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Tall Ships could draw crowds to Lamlash Bay

'The proposals could bring benefit to local businesses'

REPORT

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An extra 1,000 tourists could flock to Arran in July if plans to attract the Tall Ships race to Lamlash are successful.

Some of the most magnificent sailing ships in the world will be leaving Waterford in Ireland on 3 July as the 2011 Tall Ships race heads for Greenock.

In the following days up to 100 vessels will either be sailing up the Kilbrannan Sound off Arran's west coast, or up the Clyde and past Holy Isle.

The Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council (NAC) heard last Thursday that Gus MacLeod, Commodore of Arran Yacht Club, has been in contact with the Tall Ships Race co-ordinator and issued an invitation for the ships to stop over at Lamlash.

Elma Murray, chief executive NAC said: 'It is antici-

pated that up to 20 ships and associated crew could visit.'

In the 1999 Tall Ships race, 20 vessels and more than 480 crew stopped over in Lamlash Bay for several days.

Nigel Marshall, resource co-ordinator at Arran Outdoor Education Centre, was heavily involved in the 1999 Tall Ships visit, and is part of the steering group hoping to attract them back to Arran. As part of a presentation to NAC he declared that the aim was to provide a free welcome pack for each boat with a range of Arran products plus facilities such as toilets, showers, transport, banking services and entertainment in the form of barbecues, music and dances.

Regardless of whether the ships do visit, Arran Yacht Club will be celebrating the event by holding a three-day festival from Thursday 7 July to Saturday 9 July.

NAC Festival and Events Officer Garry Hamilton advised Arran Yacht Club that the Provost of North Ayrshire Council, Councillor Pat McPhee, could host a civic reception in Lamlash to coincide with their festival and the Tall Ships event.

Arran Yacht Club has already committed £5,000 from its own funds to cover the costs of additional toilets and showers for Tall Ship crews.

The club has subsequently



Island goes red for Comic Relief

People from all across Arran were getting up to strange and astonishing things last Friday to raise money for Comic Relief.

The nationwide biennial fundraiser was encouraging people to 'Do Something Funny for Money' to help eradicate poverty and social injustice.

The island played host to bring and buy sales, silent auc-

tions, fancy dress days as well as a charity trek up some of Arran's mountains, all to raise money for Comic Relief.

The pupils at Kilmory Primary School are pictured in their fancy dress outfits after a fashion show the children organised themselves.

For the full picture spread from events across the island, see page four.

been granted £1,180 from the Community Development Grant Fund.

Arran Outdoor Centre at Clachlands could offer over-

spill changing and showering

facilities for crews and would co-ordinate radio communi-

cations with any of the Tall Ships. Elma Murray added:

'The proposals could bring benefit to local businesses and

the community by potentially attracting a high profile event to visit Arran.'

Among the vessels on the 2011 race will be the mag-

nificent three and four-masted

square riggers such as the Rus-

sian barque Kruzenshtern and the Norwegian sail training

ship Christian Radich, both of which visited these waters in the 1999 race.

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Police Files

Invalid tax discs

Five fixed penalty notices were issued to drivers that were not displaying a valid tax disc for their vehicle.

Car vandalised

A car that was parked in the area adjacent to the bus depot in Brodick was vandalised at some point between 2pm and 8pm on Thursday 17 March.

Police are appealing for witnesses.

Road crash

Following a car crash on Knowe Road in Brodick on Friday night a 28-year-old man who lives in the village was charged with drink driving as well as having no insurance and an inappropriate license for the vehicle he was driving.

Dinghy stolen

A 2.7metre Plastimo dinghy with a Honda outboard was removed from Brodick Slipway on Saturday night.

Police believe the boat was taken in error and have asked for anyone who saw it being taken to get in touch.

You can e-mail local police officers at: ardrossanandarrancommunitypolicingteam@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk.

Neil and David are Arran's champion silage-makers

Arran has some champion silage-makers.

Father and son farmers Neil and David Henderson of Kilpatrick have just won the BP Nutrition Forage Trophy for best silage in the beef and sheep category in the South West Scotland Grassland Society's annual competition.

It is the first time that this trophy has been won by an Arran farm, and Neil and David are suitably delighted.

Judge Jan Vos from The Netherlands was particularly impressed with the efforts to share machinery at cutting time and carefully monitoring the rate of usage of the silage in the clamp.

Chloe Bell, agricultural consultant at the Scottish Agricultural College, Auchincruive, said: 'The college works closely with the Grassland

Society. On 29 July a sample was taken of silage cut at Kilpatrick on 6 June and wilted for 24 hours.

'Various other samples were taken throughout winter. One of the important criteria is the hygiene around the pit and feeding shed.'

Neil added: 'The analysis was excellent with 28 percent dry matter and a D value of 75, ME 12.0 and protein 13.4. We just add a mineral to specifically match the silage.'

The Hendersons have a herd of 55 Limousin cross cows and around 60 young followers.

David said: 'The liveweight gain of 1.2 kgs per day for the calves over winter has been better than ever.'

So why did he think they had achieved this success?

'Its just down to good management,' laughed David.



Neil and David Henderson with Chloe Bell and the 2011 silage cup. 02_b12cup02

Ferry passengers marooned

Ferry passengers found themselves marooned on the MV Caledonian Isles on Tuesday night.

The 6pm sailing from Ardrossan was unable to berth in Brodick due to an unusually low tide.

After circling the bay for more than an hour, she finally berthed just before 8.15pm.

Dasher service

There will be a short memorial service at Brodick pier this Saturday 26 March to commemorate the loss of HMS Dasher in the waters between Brodick and Ardrossan.

The aircraft carrier was sunk by an unexplained internal explosion on March 27, 1943, with the loss of 379 out of a crew of 528.

Arran ferry MV Caledonian Isles will make a brief pause over the site of the submerged wreck during the 9.45am sailing from Ardrossan.

Seagull callout for coastguards

Arran Coastguards were called out at 2.25pm on Sunday to a report of an upturned boat in the water off the Fairy Dell, Lochranza.

When they arrived on scene, the sighting was found to be a large group of seagulls. Leader David McKinnon explained: 'From ground level it did look like an upturned boat, but when you got to higher ground you could see that it was seagulls. It can look very deceiving.'

