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The cream of Arran on show in Glasgow city centre

'We are there to promote Arran'

Arran is going up to the big city.

Over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 14 and 15 May, all that is best about Arran will be on display at a huge exhibition in George Square, Glasgow.

This innovative exhibition called 'Arran on the Square' is being organised by A Taste of Arran in conjunction with VisitArran.

Marie Park, operations manager of VisitArran said: 'Over 60 percent of Arran visitors come from west central Scotland and this event will showcase Arran to this audience as never before. There will be lots of interactive activities, music, culture, food and drink, and family entertainment.'

Among the attractions will be a stage in the shape of a flatbed trailer and a large marquee to house as many Arran businesses as possible.

Maureen McKenna, Taste of Arran business development manager, said: 'To celebrate Scotland's Year of Food and Drink, we have brought on

REPORT

by HOWARD DRIVER
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board John Boyd as Events Manager. He has a solid background in catering and food retailing with excellent product knowledge.

'The George Square event will be a celebration of what Arran is all about and a wonderful way of promoting the island. We are looking for volunteers who have an enthusiasm and knowledge of the island to come on board.'

Opportunity

John Boyd added: 'This is an opportunity for local companies to retail their products and showcase their business.'

'We are not there to make money; we are there to promote Arran. There will be a grand opening ceremony on the Saturday, and Radio Clyde will be on hand for two days outside broadcasts live on air.'

Kenneth Gibson MSP said: 'This is a great opportunity to showcase all that Arran has

to offer. The West of Scotland visitor market remains largely untapped and this will help attract day trippers who can become weekenders and possibly more, thus boosting the Arran economy.'

Financial help in arranging this major event has been provided by Event Scotland, Leader Funding and North Ayrshire Council, with sponsorship from Caledonian Mac-Brayne.

Maureen pointed out that Glasgow City Council had also been most helpful in overcoming such hurdles as complying with health and safety regulations.

A Taste of Arran is a company in its own right incorporating 11 businesses and comprising the majority of food producers on the island. For more information contact John Boyd on 302374 or by email at johnb@taste-of-arran.co.uk

George Square is home to the City Chambers, Glasgow's main public building, and was named after King George III.



Some of the prime movers for the 'Arran on the Square' event: from left, John Boyd, Maureen McKenna, Gordon Kinniburgh of the Island Cheese Company and Liz Kersop of Lamlash Bay Hotel. 02_b11tas03

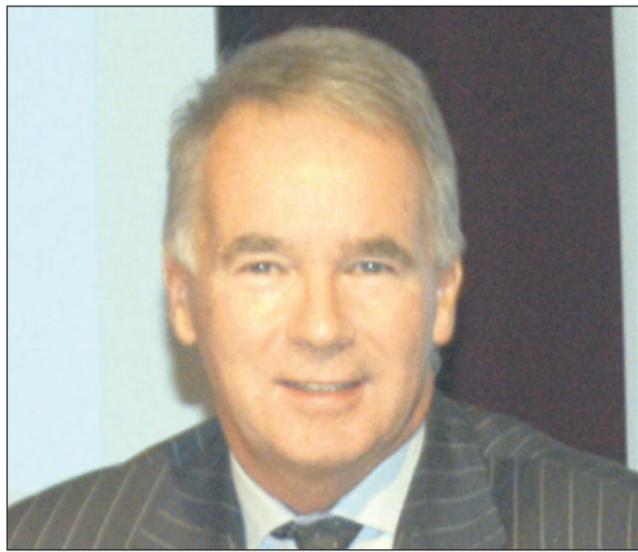


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Alasdair Herbert at the Straight Talking workshops in Brodick Hall last October. 02_b43nac01

Alasdair Herbert to retire

One of North Ayrshire Council's top officers is retiring later this year.

Alasdair Herbert has held the position of Corporate Director of Finance and Infrastructure for many years and he is stepping down in the autumn.

NAC chief executive Elma Murray said: 'Alasdair Herbert has been a long-serving and committed member of the Council's management team. I have personally enjoyed working with Alasdair and he has been hugely supportive in driving forward the Council's new Change Programme.'

'Alasdair will leave the Council later this year and we are now looking for the right person to carry on the sterling work he has done over the years and help take the Council to a new level in providing first class, efficient and effective services for the people who live and work in the area.'

Reporting directly to the chief executive, the successful candidate will be responsible for providing financial leadership for the management of the authority's £440million annual budget.

Stimulating debate at Rural Housing Conference

John Inglis of High Corrie, chairman of Arran Community Council, was among 60 delegates at the Rural Housing Conference in Dunkeld on February 24 and 25.

He said: 'I was interested in the example of good estate landlordism and found Lesley Riddoch stimulating with her remarks about empowering communities by giving them responsibility for real assets.'

'She pointed to a disparity between us and Europe.'

Other speakers were Jamie Carruthers of Dormont Estate, Angela Williams of the Knoydart Foundation, Holly Sims of sponsors Calor Gas, Kirsten Miller of Shelter and Alastair Cameron of Scottish Churches Action.

John added: 'The Dumfries and Galloway Small Communities Housing Trust is trying to assemble finance for a nationwide competition



John Inglis, chairman of Arran Community Council. 02_b11ing01

to design a good, cheap kit house for use in rural areas. 'They are thinking of a £60,000 ceiling on building costs.' Full details of the conference will be appearing on the Rural Housing Service website.

Police files

Invalid tax discs

Eleven more Arran motorists were issued with fixed penalty notices for not displaying a valid car tax disc last week.

This follows the 11 people that were fined the week before.

Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'Reminder notices for the renewal of tax discs are issued a month before to give you plenty of time to renew them.'

'This means that if you renew it online you must leave plenty of time for the disc to arrive as we have no way of knowing whether a new disc has been ordered or not.'

Faulty tyres

On Tuesday 8 March, an 18-year-old Lamlash man was issued with a conditional offer – a £60 on-the-spot fine or three points on his licence – by police because his car had a faulty tyre.

No seatbelts

A 30-year-old Whiting Bay man was stopped by police on Shore Road in Brodick on Thursday 10 March and issued with a conditional offer for not having a child properly restrained in the car.

On Sunday 13 March a 42-year-old man from Whiting Bay was also issued with a £60 on-the-spot fine for not wearing a seatbelt.



