When World War II began in 1939 the family were in south London and he worked at the head office of the Yorkshire Penny Bank and served as a fire watcher in the city.

Alison remembers a happy



Shelagh Collins with speaker Alison Prince, centre, and Margaret Bruce.

home full of Indian memorabilia and an abundance of books. She was fascinated by a book of Blake's poems which she discovered at the age of three which helped her to learn to read. She remembers the London blitz and the VI and VII bombs, one of which destroyed the next door house.

Granny Flora introduced Alison to Arran at the age of 8. During the violently rough crossing to Arran, Granny Flora hauled the seasick child onto the deck and it was an instant cure for her 'mal de mer'.

Since the advent of the internet, research into the family has continued through the generations and, in true unconventional manner, they all rendezvoused on the steps of Eros in Piccadilly Circus. Uncannily they all had 'the family look' despite having come from all parts of the world, and can now communicate by internet. Hector's son, David, is now her closest family contact, and they have become close over the years.

It was all a fascinating insight into an unconventional and very interesting family.

The Antiquarians next meeting will be on Monday 16 March, at 2 pm in Brodick Hall, when Sue Mills of Brodick Castle will talk about the Castle Art Collection. ND

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Five in a row for Niall in memorial darts contest

For the fifth year in a row Niall McMaster won the Donald and James Mackenzie memorial mixed doubles darts

competition. His partner in the competition this year was Kate Turner and they saw off allcomers in the contest held

in Kilmory Hall. The runners up were George Stewart and Lindsay Patrick.

The highest check out for the James Cup was by Niall with a 79. The hamper was won by Eddie Picken.

The event raised £400 which will be shared by Ar-Cas and the hospital supporters league.

Afterwards Margaret Mackenzie said: 'My family and I would like to thank everyone who supported us and helped to make the annual memorial darts competition such a success once again. Thanks to everyone who gave raffle prizes and donations, including the pizzas, and special thanks to Karyn for organising all the games, to Ann McCroary for presenting the trophies and raffle prizes and to Wilma and Natallie for their help. Thanks also to Kilmory Hall for the comfortable surroundings. Well done and thanks again to everyone. Hope to see you all for the 28th year in 2016.'



Niall and Kate celebrate their success.



Ann McCroary presents the James Cup to Niall as Margaret Mackenzie looks on.

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Organiser Margaret and her good friend Ann enjoy the night.



The winners and runners-up with their prizes.



Vicki Milne, Lindsay Patrick and Lorna Logan who took part.

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Saturday 11 March, 1995



The workmen who erected the new grille at the Kings Cave with supervisor Rachel Harry. b10twe01

Fit for a king

The Kings Cave at Drumadoon has this week been fitted with a new metal grille to protect it from vandalism.

The move has caused a fair amount of controversy as a number of islanders are unhappy with the need to close the site of archaeological importance, where Robert the Bruce just may have been spurred on by an industrious spider.

The old railings had been in place for more than 60 years

and had long since rusted into disrepair. The new gates will allow access four metres into the cave.

Getting the new gates to the site proved tricky and a helicopter was brought in to lift both the metalwork and the sand and cement in six trips from the new car park on Machrie Moor. The work was carried out under the supervision of Rachel Harvey a research worker at Glasgow University Archaeological Research Department.

Excellence prize

Dunvegan House in Brodick has been awarded the accolade of best hotel/guest house in the Booker Prize for Excellence.

It has been run for the past four years by David and Naomi Spencer and in that time the guest house has been extended and upgraded. As a result they have now dropped the word 'guest' from the title of the premises.

New branch

A meeting took place in Arran Hotel last Friday organised by the SSPCA with the intention of forming an Arran branch of the society.

Around 25 people turned up and after a video was shown,

a new branch was discussed and it was decided to hold a sponsored dog walk.

A SSPCA spokesman said: 'We are trying to form a new branch and had a good response.'

Funding threat

Machrie Bay tennis courts are to receive a grant of £3,000 from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

The money, which is funded by the football pools, will be used for resurfacing the courts and drainage.

The football pools, however, are threatened by the National Lottery and MP Brian Wilson fears that such grants may, in time, dry up.