It was logged as a false alarm with good intent. The Arran lifeboat was also called out but stood down when the birds were identified. Arran Coastguard has had 21 callouts so far this year. They meet at 7pm every Wednesday in Lamlash and are looking for a new recruit from the Blackwaterfoot or Kilmory area.

Rare bat found at Kildonan

A very rare bat is currently being nursed back to health by NTS Brodick ranger Corinna Goeckeritz.

The creature is a Leisler's bat which has not been recorded on Arran before. It was found in Kildonan by Victoria Mowatt who discovered it lying lifeless on the ground outside her house.

Corinna is currently training

for her bat licence and said: 'If Victoria hadn't found her, it's unlikely the bat would have survived. After five days of feeding her up with mealworms, she is still too weak to fly.'

If the bat makes a recovery, Corinna will release it from where it was found, so that she can find her way back to her roost.

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New Arran whisky to become man's best friend

The Isle of Arran Distillery has launched a new limited edition malt whisky; The Westie.

This single malt Scotch whisky was drawn from 22 ex-Sherry Hogsheads specially selected by Master Distiller James MacTaggart from the 1998 distillation.

The Westie is the third edition of the Icons of Arran Series and only 6,000 bottles will be produced.

The inspiration for the new 'Icon' was James MacTaggart's West Highland Terrier, Ruairidh – a fully fledged member of the distillery and a favourite amongst visitors.

Euan Mitchell, managing director at Arran Whisky said: 'Ruairidh is an integral part of the distillery so a whisky dedicated to him has been long overdue.'



The limited edition dram comes in its own pack featuring a picture of Ruairidh on the bottle's label.

Lochranza celebrates as dog waste bins arrive



Lochranza's dog-owners finally have somewhere to place their pet's waste while out walking in the village.

Units in place close to distillery and on road to Newton Shore

Dog walkers in Lochranza have been celebrating this week after two long campaigned-for dog-waste bins finally arrived.

After a year-long wait, the two units, which are specially designed for dog waste, were finally installed close to the distillery and on the road to Newton Shore.

Brodie Pearcey, North Ayrshire Council's assistant island officer, told the last meeting of the Community Council that the minute the bins came into stock they would be taken straight to Lochranza.

And it appears that this is exactly what has happened.

A bin has also been installed on the road into Blackwaterfoot from Torbeg.

Lochranza dog owner, John Ford, said: 'There has been a good level of interest in community councillor Stephanie Hill's efforts to obtain an additional dog waste bin for Lochranza.'

On Sunday a number of Lochranza dog owners celebrated with an impromptu party at the bin where a poignant poem was read and photographs taken to record the occasion.

All welcome at community council meeting

The next meeting of Arran Community Council will be held in the Ormidale Pavilion on Tuesday 29 March at 7.30pm.

The agenda will include discussion on the ferry fare price rise for concession holders and the policy toward holiday homeowners. Other matters for discussion will be the size and duration of the Brodick funfair in summer, also any matters arising from the February meeting.

Members of the public are welcome and contributions to the meeting may be made by prior arrangement with chairman John Inglis.



SWRI ladies log-on to own website

The ladies of the island's SWRI Federation are moving into the 21st century with their very own website.

The Arran SWRI Federation has been awarded a £500 grant from the Scottish Co-op community fund to create the website. The ladies applied for the grant online and were delighted when they got a call from Bill Roberts to say that the application had been successful.

They will now go ahead with the building of the site, which will be launched at

their AGM on June 9 at the Auchrannie Hotel.

It is hoped that as many of their members as possible will come along to see it. Jerry Arthur, secretary of the Arran Federation, said that the interactive site will have a page for each of the island's six institutes to post their own updates as well as information about the show.

'There will be a full show schedule in PDF format,' said Jerry. 'As well as a calendar with all SWRI activities and best of all a forum page where I hope that all members will

post all kinds of things, from recipes, to hints and tips, information about speakers they have particularly enjoyed and just about anything that all the women of Arran would be interested to hear about.' Jerry added that she hoped it would really promote the activities of the SWRI on Arran, which despite its old-fashioned reputation really is 'a fabulous organisation involved in all kinds of things such as drama, bowls, golf, demonstrations of all kinds, talks, outings, social nights and days'.

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Islanders celebrate Red Nose Day

People from all across Arran were getting up to weird and wonderful things last Friday to raise money for Comic Relief.

The nationwide biennial fundraiser was encouraging people to 'Do Something Funny for Money' to help eradicate poverty and social injustice.

The Banner's very own

Jenny Lyon joined staff and friends of the Isle of Arran Distillery to trek to the source of the island's whisky early on Friday morning.

Walked

The group of 17 walked from the distillery in Lochranza to Loch na Davie to 'take the whisky back to the water' and raised more than £500 for Comic Relief in the process.

Pupils and staff at Brodick Primary School dressed all in red for the day and managed to raise more than £100 for the charity.

At Kilmory Primary School the pupil council organised a red nose treasure hunt, a fashion show and a talent show interspersed with games such as 'find the red frog in the red jelly' and 'pin the red nose on William Shakespeare'.

In the end a total of 60 red noses were sold and £90 was raised for Comic Relief.

Lamlash Nursery leaders, Heidi Macfarlane, Catherine Scott and Carole Johnstone, and the children joined in the fun by dressing up on Friday morning.

They each paid £1; enjoyed a Gruffalo party, silent auction (Heidi baked a Gruffalo cake which was won by Anne Reid) and had a bake sale to do their bit for comic relief, resulting in a grand total of £73.40.



Distillery visitor centre manager, Faye Black and distiller James MacTaggart took a bottle of Arran Malt back to the source. 01_b12red01



Distillery staff were joined by friends to trek to Loch na Davie – the source of the distillery's water. 01_b12red02



The staff and pupils at Brodick Primary School dressed all in red for the day to raise money for Comic Relief. 02_b12red01



The youngsters of Lamlash Nursery enjoyed a great day dressing up to raise funds on Red Nose Day.

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Obituary: Neil McLean 1936-2011

Neil McLean died on March 8 and will be sadly missed by many.

He was born on May 6 1936 in Sandhead by Stranraer, one of a family of four boys and two girls.