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More islanders than ever before have access to an NHS dentist

More people in Arran than ever before are now registered with an NHS dentist.

Almost all island children aged three to five are now with an NHS dentist.

Local MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'The SNP Government has invested heavily in dentistry and we now have 412 more NHS dentists

across Scotland than when we came into office. In the period 31 March 2007 to 31 December 2010, the number of people on Arran registered with an NHS dentist rose from 2,672 to 3,800, an increase of 41.3percent.

'Almost 80 per cent of all islanders now have access to NHS dental treatment.'

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Listen to your heart, says Jim

Jim Ritchie of Whiting Bay has just had a heart-stopping experience.

Until last week he had never been in a hospital in all his 67 years. Then he was admitted as an emergency to three hospitals in as many days.

Jim told the Banner: 'I've had a history of blood pressure for five or six years. Last Friday Kate and I went to the Jazz Café and had a couple of drinks. On Tuesday I was sitting reading the Daily Mail and I wisnae feeling that great.

'I'd had what I thought were indigestion pains in my chest for a few days.

'Then I came across the Health Page. There was an article on the tell-tale signs of a heart attack. I said to Kate, 'I've think I've got some of these symptoms'.

Within quarter of an hour there was an ambulance at the door. He was taken to Arran War Memorial Hospital and in his own words 'all hell let loose'.

'I realised that it was dead serious. The doctor said that I had had some form of heart attack and I was flown out to Crosshouse Hospital,' said Jim.

He was transferred to Clydebank and had an operation to reveal that some small veins around his heart had leaked. 'They told me I had been very lucky and Mother Nature had done its job and repaired it,' said Jim.

'Crosshouse Hospital is absolutely amazing. What can I say about the NHS; it's so brilliant.'

He stressed how important it is not to ignore those tell-tale

Jim Ritchie with the health page of the Daily Mail that might just have saved his life.

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signs that you might have a heart condition.

Now back at home, Jim is just happy to be taking aspirin for the rest of his life, eating lots of brown rice and vegetables and working out on his exercise bike.

'You've just got to do what you are told,' he added.

Complaints put Brodick funfair in doubt

It is unlikely that the Brodick Funfair will return to the island this year, following mounting complaints about its size and duration during the summer months.

Michael Stirling, of Stirling Entertainments who owns the fair, said that no-one had ever complained to him personally and that he was saddened the situation was now in the hands of the licensing board.

'I was willing to do all that I could to resolve this situation,' he told The Banner. 'We have been coming to the island for eight years and in that time not one person has approached me to complain.

'If they had, I would have been more than happy to work with them to reach a happy medium - even if it meant turning off the music completely.'

Generation

Mr Stirling, who is 51 and the fourth generation of his family to run funfairs, travels all over Scotland with his amusements.

However, on Tuesday he told The Banner that the council had now received so many complaints it was unlikely he would be granted his license for the coming season.

At the February meeting of the island's Community Council it was agreed that a letter of complaint about the

fair should be sent to North Ayrshire Council.

In a letter to the council's licensing board, the community council said: 'While not opposed in principle to the annual fair, we must point out that there have been some difficulties.

'Complaints from local residents about noise are increasing... There is too, the question of the duration of the fair's visit and also its increasing size.'

Licence

Since then an application for a public entertainment licence for Brodick Funfair has been submitted and according to a council spokesman will be considered - along with any letters of representation - by the Licensing Committee on Tuesday 22 March.

'It has got to the stage that I am not sure if it's worth returning to the island,' said Mr Stirling.

'We are just like everyone else. We've enjoyed many family holidays on the island and it was a joy for us to come and work here.

'I'd like to think we contribute a valuable service to the island as well as helping the local economy.'

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Council vow to tackle Arran's rising fuel costs

Councillors in North Ayrshire have vowed to tackle the soaring cost of fuel on Arran, it has been revealed.

At a meeting of North Ayrshire Council recently, unanimous support was given to a motion to write to the Prime Minister on the subject.

Arran's councillor Margie Currie tabled the motion, which pointed out petrol and diesel on Arran is respectively around 148p and 139p a litre – making it four pence higher than the cost in the Southern Hebrides.

Councillor Currie's motion was seconded by Ardrossan and Arran Labour councillor Peter McNamara, who told the meeting: 'Tony Morrow of the Arran Delivery Service told me the crisis he's facing at this particular time is the worst in 25 years, and it's likely to get worse.'

'It's incumbent on this council to demonstrate our support for small business and support this motion by writing to the Prime Minister.'

Councillor McNamara suggested that CoSLA (Con-

federation of Scottish Local Authorities), the umbrella organisation covering Scotland's 32 local authorities, should also be asked to support an approach to government in relation to alleviating not only high fuel costs but ferry charges too.

SNP councillor Willie Gibson (Saltcoats & Stevenston), then read-out a letter from Cunninghame North MSP Kenneth Gibson, which set out a response he had received from Treasury Secretary Danny Alexander MP.

Mr Gibson had written to the UK minister in relation to fuel costs on Scottish islands, particularly Arran and Cumbrae.

Councillor Gibson indicated that Danny Alexander told Kenneth Gibson about a proposed UK Government pilot scheme to tackle high fuel prices on islands, saying, 'Although we are still considering the exact scope of the pilot scheme, the government intends to include the Inner and Outer Hebrides, the northern isles and the isles of Scilly.'

We will report back to Parlia-

ment in due course, prior to submitting a formal proposal on the scope of the islands scheme to the European Commission.'

The SNP councillor concluded: 'So, our local MSP has dealt with this back in October.'

However, Margie Currie was not content to leave things at that. She responded: 'I'm aware of that correspondence, but it's really out of date. The fact is that the Westminster Government has resurrected this proposed scheme of 5-pence a litre, but the islands of the Clyde are not included.'

'For some reason they have been excluded from the scheme that goes from Shetland to the Scilly Isles.'

Councillor Currie continued: 'I think it's very important that if a letter goes from this council, it asks that the islands of the Clyde, particularly the ones belonging to North Ayrshire, are included within the scheme. Given the price of fuel on these islands, I can't understand why they were excluded in the first place.'



Arran High School's Duke of Edinburgh group present a cheque for £200 to a representative of ArCaS.