He said: 'Arran has done very well out of the foundation and my concern now is that its funding is threatened because of the National Lottery.'



These 10 young mathematicians recently took part in the Sharp UK Schools Intermediate Challenge and all have been awarded a gold, silver or bronze certificate. Pictured with teacher Jimmy Stewart are, left to right: Nina Waterland, silver; Craig Borland, bronze; Colin Campbell, bronze; James Gilmore, bronze; Gilbert McKinnon, gold; Kevin Aston, silver; Neville Broadis, silver; Euan Murchie, bronze; and behind Joseph I'Anson, bronze, and Stephen Muirhead, bronze. b10twe03



Married in Brodick Church last Saturday were Fiona Douglas of Helensburgh and Graham Kerr of Brodick. Fiona was partly brought up on the island when her parents George and Janette ran the St Elmo Hotel. The couple plan to live in Brodick. b10twe02



Iain Frame, Mark Bunyan and Stewart Lambie of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team use ropes on a steep incline as the team face Alpine conditions in the Arran hills. b10twe04

In safe hands

Arran Mountain Rescue Team recently held an exercise to practice their snow and ice techniques.

After meeting at their Brodick base they headed up from High Corrie to Stocach Ridge.

Although there was little snow at sea level, it was easy to climb into increasingly arctic conditions.

For three new members of the team, Jamie McKinnon, Michael Small and Mark Bunyan, this was a chance for them to learn from the more experienced team members on how to use crampons and an ice axe to break their fall.

It is one of half a dozen or so exercises which the team will complete over the winter months.

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Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing
 Brodick Castle, Garden Open
 Arran Brewery
 Arran Brewery tour
 Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green

Loch Garbad, bank fishing
 9am-Dusk
 Mon, Wed & Fri 12.30-5pm Sat 10-5pm
 2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
 Open all day

Saturday 7th March

Army Cadets
 Over 21s Disco
 Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 Live music
 Brodick Market
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 Women for independence
 Live Music

Auchrannie Road 11am - 1pm.
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa pool, 4-5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 2 for 2.30pm
 Corrie Hotel, Corrie, 8pm

Sunday 8th March

Family Games
 Fun in the pool
 AA Meeting
 Mackerel Lottery
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers welcome
 Soundbath

Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Kinloch Bar, 5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 3-4pm

Monday 9th March

Over 50s Badminton
 Badminton
 Citizens Advice
 Morning Fitness
 Table Tennis
 Badminton
 Arran Junior Football Club
 Yoga
 Circuit Training
 Scottish Country Dancing
 10/10 Total Body workout
 Lunch Club

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 11am - 12 noon
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
 Beginners & Improvers, Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2 - 4pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.45pm
 Brodick Sheltered Housing, 12.30pm

Tuesday 10th March

Pop Quiz
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Rotary club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club rink game
 RunArran
 Bridge for beginners
 Scottish Country Dancing
 Coffee morning

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Auchrannie 7pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
 10am-1pm NTS Ranger Centre
 Blackwaterfoot bowling club, 1.45pm
 Hospital Hill car park, Lamlash, 5.30pm
 Learning Centre, Lamlash, 7-9pm
 All Stages, Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 10.30 - 12noon

Wednesday 11th March

Rock & Pop Bingo
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
 RunArran
 Yoga-Arran
 Drift Inn Quiz
 Mixed Hockey
 Dog classes

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 Auchrannie Studio, 9am-10am
 Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am
 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 Auchrannie car park, 5.30pm
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Lamlash, 9pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm

Thursday 12th March

Morning Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Folk, Country, Bluesy Night with Cams & Friends
 Yoga
 Bridge Club
 Open Music session
 Ladies Hockey
 RunArran Beginners
 Cardiac Rehab
 Body & Mind
 Country Park Volunteer Day
 Brodick Embroidery Group
 QuiltArran
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls
 Weighing in for Mary's Meals
 Weighing in for Mary's Meals