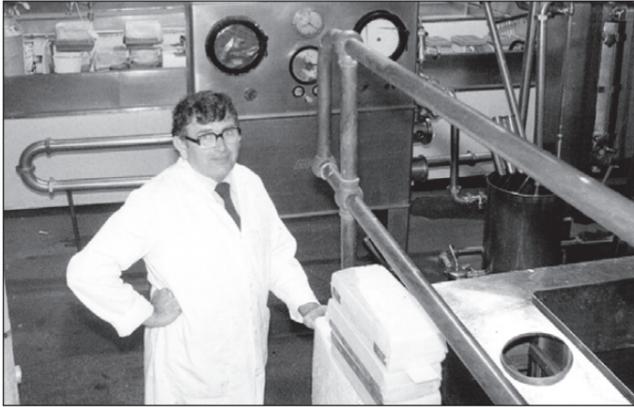
Cheesemaking was in his blood. His grandfather had made cheese on the family farm for many years, and his father was the manager at the Scottish Milk Marketing Board's Sandhead Creamery. After leaving school, Neil followed in his father's footsteps.

He went to work initially at Sandhead Creamery, then went north to the Hogganfield Creamery in Glasgow. Next came National Service with two years in the Kings Own Scottish Borderers.

Amazing Array

It was during his service in Malaysia that Neil was entranced by the amazing array of exotic orchids, giving him a gardening passion that was to stay with him throughout his life.

After the army came a spell at Auchincruive Agricultural College. Then in 1961 he was appointed manager at Tor-



Creamery manager Neil McLean at Torrylinn.

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rylinn Creamery on Arran. This was the start of a 33-year career making Arran cheese and winning many trophies for champion cheeses.

Neil joined Arran Horticultural Society in 1981 and was appointed vice president in 1984. He was an enthusiastic and expert gardener and exhibited vegetables and wonderful displays of begonias, many of which he bred himself.

In 1983 Neil married Anne and the couple set up home at Torrylinn Villa where Anne ran a busy bed and breakfast business.

As long ago as 1975, Neil

was chairman of the International Sea Angling Festival and down the years also served as chairman of the Arran Angling Association and the Arran Salmon Board. Few people would know that he fished for Scotland and won 25 international caps in places such as Norway, Denmark and Orkney.

Another passion was for caged finches and Neil won many trophies at the annual Chookie Show with Australian yellow-headed Gouldian finches.

Impromptu

At the first Horticultural Society Spring Show in March 1987, the poor weather decimated the show in Lamlash Church Hall, so to fill in, Neil and Chris Hall gave an impromptu wonderful slideshow. In 1989 he presented the Society with the Neil McLean Cup for schoolchildren to encourage youngsters to take an interest in gardening. He was appointed president of the Horticultural Society four years ago in recognition of his dedication and contributions.

Neil was an Elder at Kilmory church, and his faithful Labrador dog companions were never far from his side.

Neil McLean regularly grew up to 3,000 plants for sale at the spring Hospital Supporters League plant sale and it is fitting that the retiring collection at his funeral in Kilmory Church raised over £800 for the League. HD



Neil McLean with one of his prize-winning begonias.

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Competition winners

Last week's Banner competition for free seeds from Erskine Hospital Garden Centre had a bumper response.

As promised, we selected the first two correct entries received on Friday morning.

They were from Janet Baraclough of Crimond, Strathwillan and Morag Murchie of Balnacool, Shiskine.

The answer to the question: 'What variety of flower is called Naughty Marietta?' was, of course, Marigold or tagetes patula.

It just goes to show what keen gardeners the residents of Arran are.

Spicy pot noodle from Arran youth group

Last Saturday night a talented group of Arran teenagers presented a collection of dramatic pieces devised, written and performed entirely by themselves under the title Pot Noodle.

Ranging in style from comic to mysterious to poignant all the pieces had the audience in Arran Community Theatre thoroughly involved.

The ensemble acting was superb in both the engaging 'War Dreams', written by Katharine O'Donnelly, and the touching 'Lost In Action, Presumed'

by Christopher Jenks. The witty and original sketches written by Cameron Flewitt were performed with hilarious comic expression and spot-on timing by Cameron, Gavin Davidson and Donald McEachern.

Intercutting these pieces was a murder story where the audience was invited to join in as the different suspects' stories were revealed. Iona Flewitt played the central role with cool aplomb and each of the scenes was played out in true murder mystery dramatic style by

Christopher Jenks, Rose McCormack, Donald McEachern and Connor Reid.

Three short films demonstrated the creative and technical skills of young film-makers Kieran Robertson, John Tilbury, Katharine O'Donnelly and Hamish Finlay. The company performed with commitment and skill, commanding the space and communicating effectively with their audience.

The group is grateful to North Ayrshire Council and the Robertson Trust for financial support.

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The new family team at Buntys; Angus, Lynn and Libby Raeburn. 02_b12bun01

Bubbly at Buntys in Brodick

Lynn Raeburn has spread her wings. After several enterprises working for other people, she has branched out in her own right and opened a new shop in Brodick.

Her shop called Buntys has opened up next door to Bilslands on Brodick seafront. It carries an extensive range of innovative home

accessories such as mirrors, speciality clocks, porcelain and hand-painted furniture.

Last Saturday Lynn, husband Angus and daughter Libby were welcoming customers with a glass of bubbly or buck's fizz.

She said: 'Its very exciting; this is a family affair with all of us involved in the business.'

Lucky Willie's delight as lost wallet is returned

Willie McNish of Kildonan is a very lucky man.

Last Friday he lost his wallet on the ferry.

He was on the 11.05am sailing from Brodick, but only discovered that the wallet was missing at 3pm.

While searching high and low in his car, his mobile phone rang.

Willie said: 'It was Bobby from the Ardrossan CalMac office to say that a wallet with my name had been handed in.' He drove back to Ardrossan and gratefully picked up the wallet.

Willie added: 'On my return sailing at 6pm I thanked the cafeteria staff who said that someone called Sheila had handed it in.'

'So many thanks go to the CalMac staff and especially to Sheila. You must be an extremely honest and wonderful person, whoever you are.'

Libya appeal cash raised

The local Save the Children branch raised the magnificent sum of £244 at their coffee morning for Libya last Wednesday.

Thanks to all who supported this event.

Correction

In edition 1796 of The Arran Banner we reported that a bus driver had 'been charged with driving without due care and attention'.