Duke of Edinburgh group

The Arran youngsters currently taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme have been mighty busy over the past few weeks.

Sixteen-year-old Cameron Flewitt was presented with his silver award last week after many months of hard work. As well as completing his award, Cameron helped the group to raise £200 for ArCaS by taking part in a bag pack in the Brodick Co-op.

The group had a very enjoyable day and had lots of interest from the customers about the photo display they made of the activities that the group take part in. If anyone is interested in joining the Duke of Edinburgh scheme they can contact Amanda Hogge or Julie Cannon at the High School.



Cameron Flewitt was presented with his silver Duke of Edinburgh award by high school headteacher, Mr Dougie Auld.

Old tractors sought for museum rally

Arran's old tractors are being sought for a special rally at the Heritage Museum this summer.

The committee of the museum are aware of a number of old Ferguson and Fordson tractors which their owners have restored, and wonder if

there are enough of these and other makes on the island to arrange a one-off parade on the lawn at Rosaburn.

A spokesman for the museum said: 'We would like to hear from any owners of old tractors on the island who would be willing to take part in

such an event. We'd also like to hear any other suggestions for outdoor events that could be held at the museum this summer.'

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Young Robbie and his dog Mick win McNeil Cup

Wullie Stevenson of Whiting Bay and four dog handlers from Kintyre made up the Arran and Kintyre team competing at the Scottish National Inter-district Nursery Sheepdog finals last week at Meikleholme between Moffat and Dumfries.

They did not figure among the prizewinners and it is perhaps prudent not to mention their overall placing.

The individual winner was Colin Armstrong of Dumfries and Kirkcudbright with his dog Cap on 94 points.

A special trophy at the national finals with Arran connections is the McNeil Cup for best outrun, lift and fetch.

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This cup was donated by the McNeil family of Drumla, Kildonan in memory of Arran's most notable dog handler, the late Jimmy McNeil.

The 2011 winner was 17-year-old Robbie Welsh of Patna, South Ayrshire, with his dog Mick.

Robbie said: 'I would be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to the McNeil family for donating the cup, and let them know that I am honoured and delighted to have won it.' Robbie also won a new trophy presented by inter-district secretary Bill Fleming for the youngest competitor.

The John Paterson trophy for



Robbie Welsh and his dog Mick with the McNeil Cup at the Inter-district nursery sheepdog finals last week.

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best drive of the day was won by Neil McEachern and dog Bill of Dunoon and formerly of Dougurie, Arran.

The team trophy was won by the North of Scotland team, followed by Lanark, Lothian and Peeblesshire.

Whiting Bay SWRI hold AGM

The ladies of Whiting Bay SWRI held their AGM on Wednesday 2 March.

Due to several longstanding members of the committee standing down, it was decided not to issue voting papers but to seek volunteers instead.

Thanks go to all our former committee members for their hard work over previous years and also to our new members for allowing themselves to be volunteered.

Positions of responsibility will be decided at the first meeting of the new committee.

The last meeting of the ses-

sion is on Wednesday 6 April when they will play host to Kilmory and Kildonan's WRIs.

The ladies look forward to as many members as possible joining that evening.

Blether and bite

The new 'Blether and Bite' luncheon club will begin on Monday (March 21) at Lam-lash Church Hall.

Starting at 12pm until 2.30pm, all money raised will go towards the church.

Please call 600959 for transport provided by MyBus.

Everyone welcome.

Corrie pupils entertain at Wednesday Club

Yet again, Corrie Primary School came up trumps for Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club.

Despite small numbers, through dancing, singing, poetry and piano playing, the pupils entertained the senior members of their community with skill and very obvious enjoyment.

After seven enjoyable years of organising the Club, Stevie and Elma Stevenson were happy to hand over to Isla Blair and Eva Marsden.

Elma said: 'May we, through the Banner, thank our friends for their good wishes to us and their very generous gifts.'

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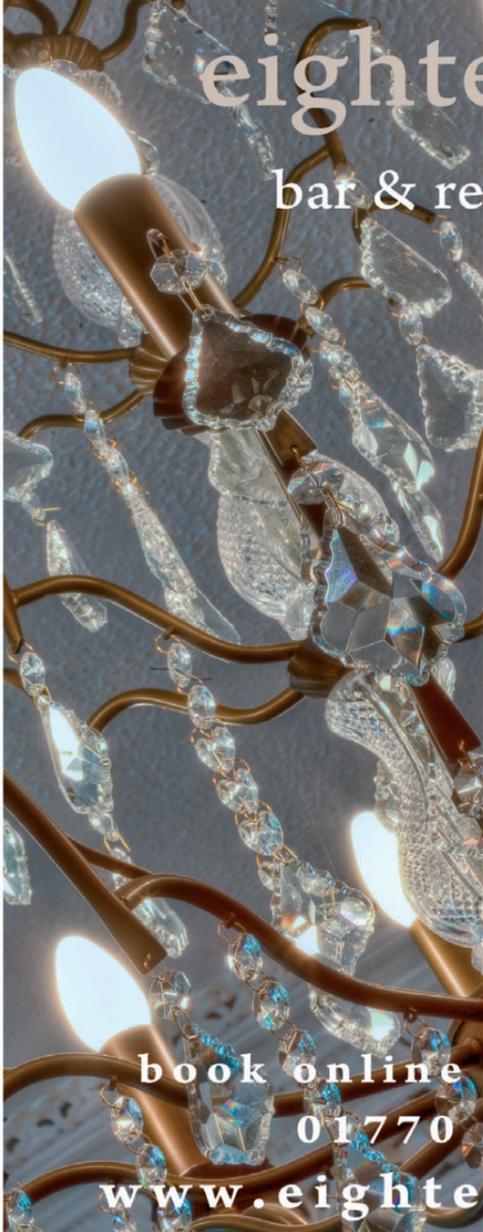
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Pros and cons of island life

It may come as a surprise to some of you, probably those who enjoy idyllic summer holidays here, that there are some downsides to living on Arran.

There's no permanent cinema for starters; yes, we have the Screen Machine, but it really doesn't compare to a 20 screen multiplex on a Saturday night.

We don't have an Indian restaurant anymore (just when we were getting used to having one it closed its doors).