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Corrie Village Hall, 6pm - 7pm
 Brodick Golf Clubhouse, 7pm
 Drift Inn, Lamlash, 9pm
 Ormidale Pavillon, 7.30-8.30pm
 Auchrannie Car Park, Brodick, 5.30pm
 Auchrannie leisure club, 2-3.30pm
 Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 6-7pm
 Brodick Castle, 10am - 4pm
 Brodick Library, 7.30-9.30pm
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
 Auchrannie, 7pm
 Lamlash church Hall, 4pm - 4.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Friday 13th March

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Live music
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Family fun night
 Brodick Market
 AA Meeting
 Live music
 Tae Kwondo
 Eco Savvy pop up shop
 Psychic Night

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9am - 10am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 10.15 - 11.15am
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Brodick Golf Club 4.45pm
 Auchrannie Road, Brodick, 10-4.30pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
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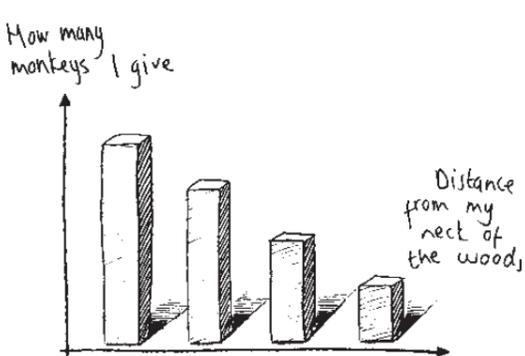
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Wednesday 11th March
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Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting, 12noon Morning Worship.

There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

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(continuing)
Sunday 8th March
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Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 11th March
at 7pm
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Sunday 8th March
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 7pm (Church behind post office)
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The prizewinning ladies of Brodick Golf Club.



Brodick Golf Club

Brodick Golf Club ladies prizegiving dinner was held in the clubhouse on Friday 6 February. Twenty eight ladies had a beautiful dinner in front of a roaring fire and enjoyed music provided by Yvonne Brothers.

The prizewinners were: Ecclectic, Susan Butchard; Birdie Tree, Fiona Henderson; Par Tree, Lesley Murray; SLGA Flag Brooch, Susan Butchard; SLGU Brooch, Susan Butchard; Thistle Brooch, Liz Sinclair; LGU Silver Medal, Pat Reid; LGU Bronze Medal, Gege Kroner; Stronach Cup, Heather Raeside and Kay Kitson; Helen's Vases, Margaret Roxburgh and Tricia Martin.

Winter Trophy, Lesley Murray; Club Trophy, Gege Kroner; St Elmo Cup, Fiona Henderson; Medal Final, Fiona Henderson; Wilkie Trophy, Ann Hart; Wright Trophy, Heather Raeside; Centenary Quaich, Yvonne Brothers; Legion Trophy, Susan Butchard; Scratch Cup, Fiona Henderson.

Gege Kroner won the bronze championship. The Club Championship was won by Fiona Henderson.

Thanks to all the ladies for coming along, what a great turnout. Well done to all the prizewinners.

The ladies say goodbye with hearty thanks to Trish Martin who has been an excellent Lady Captain for the last two years and welcome Margaret Bryce, their new Lady Captain. Thanks go to Trish and Douglas for great food and drink.

Fixtures: Saturday 7 March,

AGA Winter League (postponed from Sunday 1 March). Sunday 8 March, Brandon and Winter Cup, open draws at 9am and 12noon

Sunday 15 March, Clochen-dichter (four ball better ball).

Machrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Will members please note that, due to the need to reschedule the AGA Winter League match because of bad weather last weekend, the Lochranza Hotel Cup match has been moved from Saturday 7 March to Saturday 14 March.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 28 February, five played in the sweep. 1 Marvin Elliot 73-15=58, 2 Alastair McDonald 71-9=62. Best scratch A McDonald 71. Magic two Jim McConnachie.

Monday 2 March, game abandoned due to the weather.

Fixtures: Saturday 7 March,

AGA (gents) at Brodick.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 26 February, Yellow Medal. 1 Ian Bremner 67-5=62, 2 Alan Smith 75-10=65. Magic twos Q J Young@7th.

Fixtures: Saturday 7 March, Winter League team game (postponed league match) at Brodick, Lamlash v Machrie 10.20am start. Sunday 8 March, Glenburn Cup 9.30am and 12 noon starts.