To date, the 47-year-old man from Kilmarnock has not been charged although he has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal under Section Three of the 1988 Road Traffic Act (Scotland).

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Inset: Bruce Jolliffe in his kayak and Bruce making headway in open water. b12kay01 and 02

Bruce's progress in a kayak on open water

Bruce Jolliffe of the Arran Adventure Company is on his way from Largs to Stornoway in a kayak. Bruce is trying to raise £10,000 for charities close to his heart, The Royal Marsden Hospital, The Beatson Oncology Fund and the RNLI.

This adventure is inspired by the memory of his close friend Andy from Stornoway who died at 33 from bone cancer.

For part of the journey he is being accompanied by Arran Adventure Director Calum McNicol.

Now Calum gives readers an update on the progress.

He said: 'After a week laid up in Oban due to bad weather and ill health, Bruce has now headed north again on his expedition.'

'On Monday 14 March, after waiting in Tobermory for favourable conditions, he rounded Ardnamurchan Peninsula. It is the most westerly point of mainland Britain and a big hurdle was overcome successfully.'

'The trip got off to a great

start with some excellent paddling conditions during the first week. A few 35-mile days at the start of the trip put Bruce and myself within striking distance of the Mull of Kintyre and on Thursday 10 March after a hearty breakfast we headed west towards the notorious Mull.

Bruce's next decision is whether to head on to the west side of Skye and attempt a crossing of the little Minch to the Uists or shelter in the east coast of Skye and contend with stronger tides and a crossing to the Shaint Islands. Time will tell.

Calum added: 'Bruce's progress can be followed on a live webpage tracking his every move. Please bear in mind that what Bruce is doing is for charity and I know for a fact that when he sits in his cold damp tent at the end of the day his motivation rises when he sees the messages of support.'

You can follow Bruce Jolliffe in his kayak at <http://west-coastkayakchallenge.co.uk>

Feis Arainn planned for July

This summer's Fèis Arainn will take place from Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 July.

Registration forms will be distributed in all the schools on the island early in May.

As always, it is open to youngsters who will be 8-18 years old at the start of the Fèis and will consist of the usual wide choice of workshops. The venue will be Arran High School in Lamlash, and transport can be made available for those living outwith Lamlash.

Aileen McLaughlin said: 'Some of you may not be familiar with the Fèis. We are part of Fèisean nan Gaidheal, an organisation which covers the whole of Scotland and which organises festivals of learning about the language and music and culture of our Gaelic heritage in a disciplined but fun way.'

'It is a great opportunity to try out or develop skills in a variety of traditional instruments among other things, and to pick up a little of the language too'.

'Tha sinn a' coimhead air adhart ri 'r faicinn ann!

Stephanie & Mark
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Who do you think you are?

This coming Sunday you are required to make a statement of exactly who you are.

Sunday 27 March is Census Day 2011. It is vital that everyone fills in and returns their questionnaire. Not doing so could incur a fine of up to £1,000.

Television programmes like 'Who do you think you are?' have proved so popular that more people than ever are delving into archives to find out more about their family's past or who has lived in their house. And this is where the Census comes in.

The answers will give a snapshot of our daily lives for our descendants. But everything you enter will remain confidential for 100 years. For example, the 1911 Scottish Census will only be available to view by the public for the first time on Tuesday 5 April this year.

More importantly, the facts given on all these census forms will be collated and should have a direct impact on how future public services are organised. Over the past few weeks, 2.5 million census questionnaires have been delivered to households, care homes, halls of residence and prisons across Scotland. The answers should cover all the people staying at that address on this Sunday 27 March.

Everyone is asked up to 35 questions about work, education national identity, ethnic background, language, health and marital status.

In the 1891 census, the Northend of Arran recorded 273 people staying in 74 households from Lochranza to Laggan. And 78.5 percent of the residents over three years old spoke Gaelic.

Records show that 100 years ago the census forms were filled in by hand by the visiting enumerators. As the Census night wore on, the handwriting became more ragged, perhaps indicating tiredness or over indulgence.

The particulars requested included marriage status, profession or occupation, and status within the household.

Some of the answers 100 years ago were very different to the modern day. Under 'occupation' most of the answers referred to manual work such as farm worker, coal miner, mill worker, domestic servant and even prisoner. Many households would not only be shown as having a large family, with many of the children dying at an early age, but a lot also recorded having a 'lodger' to help make ends meet. Among the more noble professions would be clerk or minister.

But perhaps the most shocking entry was the final column in the questionnaire which asked whether the person was 'imbecile or lunatic'!

Don't forget to fill in your census form.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' (Ephesians 4:32)

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Letters to the Editor



Soup and scandal

Sir,
I am interested in the announcement in your paper that a Lunch Club called 'Blether and Bite' is starting up in Lamlash.

I wonder if this enterprise is in any way similar to 'The Wee Blether', a successful soup and sandwiches event in Whiting Bay which has been running for over a year, the brainchild of Isobel Thomson.

The lunch club is an excellent way of providing social contact and good food and fostering community spirit and I wish you well in Lamlash.

But surely you can think up a name that is entirely your own. How about Gossip and Grub, or Soup and Scandal?

Yours,
John Cruickshank
Canberra
Whiting Bay

The Banner in Sandbach

Sir,
Today I have been reading my copy of The Arran Banner, dated December 25, 2010.

Why?
A friend brought me the paper as a Christmas gift from his holiday in Arran.

My sister will be celebrating her birthday this week and will hope to spend it on Arran.

She lives in Kilwinning and goes over to Arran whenever she has the chance.

So I have cut out a couple of coffee shop adverts and placed those in her birthday card.

The articles about winter climbing on Arran's mountains and about the twelve birds of Christmas will go on to friends whose daughter has just climbed Kilimanjaro - using her medical skills to watch the effects of the height on the team members.

Bird watching seems to be a very popular retirement activity with several of my friends.

My sight is not good and all birds tend to look the same to me nowadays.

The article was of great interest to my 'musical' side and

also to my interest in stories.

I will continue to recycle your Arran Banner but I'm afraid I haven't a photo for your holiday feature.

Yours,
Mary Garratt
Sandbach
Cheshire

It's a dogs life

Sir,
I wish to contribute to the letters page in the Banner the following in reply to Mr Colin Guthrie's letter in the Banner two weeks ago about the dogs in Lochranza.