There aren't as many pubs and hotels now so the choice on a Saturday night is a bit limited.

And sometimes there are no ferries because the weather is bad so you can't even get away from the island for the night.

The number of shops has greatly reduced in the past 10 years so that now many of our larger villages have no shop whatsoever.

We rely almost entirely on the Co-op, which sadly doesn't always provide the fresh produce that we want.

And of course the incredibly high price of petrol here – one of the most expensive places in Britain – means it now costs a lot more to get to the shops in the first place.

But even when you take into consideration all of these problems - Arran is still one of the best places in Britain to live.

One of the greatest things about this island is our healthcare. Just look at Jim Ritchie from Whiting Bay. One minute he was sitting in his living room wondering if he was having a heart attack, the next he's being whisked away to Crosshouse Hospital in a Scottish Ambulance helicopter.

We all hear horror stories each week of the healthcare on the mainland.

Whether it's people having to wait two weeks to see their GP or being told they might have a 10 hour wait at casualty before a doctor will be available to see them.

Here you can be whisked into the hospital, prodded, poked, x-rayed and sent on your way within the hour.

There's no doubt about it that the perks of island life far outweigh the drawbacks.

Meanwhile, talking about the high cost of petrol, motorists in Cornwall faced with rising fuel prices are apparently getting two pence off the price of a litre of fuel thanks to an innovative new scheme.

The Saltash Card costs £2 and can be used to get discount fuel in two local petrol stations.

Okay, so very few people go to the mainland specifically to fill up but perhaps a scheme like this on Arran would encourage more people to buy petrol on the island.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the Love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8: 39)

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Letters to the Editor



Some people have short memories?

Sir,
How many times has Allan Wilson (Banner March 12) to be told that the abolition of the free concessionary travel for the over 60s was a decision made by the Labour controlled Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and not the Scottish Government?

The same SPT who were heavily criticised by Audit Scotland last year for their cavalier use of public money for personal travel expenses such as trips to the Taj Mahal and the UEFA Cup Final and whose office bearers, all Labour Councillors, resigned over the scandal.

That was SPT last year. This year the SPT, still Labour controlled, have announced that the over 60s concessionary ferry fare will go up from £1 to £2.40, an increase of 140 per cent, from April 1.

In his letter, Mr Wilson goes on to complain about 'the SNP for the crudest of party political reasons' introducing a Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) pilot scheme on 'a handful of routes in the Western Isles'.

You would think, would you not, from his tirade, that Allan Wilson with the might of the Labour party behind him was wholly opposed to the RET pilot scheme.

Well not so.

Mr Wilson, as they say in political circles, is a tad off message.

It appears that Iain Gray who I understand is leader of the Labour party in the Scottish Parliament, is not of the same mind.

On a Labour Party website under the heading 'Iain Gray backs Western Isles Ferry Scheme', Iain Gray, on a trip to Stornoway, praises the RET scheme by saying 'it has been a great success for the communities and businesses on the Western Isles'.

Now Iain Gray would not have said that for 'the crudest of party political reasons', would he?

Yours,
Jim Lees
Cir Mhor
Sannox

Hardworking MSP

Sir,
Allan Wilson's efforts to try to discredit Kenneth Gibson for his own political interest are becoming a bit tiresome.

Life on Arran is not ALL about ferries, important as they are to us.

The issue, which is really irking Mr Wilson, is the undisputed fact that Kenneth Gibson has been the most hard working and dedicated politician from any party that has ever served Arran and 'actions speak louder than words'.

Yours,
Councillor Margie Currie
Eastland
Shiskine

Taxing story

Sir,
After reading the item headed 'No tax discs' in last week's Banner, I checked the renewal reminder which I'd just received.

Amongst other things it says: 'You will have an extra five working days to display your old tax disc if you tax your vehicle online or by phone on or before 31 March 2011.'

This effectively offers a certain amount of legal leeway to those people who renew their tax disc in one of these ways - roughly until the sixth or so of the following month, though I'm not sure how one can prove if challenged that an email has been sent or a phone call made to DVLA.

Renewing in this way means, of course, that the local Post Office has been by-passed - but that's another story!

Yours,
Penny McWatters
South Cottage
Catacol

Cycling exceptions

Sir
Regarding the recent article about cycling on pavements being illegal.

While this is generally the case there are exceptions.

One is when the pavement has been designated a multi-use path by the local council, such as the new sea front path in Brodick.

Another is when the pavement has been designated as a

'core' path following the land reform act.

Core paths can be used by walkers, horse riders, cyclists and mobility vehicles.

One such core path is the pavement from Brodick Pier to the Corriegills road.

I often cycle up this when coming home from the ferry so that I do not hold up the motor traffic.

Full details of core paths are available at the council office and on the council website.

Another consequence of the land reform act is that it is legal to cycle in most places where it is legal to walk (most pavements excluded).

Yours,
Dave Freeman
Lamlash

Litter louts

Sir,
It is always a joy to return to Arran from the city at the beginning of spring and to see the snowdrops in bloom and the daffodils in bud.

It is a pity that all too often they nestle on paths and road verges among discarded cigarette packets, crisp packets, cans, plastic bottles, polythene bags, sweet wrappers etc.

Walking the short distance along the footpath from Cordon to Lamlash, I filled a Co-op carrier bag with litter before I reached the tennis courts.

The following day, walking along the by-road from Cordon, I filled a similar carrier bag before I reached the junction with the main road.

Most of this litter is new, shiny litter, not half-rotted old litter from last summer.

It's therefore logical to suppose it was dropped during the winter when visitor numbers to the island are low.

Can we therefore assume that people who live here all year round drop this litter?

What can possess people who live in such a beautiful place to treat it with such contempt?

Yours,
Name and address supplied

Dangerous route

Sir,
Recently Ken Dougan (East Renfrewshire Council Ram-

blers) and I took advantage of the excellent Auchrannie Hotel - Arran ferry inclusive package and decided to walk through Glen Rosa over the Saddle and down through Glen Sannox.

It was a clear day and took us about six hours and whilst on the Saddle we met a group of six serious walkers who had come up from the Glen Sannox side.

They reported that the Chimney was wet and slippery and required sliding down on one's bum at some points.

How right they were! This place is scary and whilst descending the Chimney we came upon six students dressed in fleeces, Wellington boots, no gloves and boots more appropriate for the high street.