Arran Golfers Association

Saturday 7 March at Brodick Golf Club, rescheduled Duncan Trophy/Winter League 14/15 Final Round.

Unfortunately Brodick have golf parties booked at 11am so a shotgun start is a non starter. Revised tee off times are as follows: Brodick v Whiting Bay 9am, Shiskine v Corrie 9.40am, Lamlash v Machrie 10.20am.

There is a scenario where two teams could be tied on

points, games won and the same head to head. If so each team will pick two players to go up the first in sudden death.

Fingers crossed for some decent weather next weekend.

Arran Ladies Golf Union

The fourth Drumadoun Tray competition was held at Brodick Golf Club on Saturday 28 February when 15 ladies played in mixed conditions. 1 Mary Jo Todd 96-26=70, 2 Gege Kroner 93-22=71, BIH from Elizabeth Sinclair 88-17=71. Scratch Kma Genda 84.

Thanks to Brodick Golf Club for the courtesy of the course and to James and Jackie in the pro shop and, of course, to Trish in the clubhouse for her usual super catering.

The fifth and final Drumadoun for the season is at Corrie Golf Club on Sunday 22 March.



Competition winners with their trophies, left to right: Marian Brambles, John and Christine Robinson, Reuben Betley and Vic Iutz.

Bowls winners lift their trophies

Blackwaterfoot Bowls Club recently held its AGM, trophy presentation and annual dinner at the Kinloch Hotel.

Twenty members and guests heard about club activities for the previous year and the progress being made in building the new pavilion.

Club members were reminded of the success of the out of season bowls games on Tuesdays and Saturdays throughout the win-

ter. They discussed various methods to encourage new players to the club.

After the meeting, trophies were presented to winners of the competitions held throughout the year. This was followed by an enjoyable dinner.

Anyone interested in playing bowls, from complete beginners to experienced players, can contact Keith Thompson on 860463. All necessary equipment is available on loan.

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Arran in 12-goal rout of hapless Giffnock

'I'm putting our extra energy down to Carol Brown's amazing tablet pre-match and at half time'

Arran 12 Giffnock 0
Arran Ladies Hockey Team chalked up its biggest win since it was reformed last year thumping 12 goals past Giffnock without reply at Orimedale Park.

Arran's opponents for the West District Division Four fixture braved the crossing to island on Saturday despite the amber alert ferry warnings and, by the end of the game, probably wished they had stayed on the mainland.

Arran had a team of 13 and a half as Anne Watts was seeing how her injury would hold up so was playing just half a game.

The home team totally jelled with great calling, passing and moving.

By half time the score was



Dame of the game Judith Ross.

4-0 and eight more goals in the second half gave Arran a resounding victory making the final score 12-0 and even the Arran players felt sorry for the Giffnock girls.

Judith Ross was awarded dame of the game by Giffnock.

Goals were scored by Lorraine Hewie, Anne Watts, Susie Murchie, Judith Ross, Catherine McBain, Juliette Walsh and captain Victoria McNicol.

Afterwards she said: 'This was a great confidence building game. I'm putting our extra energy down to Carol Brown's amazing tablet pre match and at half time.'

This Saturday Arran are away to Loch Lomond at Hermitage School in Helensburgh, with the pass back at 2.15pm.

The following weekend there will be a double header at home making just four games left for the season.



Lorraine Hewie prepares to shoot with back up from Susie Murchie. 20_b10hockey04



Captain Victoria McNicol leads the charge. 20_b10hockey02



Judith Ross keeps close control during an attack. 20_b10hockey01

Arran Bridge Club results

The latest results from Arran Bridge Club are as follows: The Boyd Trophy Round 5 in Brodick held on Thursday 26 February. 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Anne McKelvie and Janie Maclure, 3 Maureen Cumming and Jennifer McArthur.

Aggregate pairs competition held in Lamlash on Monday 2 March. N/S 1 Tricia Martin and David Campbell, 2 Morag Gardner and Brenda Livingstone, 3 Vic and Michael Iutz. E/W 1 Janette McBride and John Baraclough, 2 Margaret McGill and Elizabeth McKellar, 3 Pat Adamson and Linda Trickett.

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