Did you know that in the

last census there were more dogs living in Lochranza than people; so where does all the doggie doo go?

I for one could do with a doggy poo bin outside my house and workshop, as the area is now a dog walker's paradise.

Yours,
Reg Morgan
The Whins
Lochranza

Heartfelt thanks

Sir,
I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to the many friends who sent wonderful flowers and

plants to me on the occasion of my 85th birthday on March 10. I'm not quite sure if it's something to celebrate as I totter about the village with a walking stick.

I am always reminded of my father, Charles Erskine, who used to say each year (with a certain amount of relish): 'The next frost will see me off!'

It wasn't for a very long time. I may even equal his record. Thank you all again.

Yours,
Joan Erskine Schoup
Hamilton Terrace
Lamlash

Funfair debate continues

Following the story in last week's Banner about the Brodick Funfair perhaps not returning to the island this summer, we asked our readers on facebook to share their thoughts with us.

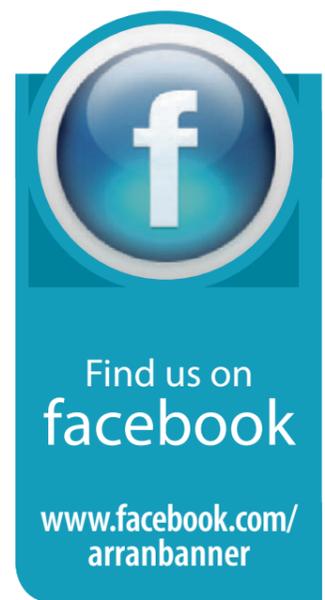
Below is just a small selection of the responses.

David Kelso: There is absolutely no need for entertainment of that nature on Arran!

Scott McMurray: I don't know if many people go to it anymore. The first few years of the fair were pretty busy but last year especially there didn't seem to be many people there. It is used quite heavily by a lot of local young folk though, especially in the early evening when there's not much else going on. I think they would miss it.

Linda Gillard: It's too loud. I live nearby and last summer I just avoided sitting in the garden for four weeks because I couldn't bear the noise.

Isobel MacDonald: I remember a fair being here when I was a 'wee' girl. It was in front of Mini Café. I do feel the present fair is too expensive for any families with more than one child, it is also very noisy wherever in the village you are, I agree with the comment about it being used by the young people when not much going on, but is the answer to that a fair that is here for four weeks?



Barbara I'Anson: A small fair used to come to Arran. Around 1998 a minority group in Whiting Bay did not like them here or their view spoilt by this tiny fair so they hounded them out of the village. They moved on to Lamlash where they suffered dreadful treatment by jobs. I would not like to see a repeat of that disgraceful episode in Arran's history. Why not discuss the concerns with the owners?

Sheila Gilmore: I remember fairs on Arran were few and far between when I was wee and growing up - but the rides when they did come (such as to the cattle show) were exciting. When my children grew up I think there were occasional visiting rides that we went to - they were fun, noisy but fun! As regards cost, if folks don't want to pay, then don't go! My wee great-nephew won a ball

last year and his dad says he was over the moon!

Tracy Gibson: I see the buzz and excitement amongst local kids as the funfair rolls up at the beach. Yes it's loud and colourful but most of all it's fun and the kids love it as is proved daily by their whoops and squeals. These are decent people trying hard to make a living too which can't be easy when faced with our Scottish weather and NAC. The land they use is a largely unused area due to its boggy nature. As for cost, I agree with Sheila, it's there but it's entirely your own choice whether you use it or not!

Murray Boal: Bring on the FAIR.

Philip Glover: For people living nearby like me it's too noisy and stays too long.

Gwen McNicol: Like Mr Stirling I am also a decent hard working person. I earn money from a holiday let and my visitors like some peace on holiday. Brodick residents are not trying to hound the fair out of the village, but you can't please all of the people all of the time, so shorter stay and less noise seems like a good compromise to me, then the kids get their fun and we get our peace! NAC should be investing in a big adventure play area on this site like the one on the front at Saltcoats. A free attraction for locals and visitors that would leave people with some money to spend in local shops!

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Tourism conference on Arran

A European Union conference on sustainable tourism that involved 36 delegates from all over Europe was held on the island this week.

Stewart Maxwell MSP for the West of Scotland secured the conference on sustainable tourism for Arran after nominating the island to play host to a visit by an influential European Union Committee.

Delegates from the European Committee of the Regions gathered at the Auchrannie Resort to discuss strategies for developing economic growth in sustainable tourism for areas of natural beauty such as Arran.

Speakers at the conference included local councillor Margie Currie, Martin Janosko, head of tourism for Preov, Slovakia and Carol Gleeson, project manager for the Burren Initiative in County Clare, Ireland.

They were joined by politicians from a number of EU countries including Italy, Slovakia, Poland, Romania and Belgium.

Stewart Maxwell MSP – a member of the European Commit-

tee of the Regions - said: 'I was delighted to get the opportunity to bring this conference here to Arran.'

'It is important that we develop ways to promote small island communities such as Arran as top-class tourist destinations.'

'The conference will do just that by bringing together regional tourism experts from across Europe to share ideas for developing a tourism strategy which benefits the local community and preserves the natural environment.'

Warm Hospitality

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson added that the natural beauty and warm hospitality offered in Arran made it the perfect location to host this conference.

'Like all visitors to Arran, the delegates were made to feel very welcome by the local community,' he told The Banner.

President of the European Alliance Group, Jerzy Zająkła said: 'It is important to examine these issues by seeing the best practices and experiences in different parts of the EU. It is only then that a policy reflective of the different communities can take shape.'



Local councillor Margie Currie and MSPs Kenneth Gibson and Stewart Maxwell with Jerzy Zająkła, president of the European Alliance group, at the back.

Corrie and Sannox SWRI

The AGM of Corrie and Sannox SWRI took place in the village hall on Thursday March 10.

The voting papers were handed in and counted by Betty Thomson and Eleanor Bulger. While this was being done, the president Elma Stevenson made her final remarks because this was the end of her term of office.

Secretary Isla Blair gave her report and the treasurer Mhairi Macmillan gave the financial report. Then the members went on to discuss the Show Schedule and a fundraiser, a soup and sandwich lunch, which will be held in Corrie and Sannox village hall on Wednesday 13 April, to which all are welcome.