There were clearly attempts to have a footpath but this disappeared at this point and we had to go down the Chimney followed by the students.

We guided them down but realistically they should not have been there without supervision.

I feel the path going down level with the Chimney should be clearly identified to minimise the risk to the faint-hearted and ill-equipped but leave the Chimney for those who want some excitement in their lives.

Alternatively, a permanent wire could be installed for that short descent which is open and airy.

This is a popular route and many inexperienced people frequent here and perhaps a softer option could be introduced to let people off the mountain safely particularly in bad weather.

Yours,
Maurice Orpin
Berryhill Road
Giffnock

Correction

In last week's Banner we incorrectly reported that the 48-year-old Brodick woman that was struck by a bus five weeks ago has returned home to the island (Banner, March 12, page 1).

She is in fact still in hospital in Glasgow.

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Days numbered for Lookout in Lamlash

The days are numbered for The Lookout in Lamlash.

This former restaurant and the adjacent Bank of Scotland building has lain derelict for 16 years and is regarded as something of an eyesore in the

village. Now an application has been lodged with North Ayrshire Council by John Thomson Construction Ltd for the demolition of the Lookout and Bank of Scotland and erection of a two-storey, three-

bedroom detached house with garage and associated parking.

In July 1976 the Banner reported that special cordon bleu cuisine nights at The Lookout restaurant were offering Greek, Italian or Indian banquets for the princely sum of £2.75. The restaurant closed in the early 1990s and the Bank of Scotland closed its doors in July 1995, at just two weeks notice.

The bank closure was much to the disgust of villagers who held well-attended public meetings at the time to express their concern at the loss of a facility. Now it looks as though this rundown property will be replaced by a smart new house.



The Lookout restaurant and Bank of Scotland in Lamlash in former days. b11out01

Arran prepares for 2011 Music Festival

Next week sees the culmination of several weeks of practice by 300 or so performers expected at this year's Arran Music Festival.

The festival will begin on Wednesday 23 March and run until Friday 25 March.

It may not be generally known that all sessions are open to anyone who would like to watch the Scottish Country Dancing and listen to the various music and verse items; and there is the added interest in hearing the adjudicators' comments throughout the sessions.

The Friday evening session has been arranged like a concert with a varied selection of musical items (mainly adult performers).

It promises to be a very entertaining finale to the festival.



The selection of seeds on offer in our Erskine Hospital gardeners competition. 02_b11gar01

Free seeds from Erskine for Banner readers

The Arran Banner has a great springtime offer for keen gardeners.

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Packets

Bob McCaw, the Banner's gardening contributor, works at Erskine Hospital Garden Centre and he has given us 22 packets of seeds to the value of almost £50, dated 2013, for Arran gardeners.

All you have to do is answer a simple question.

What variety of flower is called Naughty Marietta?

Answers by post to the Arran Banner, Douglas Centre, Brodick KA27 8AJ or by email to editor@arranbanner.co.uk.

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Is zero waste the future?

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The Zero Waste Scotland Volunteer Programme will fund community organisations or charities to recruit, train and manage local people to

deliver waste reduction and prevention support in their own communities.

'This is a great initiative and it would be great to see Arran's community groups well represented in the programme,' said Maurice.

For more information visit www.zerowastescotland.org.uk.

Kilmory SWRI

Office bearers were elected on to the committee of Kilmory Rural at the business meeting in the village hall on Monday 7 March.

Members are as follows: president Eleanor MacKinnon, vice president Phyllis Picken, secretary Mairi Duff, press secretary Marjorie Climie, treasurer Sarah Pierce, committee members Joan Cook, Wilma Currie and Irene Fleming.

Federation representatives are Eleanor MacKinnon and Johann McHarg.

The competition for best tablet was won by Janet Mulholland.

The next meeting of Kilmory Rural will be on Monday 11 April when Gary Lewis will give a talk on First Aid. The competitions will be for four cup cakes and a pill box.

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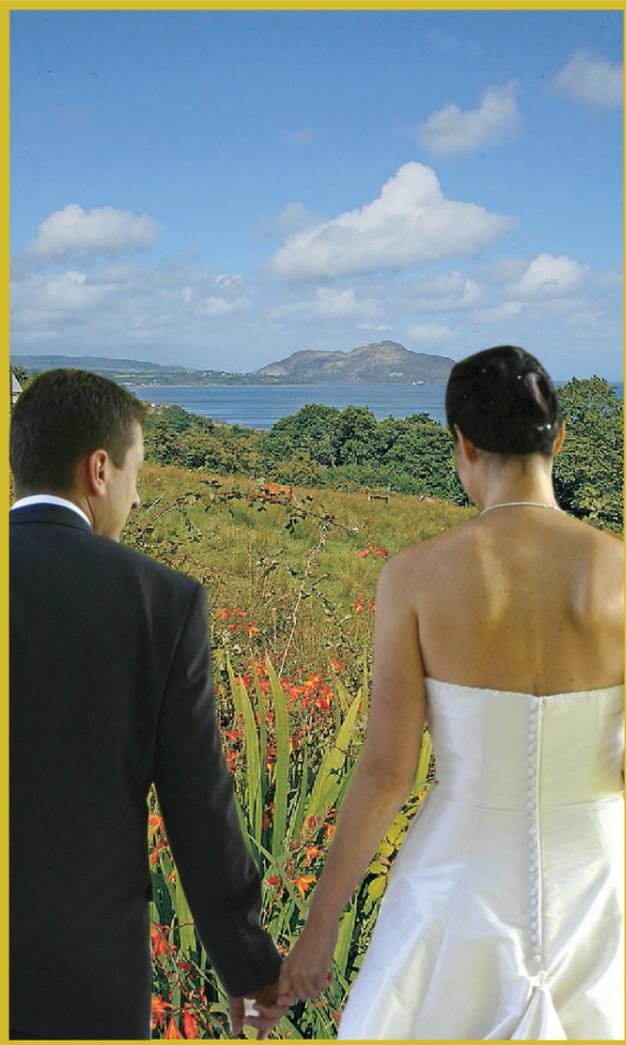
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Brambles can accommodate between up to 100 guests for your wedding breakfast and up to 175 for the evening reception. With its well stocked bar and its own dance floor, it is the perfect place for a wedding reception.

For smaller occasions, the Glencloy Suite can accommodate up to 48 guests, boasting stunning views up Glencloy from its private balcony.

For those that would prefer a civil marriage ceremony to a religious one, the registry office in Lamlash is the ideal location.

Looking across to the impressive mound of Holy Isle, the local registrar can carry out the ceremony to suit your individual requests inside the specially built wedding venue.

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We also have extensive experience of providing bars for functions all over the island. Our new portable bar means we can supply draught beers as well as a healthy selection of bottled beers, wines, spirits etc. Wine by the bottle for tables can also be arranged.

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Natural History Society members enjoy Iceland talk



The Scottish exchange group – Corinna is on the left next to Wren Franklin, the Skálanes seasonal ranger.

Natural History Society members enjoyed an illuminating talk by ranger/naturalist Corinna Goeckeritz at their meeting on March 3.

Corinna, who works with the National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service in Brodick Country Park, gave a

well-illustrated presentation. Her presentation was based on a trip to Iceland last year with the European Union's Leonardo Exchange Programme.

Flavour

The visit gave the Scottish delegates a flavour of nature

conservation in Iceland, mainly at the world famous nature and heritage centre Skálanes.

Skálanes aims to create a place where the Icelandic environment and culture is studied and the information disseminated to all interested visitors.



The world famous nature and heritage centre at Skálanes.

Corinna said: 'It was very inspiring. For example seeing what parts of Scotland could look like in terms of upland vegetation when grazing pressure is reduced.

'Mountain wild flowers can thrive again even after decades of overgrazing.'

Her talk, like the visit, was inspirational and much appreciated by everyone present.

Surveys

The next indoor meeting will be on Thursday 7 April at 8pm in the Ranger Centre when Chris Waltho, past president of the Scottish Ornithologists

Club, will talk about 'Eiders on the Clyde'. Chris has organised surveys on the Clyde for the last 20 years. Why have their numbers halved in the last 10 years?

Come along and enjoy Chris's presentation. All welcome.

ARRAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

WHITING BAY HALL
OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Wednesday March 23rd

1.00pm – 3.15pm Scottish Country Dancing
3.30pm Primary Verse

Thursday 24th March

9.30am Junior Verse
11.00am Action Songs, Group Music, Brass
2.00pm Primary Woodwind, Fiddle, Piano

Friday 25th March

9.40am Nursery Action Songs
10.00am Junior Vocal Solos and Duets
2.00pm Primary Choirs, Woodwind
7.00pm Open Vocal Solos, Duets and Choirs, Various Instrumental Items

Full details of times, classes and competitors are contained in the Festival Programme (£1.00) obtainable from several island shops and at the door.

All sessions are open to anyone who would like to join the audience. You can come in and leave at any time, except when a performance is actually in progress.

Admission: Single session £1.50 All day £2 Season (3 day) £3.50 Children half price.

Protect Arran PCs from virulent computer virus

There have been a number of recent reports of computer viruses causing havoc to PCs on Arran over the past few weeks.

In order to help readers of The Arran Banner be more aware of these problems and

what to do when one attacks, PC expert Cams Campbell of Brodick offers some helpful advice.

There has been an epidemic of computer viruses over the past few weeks. In most cases I have been able to remove them, but there's never a guarantee. So here are a few tips.

1. Back up your data. I can't stress this enough. Imagine losing your family photos, financial data or other unrecoverable files?
2. Never click on any unsolicited email attachments, even if they are from a friend. This is still the number one way for viruses to spread.
3. Keep your operating system fully patched with the

latest security updates. Set it to update automatically.

4. Keep applications fully patched and use the latest version. This includes Adobe Reader (currently at version 10), Java and Adobe Flash Player. The same goes for web browsers. Google Chrome updates itself in the background; Firefox alerts you if there are updates; Internet Explorer updates through Windows Update. IE 9 is due out very soon. Upgrade to that as soon as you can.

5. Uninstall applications that you no longer need. Even if you're not using an application, having it installed is enough for it to be a security hole. There is less need now for Java to be installed. Try removing it and, if you find you need it after all, reinstall it then.

6. Keep your antivirus software up to date.

7. If you use peer-to-peer file-sharing networks or Bit Torrent to download movies, music and applications, all bets are off. Besides being illegal, you will be at extreme risk of downloading malware instead of the latest blockbuster.

The virus I've seen the most pretends to be an antivirus and

alerts you to several viruses' having been found on your system. It will ask for money to remove them, often in euros or US dollars. **Do not pay this money!**

I have one customer who paid, and then a week or so later they were asked for more money to remove 'new' infections!

I am available for advice at any time, but if you take away only one thing from this letter, let it be point one above: back up your data.

Don't get caught out. It can happen in an instant.



Computer expert Cams Campbell offers some helpful advice to combat PC viruses.

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Candidate threatened

It has been reported this week that the position of Conservative general election candidate, Donald Findlay, may not be as secure as was assumed.

There is some feeling amongst the party faithful that he has not been seen in the constituency as much as they would like.

This had been felt most particularly by Arran Conservatives after he failed to attend the annual afternoon tea.



Rab Hume is due to retire as Scottish Oils' island supervisor after 28 years this week. b11twe01

Oil change

In the week when Calor Gas has introduced bulk fuel to the island there are changes at that other bulk fuel supplier, Scottish Oils.

That well-known face, Supervisor Rab Hume, is due to retire after 28 years service.

And taking over from him is Murray Small who has previously worked for six years at the CalMac office in Brodick.

for use as a holiday home. There are no rules against the sale but as 80 have already been privately bought on the island so far, there are concerns that it could start a precedent.

Music festival

The 62nd Annual Isle of Arran Music Festival was held in Whiting Bay on Wednesday Thursday.

Selling on

A privately owned former council house in Shiskine has been sold to mainland owners



Bay Stores in Whiting Bay has new owners from this weekend. John and Cathy Steed from Uddingston are new to the grocery trade but they have been looking for an Arran business for some time having holidayed in Whiting Bay for many years. b11twe05

Bored teenagers

There's nothing for young people to do on Arran – the usual teenagers' lament.

And the thing that comes top of their wish list for the island is a Chinese restaurant.