The result of the election was announced and the new Committee is as follows:- President Anne Pringle, secretary Isla Blair, treasurer Vicki Milne, press secretary Joan Crawley, committee members Elma Bain, Heather Donaldson and Marie Turnbull.

A successful bring and buy sale was held and a good supper was enjoyed by all.

Livestock sale

United Auctions had forward 1,807 store cattle, 118 cast cows, 5,110 prime hogs and 1,347 cast ewes and rams at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last Wednesday.

Arran livestock prices:

Cattle: Simmental cross heifers £645, 182p/kg Bellevue, Limousin cross cast cows £855, 135/kg Altgolath.

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Arran Avoids Accidents demonstrates skilled emergency services



John Graham of the Coastguard drags Norman Bond to safety. 01_b12aaa04

Norman Bond from Catacol was rescued from a burning boat in Lamlash Bay last Wednesday.

The alarm had been raised by local coastguards, and within minutes the Arran lifeboat *The Boys Brigade* was launched down the slipway at Lamalsh Pier and an ambulance was rushing to the scene.

The casualty was brought ashore by local Coastguard members and delivered into the care of an ambulance crew from the Arran Memorial Hospital.

And Norman was not the first casualty of the day.

About 15 minutes earlier lifeboatman Tim Crockett was brought ashore in a stretcher before being rushed off to hospital in an ambulance.

All in a day's work for the men and women of Arran's emergency and rescue services, but for once this was not real.

It was part of the eleventh annual Arran Avoids Accidents exercise which was hailed as another great success last week.

Attending the event were representatives from the Fire Service, Coastguard, RNLI, Arran War Memorial Hospital, Heart Start and the First Responders.

The two days of activities on Tuesday and Wednesday in-

involved many of Arran's primary and secondary children and all of the emergency services.

On Tuesday, primary youngsters attended a day of fun and learning at Lamlash Fire Station.

Among the valuable lessons was a mock evacuation from a smoke-filled room in the fire station yard and the opportunity to don police riot gear.

High school pupils were brought to Lamlash Pier on Wednesday to witness and learn from the lifelike accident scenarios.

Community firefighter Liz Brady is based in Ayr and has been responsible for organising this event in recent years.

She said: 'The main purpose of the event is to give advice to the young people of Arran on what to do and what not to do in the case of an emergency.'

'This is a multi-agency event run by dedicated people, working very closely together, some from the voluntary sector on the island.' She added: 'It's a fantastic way in which all the agencies get together to show the pupils all the emergency services in action.'

'Over the two days, the event was a huge success due to the commitment and dedication of all the people involved.'



An 'injured' Tim Crockett was brought ashore by the Coastguard team and attended to by nurse, Andrea Bond. 01_b12aaa02

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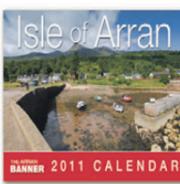


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Finlay Murchie is given the Coastguard stretcher to see for himself just how lightweight it is. 01_b12aaa01



Norman Bond found himself in difficulty in the water and had to be rescued by the Coastguard. 01_b12aaa03



Safely ashore at last. 01_b12aaa05

Kildonan SWRI AGM

The AGM of Kildonan WRI was held in the village hall on Tuesday 15 March.

After the reading of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports the following office-bearers were elected: President Margaret Stewart; vice president Thelma Meldrum; secretary Jill Hollick; treasurer Gillian Lythgoe.

The competition for the evening was won by Cate Templeton and second was Mamie Stewart. The Mrs Macpherson Trophy for the most points gained during the year was jointly won by Cate Templeton and Thelma Meldrum.

A delicious buffet supplied by the members brought the evening to a close.

Coffee afternoon for ArCaS to be held in Lamlash

A coffee afternoon in aid of Arran's cancer charity, ArCaS, will be held at Sheltered Housing in McKelvie Road, Lamlash from 2pm to 4pm next Friday 1 April.

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Building Sylvia's School in the Gambia

'The youngsters are just so eager to learn. They would walk for miles for a book'

Maurice Deighton of Seal Shore, Kildonan has just returned from four months in The Gambia.

But it has been very much a working holiday.

Before Maurice's wife Sylvia's sudden death in 2009, the couple had made six annual excursions from Arran to the poor West African country to help under-privileged Gambian schoolchildren. Since her death, Maurice has been determined to mark her memory by building a classroom for the children. But he ended up building much more than just a classroom.

He said: 'The youngsters are just so eager to learn. They would walk miles for a book.'

On this latest trip, he has achieved his ambition by organising a gang of a dozen

workers, mucking in with them himself, and building a new Naata Nursery School in the village of Sinchu Aleghie.

Maurice explained: 'It took seven weeks from start to finish. There are store rooms, a kitchen, headmaster's room, toilets, European toilets and three classrooms, one of which carries a plaque saying 'Sylvia's Classroom'.

'She would have been so pleased.'

Moulded

The workers moulded their own bricks on site and would make and lay about 550 in a day.

The school has a roll of 104 children aged from two-and-a-half to seven. Maurice said that it gives them a flying start and they jump two years when they join proper primary school.

One other feature of his trip was driving 3,700 miles on Gambian roads to fetch materials and provisions.

But he pointed out: 'I've seen more potholes here from Brodick pier to Kildonan than in all the four months in Africa. And if you do see a hole in the road, its not there the next day!'

Maurice took a couple of wheelchairs from Craigelea residential home in Whiting Bay and they were received with joy by two disabled Gambian children. He also ran into an Arran ex-patriate, Neil Miller of Knockenelly, who has been running a bar out there for 19 years.

This isn't the end of the African adventure; Maurice plans to go back next year and hopefully find some time for some big game fishing.



Maurice Deighton, centre, in ceremonial costume, cutting the ribbon to open the school. b12gam01

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Sylvia Deighton, right, on the beach with her mother Audrey and their taxi driver Musa, on Sylvia's last trip to the Gambia in January 2009. b12gam03



The new Naata Nursery School. b12gam02



Children on their way to the new school. b12gam06



A typical shanty town school in The Gambia. b12gam07



Maurice played Santa Claus in the sun on Christmas Day. b12gam04



Neil Miller, formerly of Knockenkelly, now running a bar in The Gambia. b12gam05

Don't delay - fill in your census questionnaire



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27 March is census day for Scotland. It is vital that every household fills in and returns their census questionnaire. In fact, it is so vital that you risk a fine of up to £1,000 if you don't take part.

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Arran Visual Arts workshop update

At the end of last year Jim Williamson, a well-known local artist, held a watercolour workshop for members of Arran Visual Arts (AVA) at Brodick Ranger Centre.

One of the AVA members said: 'Firstly he demonstrated tonal changes that could be achieved by letting one watercolour slip down the paper and merge with a second or more colours, and the visual effects this achieves. We also had practice at creating small pictures using the above.'

'Jim demonstrated several sunset/sunrise techniques, and we all attempted our own cre-

ations, some with spectacular effect; me, I need to practice more!

Jim's own creations were beautiful, delicate and demonstrated what can be achieved, more power to our elbows/paintbrushes, and many thanks for a really enjoyable, informative and fun class. May we see you again soon Jim.'

Keen Amateurs

In February, artist Felicity Walker was the guest of AVA when she came across from the mainland to talk to a roomful of keen amateurs on the theory and practice of colour choice when mixing paint.

A workshop participant said: 'The first thing that we learned was that mixing green was not simply a case of adding blue to yellow. After a brief examination of our own colours together with some simple theory Felicity soon got us down to practical work and looking at the effects achieved by different colour combinations. In the afternoon we were encouraged to tackle our own compositions in order to try out our new ideas. Felicity gave us lots of encouragement as well as many practical tips during the course of the day. Identifying our mixed colours with descriptions that were personal to us - such as 'set-tee-brown' or 'cardigan-pink' and holding several brushes at a time (one for each colour) to save continual washing out, were just two of them. Felicity was an excellent teacher whose skill and knowledge across a range of media were evident through her frequent short demonstrations and helpful criticisms.'



One of the watercolours at Jim Williamson's workshop. b12art01

MSP signs prostate cancer pledge

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson is backing Prostate Cancer Awareness Month by signing The Pledge for Prostate Cancer.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, which runs from 1 to

31 March, is an annual health awareness campaign organised by The Prostate Cancer Charity.

Diagnosed

Mr Gibson said: 'Prostate cancer is the most common

cancer in men in Scotland. 2,700 men in Scotland are diagnosed with prostate cancer every year, and 19,000 are currently living with the disease, including 1,400 in Ayrshire and Arran. Two men die of prostate cancer in Scotland every day.

'That's why I was delighted to sign The Pledge for Prostate Cancer during Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.'

Ann Ferguson, Head of Scotland Operations at The Prostate Cancer Charity, said:

'It is fantastic that Kenneth is showing his support for men and their families affected by prostate cancer.'



The entry from Brodick Primary School that won the Neil McLean Cup.

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Two winning entries in the Children's Scarecrow up to 1.8 metres, from Isabella and James Reid of Lamlash.

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John Sillars with five daffodils and the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup for Best Exhibit in Show.

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Spring Flower and Bulb Show

The 26th annual Spring Flower and Bulb Show had a paucity of entries in Brodick Hall last Saturday.

This was due to the absence

of a number of regular entrants, notably Neil McLean of Lamlash, former president of the Arran Horticultural Society who sadly died three

weeks ago. Another factor was the long spell of cold weather and a later than usual Spring.

The overall quality was nevertheless as good as ever according to judges Colin Totty and Donnie Wilson.

Daffodils

John Sillars of Brodick won the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup for Best Exhibit in Show with his display of five cut trumpet daffodils. He said: 'There are other daffs on show as good as these, but so much of it is down to presentation.'

The R W McKelvie Cup for best exhibit in section one, bulb class, was won by Jim Jack with a pot of miniature daffodils.

An entry of miniature daffodils and primulas from Brodick Primary School won the Neil McLean Cup for best exhibit entered by a school.

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Cheeky Charlie's death

The death of Cheeky Charlie last week saw the end of a 150 years unbroken line of pedigree Pointer dogs on Arran.

His home had been Strabane and he was best known travelling in the back of the Lady Jean Fforde's estate car. Full name 'Field Trial Champion Isle of Arran Larch', his ancestry goes right back to 1840 when there would have been around 70 Pointers around kennels and shooting lodges on the island.

Arran girls' football champs

The Arran girls football team featured two weeks ago in the Banner was crowned Cunninghame Soccer Sevens Champions at Laighdykes Playing Fields last Sunday. Goalkeeper Jodie Paton kept a clean sheet in all three games whilst the forwards scored 11 goals.

The Arran boys team was

beaten in the final by Saltcoats to earn runners-up medals.

Access charges waived

At a meeting of the Land Access Committee on Wednesday, landowner Charles Fforde told chairman Jim Lees that he would agree to waive charges for access to his land by geology students next year.

Festival Theatre underway

The Arran Festival Theatre in Lamlash is underway at last with volunteers doing the donkey work to clear the way for the professional workers.

Last Saturday saw the second work party of enthusiasts trying to make an impression on the mess that is St George's Church, but it will need many more yet.

Busy music festival

The 1991 Arran Music Festival in Whiting Bay Hall was well attended with entries of 225 well up on last year. Julia

Paterson won the Margaret Laidler trophy for best vocal solo and Geraldine Ash won the George D McArthur cup for verse speaking. Arran Junior Singers with choirmaster Tony Smith won the J K Cameron Morrison cup for best choir.

Drift Inn pool champs

The 1990/91 season Arran Pool League champions are the Drift Inn, with Nags as runners-up.

Nags were also Team Knockout champions, and Andy's Place runners-up. Pool singles champion was John Wilson of the Breadalbane, and doubles champions were Iain McConnell of Drift Inn and Robbie Crawford of Kinloch.

At the end-of season presentations Jock Sloss collected the team champions trophy on behalf of the Drift Inn, and Calum McConnell picked up the Team Knockout Trophy and league runners-up cup for Nags.



Arran Junior Singers and choirmaster Tony Smith won the J K Cameron Morrison Cup for best choir at the Music Festival. b12twe03

Below:
The Arran boys' football team celebrated being runners-up in the Cunninghame Soccer Sevens with a dip in the pool at Auchenharvie Leisure Centre.