Now we hear this may soon become a reality as a real Chinese restaurateur is in talks with Andy MacDonald of Andy's Place.

Unfortunately Andy was away when we tried to find out more but watch this space.

Tragic death

Beverley Morrow has died this week at the tragically young age of 24.

She was living in Coatbridge at the time of her death but had been brought up in Strathwillan and went to Brodick Primary School and Arran High.

Beverley had a heart condition but generally kept good health and as one school friend said was a great runner and enjoyed taking part in lots of sports.

She will be sadly missed by all her Arran friends.

Rugby

On Saturday 9 March Arran were beaten 10-3 by Strathendrick in the Glasgow District division One.

This weekend Arran play Helensburgh at Lamlash.

The 1991 Arran Rugby Tour will be to the Melrose Sevens in April.

Staying in nearby Lauder there will be a Saturday morning match against Gala Star then on to Melrose in the afternoon. The cost is £80 for three nights B&B and coach travel.



PGL Adventure Camps are preparing to start their first season at the Field Centre in Lochranza. Pictured are staff members Stuart Blake and Helen and Roger Llewellyn. b11twe04



Saying 'cheese' for the camera are Allison and Ian McChlery, cheese makers, who commenced business this week as the Island Cheese Company. b11twe08

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Last week Archie was sitting next to the memorial bell outside Kildonan village hall. First correct answers came from Karen of Motherwell, Patricia of Perth and Ann from Blackwaterfoot. This week he is thinking about limbering up for a touch of full contact sport, but where is that turf?
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Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Spring Fling
Arran Theatre & Arts Trust presents 'Pot Noodle'
Spring Flower and Bulb Show

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
Pirrmill Primary School, 11.30am - 2pm
Community Theatre, 8pm
Brodick Hall, 2pm

SUNDAY 20th MARCH

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

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
Library Annexe, 1.45pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Kinloch Hotel, 12.30pm - 2.30pm

MONDAY 21st MARCH

Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
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Ladies Netball
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games
Citizens Advice
Senior Fitness
BreathWalk Class
Lamlash Bridge Club
Circuit Training
Table Tennis
Badminton
Scottish Country Dancing (Beginners & Improvers)
Mums and Tots Swimming Lessons
Hatha Yoga
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Auchrannie Spa Pool, 11am
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Park Terrace, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm
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Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Brodick Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm

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Arran Music Festival (See ad on page 10)

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
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Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
10am - 11.30am
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm
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THURSDAY 24th MARCH

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Arran Music & Drama Rehearsals
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Brodick Bridge Club
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Pilates
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Brodick Embroidery Group
Arran Youth Foundations
The Wee Blether - soup & sandwiches
Arran Music Festival (See ad on page 10)

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Hall, 2pm
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
Golf Clubhouse
9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym
6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio
Kinloch Hotel, 9pm
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Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
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10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008

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

Application No: 11/00119/PP Address: Site To South Of Greenhill Cottage, Blackwaterfoot, Brodick, Isle Of Arran. Proposed Development: Amendment to N/09/00589/PP for the erection of a detached dwelling house.

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Elma Murray
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Wednesday 23 March

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Sunday 20 March

Brodick Church 10.30am

Corrie Church 12pm

Lochranza/Pirrmill 10.15am at

Pirrmill

Shiskine Church 12pm

A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm



Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday Winter Cup:

Wednesday 9 March, a showery morning but eight hardy souls turned out which was a pleasant surprise.

There was only one magic two and that went to Len Hartley. 1 Wolfie Kroner 76-14=62 BIH, 2 Len Hartley 76-14=62. In the race for the Winter Cup Dougie (the Bandit) Robertson has taken a one shot lead over Eric Thompson and Charlie O'Neill with Len Hartley four shots off the pace with two weeks to go.

Lets hope the weather improves and we get two dry Wednesdays to complete the winter cup. The dinner will be on Wednesday 23 March.

Sunday 13 March, Brandon and Winter Cup, 22 played. 1 I MacDonald (7)61, 2 A Hume (8)63, 3 RI Macmillan (13)64. First Class Brandon - I MacDonald. Second Class Brandon RI Macmillan.

There were 10 twos, Iain MacDonald got two, but the real highlight of the day has to be Alastair Dobson's hole in one at the 18th.

A great achievement, there has surely been very few holes in one at the eighteenth, and well worth the (prolonged) celebrations in the clubhouse!

With just one round of the Winter Cup remaining, Iain MacDonald has leapt into second place, just three points behind leader John McKean. All to play for, with quite a few still in contention.

Fixtures: Sunday 20 March, final round of Clochendichter.



The ladies of Shiskine Golf Club enjoyed their annual dinner two weeks ago inside the new clubhouse. Prizes for the season were handed out by ladies captain, Liz Kerr.

Sunday 27 March, Brandon and last round of the Winter Cup (Brandon replaces the one lost to the weather in December).

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 13 March, only six played in the sixth and final round of this year's Winter Cup, with the best three scores to count for each player.

1 Jamie MacPherson (4) 62 BIH, 2 Graeme Crichton (16)62, 3 Dave Hackett (16)66. Jamie won scratch with 66 and Graeme and Dave both had magic twos at the 4th hole.

Graeme's strong finish meant he comfortably lifted this year's Winter Cup with a total of four under par for his best three rounds.

Well done Graeme. (Apologies are obviously due for the unkind things recently suggested about his Winter League form!)

Fixtures: The Texas Scramble scheduled for Saturday 19 March has been cancelled due to a clash with the Ladies fixture at Machrie. Sunday 20 March, final friendly match

with Lamlash at Whiting Bay, groups teeing off between 10.30am and 11am as usual. All welcome - a good turnout would be appreciated. Sunday 27 March, Hunter Buidael, 10.45am for 11am.

Corrie Golf Club

Monday 14 March, Monday Cup off yellow tees, 13 played. 1 P Moran 74-17=57, 2 B Sherwood 70-7=63, 3 S Cline 81_17=64. Best scratch M Sherwood 66. There were twos from P Moran, D Price and S Cline.

Fixtures: Saturday 19 March, Winter Cup, 8.30am and 12pm. Monday 21 March, Monday Cup, 12pm.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 8 March, Winter Cup. 1 David Price 70, 2 Elizabeth Ross 72, 3 Brian Sherwood 73. Scratch Brian Sherwood 77.

Fixtures: Tuesday 22 March, Winter Cup, tee-off at 12pm.

Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday 13 March, Gents 12 Hole Medal and final of the Winter Cup, 22 Played.

First class: 1 D Price 46-

7=39, 2 J Morrison 56-6=40, 3 M Sherwood 45-3=42.

Scratch G Hay 45 BIH. Second class: 1 A Chalmers 51-11=40, 2 A Bannatyne 56-15=41, 3 B Green 58-14=44. David Price got a hole in one at the third hole - congratulations.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 10 March, 15 Hole Medal. 1 Jim Young 60-10=50, 2 Colin Richardson 66-3=53.

There was one two from Jim Young at the 5th. Sunday 13 March, Glenburn Cup, Final Round. 1 Ian Bremner 68-5=63 BIH, 2 Adam Burke 84-21=63, Best Scratch Ian Bremner. There was one two from Todd Jameson at the 2nd. Overall Winner of Glenburn Cup was Adam Burke 186 (63+60+63), runner -up was Raymond Burke 189 (61+64+64).

Fixtures: Sunday 20 March, final game of winter friendly v Whiting Bay at W/Bay, 10.30am for 11am start, a good turnout would be appreciated. Thursday 24 March, 15 Hole Medal - make up own groups.

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Arran's Matt Evans is pictured with his Kilmarnock teammates. From left to right: Peter Redmayne, Loudoun Academy, Darcy Rae, Marr College, Ross Anderson, Auchinleck Academy, Blair Jardine, Merchiston Castle School, Matt Evans, Arran High School, John Dewar, Carrick Academy.

Young island rugby star shines for Glasgow District squad

One of Arran's young rugby stars is making a name for himself in the Glasgow District Squad.

Sixteen-year-old Matt Evans from Lamlash is currently part of the Scottish District rugby squad and he could soon be playing at an international level.

Matt is a member of Kilmarnock Rugby Club which now boasts the highest number of players currently part of Scottish District rugby squads of any West of Scotland Club.

Seven Killie youngsters are playing representative rugby at U17 level, six in the Glasgow District Squad and one in the Edinburgh District Squad with all harbouring hopes of gaining International honours later this season.

It is great testament to the boys' school and club coaches that they are playing at such a high level.

Kilmarnock Rugby Club development officer Stevie Edwards said: 'I am delighted to have so many talented youngsters at the club and it is pleasing to see that the emphasis we place on youth development at Kilmarnock is paying dividends.

'As well as the seven boys currently in the district squads there are many more at the club who very narrowly missed out on selection this year. We are laying solid foundations in the youth section which will stand the club in good stead for years to come.'

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Dougie is Arran pool champion

Twelve of the islands top players took part in the tournament

Dougie Bell was named the Arran Pool League's 'Champion of Champions' on Sunday night after a long afternoon of

games in the PHT. Dougie and his Catacol teammate Scott Weir made it through to the final after defeating two team-

Goil players – Jamie Ainsworth and Jamie McKechnie – in the semi-finals.

Twelve of the island's best players took part in the tournament, which sees the best two players from each team taking part.

Sadly this year there were no entrants from Mac's Bar or Kildonan and the Drift Inn and Bar Eden B just entered one player each.

Four Times

Presenting the prize to Dougie was Euan Ingram, who has won the trophy four times since 2002.

Many of Arran's pool players have clearly been taken aback this year by how well Catacol have done in the league.

But the fact that two of the team's best players made it to the final of one of the toughest contests proves that they deserve their place at the top of the table.



Catacol teammates and championship finalists, Scott Weir, left, and Dougie Bell. 01_b11be02



Euan Ingram, right, who has won the trophy four times, presented the Champion of Champions quaiach to Dougie Bell. 01_b11be01

Catacol top pool league table after win over Bar Eden

Catacol are once again topping the Arran Pool League after a monumental victory over nearest rivals Bar Eden last Thursday.

The northend team knew that a win over Bar Eden would result in them leaping to the top of the table – and when they were 6-1 up at the break, it was all over for the Whiting Bay team.

But Bar Eden are just two points behind Catacol so with two weeks of the league left to play Catacol can't afford to drop any points.

And with PT1934 following

closely behind Bar Eden, in many ways the league title is still very much up for grabs.

It looks as though the Gallon of beer trophy will this year be going to Bar Eden B who have so far won an amazing 12 gallon matches.

Other results from Thursday night were as follows: Mac's Bar 4 Drift 6 (G), Bar Eden B 6 (G) Kildonan 4, PT1934 6 teamGoil 4 (G), Catacol 7 (G) Bar Eden 3.

This Thursday (March 24) the final games of the 2011

league will take place: PT1934 play Bar Eden, Kildonan take on Catacol, Mac's Bar play teamGoil, Bar Eden play are at home to the PHT and the Drift Inn have a bye.

The finals day and prize giving will be held at Kildonan Hotel on Sunday 27 March at 3pm.

The remaining doubles are: M Worthington/A Picken, G McLeod/D Hackett, J McKechnie/K Turner and S Scott/J Copperwheat.

The singles are: A Picken, J McKechnie, J Picken and D Bell.

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Catacol	14	9	3	2	30
Bar Eden	14	8	2	4	28
PT1934	14	8	3	3	27
PHT	14	7	5	2	23
Eden B	15	7	6	2	23
TeamGoil	14	4	5	5	17
Drift	15	3	5	7	16
Mac's	14	2	11	1	7
Kildonan	14	2	11	1	7

Arran Bridge Notes

Brodict Bridge Club

The results from Thursday 10 March were as follows: N/S 1 J Murchie and P Thomson -420, 2 A Bilsland and E Duncan -830, 3 D Scobie and D Bruce -990.

E/W 1 J MacLure and A McKelvie +2160, 2 T Martin and D Hamilton +2010, 3 R and B J Livingstone +1730.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results from Monday 14 March were as follows: N/S 1 D and M Bruce +2120, 2 H Boyd and J Murchie +1910, 3 J Maclure and A McKelvie +1050.

E/W 1 M Gardner and B J Livingstone +1060, 2 E Sillars and J McBride +650, 3 V and M Iutz -530.

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