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1991 Arran pool singles champion John Wilson, centre, with doubles champions Iain McConnell and Robbie Crawford. b12twe04



Lady Jean Fforde and her pedigree Pointer Cheeky Charlie who died last week. b12twe02

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Last week Archie was limbering up for a spot of full contact rugby at the Ormidale Park. First correct were Stan of Kilmarnock, Karen of Motherwell and doggie pal Shep from Cheshire. This week he is sitting in front of a Grade B listed building, but where is that grand pile?

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SATURDAY 26th MARCH

Karate
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Lamlash Cubs & Scouts Coffee Morning
Auction
She'Koyokh Klezmer Ensemble
HMS Dasher Memorial Service

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran High School, 10am
High School Cafeteria, 10am - 12pm
Shiskine Hall, 2.30pm
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Brodick Pier, 10.40am

SUNDAY 27th MARCH

Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Quiz
Klezmer Music Workshop with She'Koyokh
Arran Pool Finals & Prizегiving

Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
Library Annexe, 1.45pm
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Brodick Hall, 10.30am - 12pm
Kildonan Hotel, 3pm

MONDAY 28th MARCH

Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
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
Blether & Bite

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm
Park Terrace, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 9pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 11am
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 12pm - 2.30pm

TUESDAY 29th MARCH

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

Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
Park Terrace, Lamlash, 10am - 2pm
Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
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
Drift Inn, 9pm

WEDNESDAY 30th MARCH

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

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

THURSDAY 31st MARCH

General Knowledge Quiz
Arran Music & Drama Rehearsals
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Table Tennis
Youth Club
Brodick Bridge Club
Senior Fitness
Pilates
Pub Quiz
Brodick Embroidery Group
Arran Youth Foundations
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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
Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Behind Library, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 12pm - 1.30pm

FRIDAY 1st APRIL

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Quiz
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Yogalates
Seniors Badminton (Over 50)
Over 21's Disco
Arran Youth Foundations
Jazz Cafe

Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool
10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
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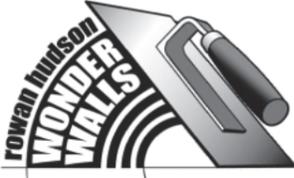


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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 27 March
Shiskine, 11am
Sunday School in the Church Hall
(Church is between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)
Brodick, 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)
Rev David Karoon
All welcome

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 27 March
Holy Communion 11am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher
Coffee after service
Wednesday 30 March
Holy Communion 12.15pm.
All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SCO15072)

Kilmory linked with Lamlash
"A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 27 March
Rev Gillean Maclean
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30am
In both churches:
All welcome, including families; children's area

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)

Sunday 27 March
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 7pm
13 Glen Avenue, Brodick
All welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Ormidale Pavilion
Brodick.
Sunday 27 March
10.45am Communion
Tea and Coffee from 11.10am
11.30am - For all the family
Speaker: Norman Mc Carey
Everyone very welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(SCO14005)
Sunday 27 March
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am. All most welcome. Immediately after the service, the Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place. Tea and coffee will be served after the meeting.
All welcome

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Morning Mass
11am

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Sunday 27 March
Meeting for worship and discussion, 11am
11 Glen Estate, Glencloy Rd, Brodick.
Enquiries to Jeny 302779

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Offering at the World Day of Prayer on 4th March totalled £232.25. Thank you to all who took part.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MCLEAN NEIL CAMPBELL

Anne would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and cards received on her recent sad bereavement.
Thanks to doctors and nurses at Lamlash Hospital, to David and Clair Hendry for all funeral arrangements, and to staff at Lamlash Golf Club for catering. Special thanks to Rev Gillean Maclean for spiritual comfort and for the uplifting service at Kilmory.
Thanks to those who attended church the sum of £800 was raised for the Hospital Supporters League.



Golf

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday Winter Cup, March 16, the second last day of play and 12 turned up on what was a spring like morning and a very pleasant afternoon.

There were three magic twos, Len Hartley, Derek Roxburgh and Harry Davidson all got one each. In the sweep there was some

very good scoring: 1 D Roxburgh 62-5=57 the lowest score recorded this season well done Derek, 2 Charlie O'Neill 77-15=62 BIH, 3 Len Hartley 74-12=62.

In the race for the coveted Winter Cup Derek Roxburgh has caused a major upset, leaping from nowhere to take the lead by one shot from Charlie O'Neill and Dougie Robertson. With a host of challengers all very close the last days play will be vital can Derek retain the lead will Charlie or Dougie overtake him or will someone else come from the pack to win, all will be revealed next week.

PERSONALS



Matthew McNeish of Craigview, Kilmory and Jennifer Tod of Balgowan, Shiskine were married at Kelso Registry Office on Friday 11th March.

HAPPY GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (Friday 25th March) MUM AND DAD



Lots of Love RHONDA, BILLY SARASHJANE AND FAMILY X X X

Look who's the Big 70!



Love from Lynn, Nicola Ryan and Zara

MEMORIALS

R A MCKINNIE

As the seasons pass and we all reach major milestones in our life, there is always a few moments that we take to remember loved ones that are no longer with us. It has been five years now since our beloved Robin left this world for another and indeed on the 25th March it would have been his 60th birthday.

Robin meant many things to all of us husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin but to all of us a friend that will always share a special place in our hearts. Take a moment this week and step outside and feel the breeze that should now have the hint of springtime and raise your glass or cup of tea in a toast to special man that touched our lives.

With love Susanne, Sarah, Andy, Mick, Rosie, Mary, clan Mckinnie and the cousins.



Fixtures: Sunday 27 March, Brandon and final round of Winter Cup, open draws at 9am and 12pm. Wednesday 30 March, Summer Cup begins. Sunday 3 April, Brandon.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 17 March, Ladies 12 Hole Medal, 19 played, CSS 44. Silver: 1 A Latona 57-12=45, 2 A Anderson 56-10=46 BIH. Scratch F Crawford 53.

Bronze: 1 S Money 64-18=46, 2 S Hill 64-17=47.

Sunday 20 March, Gents 18 Hole Medal, 22 played. First class: 1 A Jeffrey 69-5=64 BIH, 2 C Muir 75-11=64, 3 A Pattison 75-10=65. Scratch A Jeffrey 69.

Second class: 1 B Green 92-23=69, 2 Q Oliver 95-25=70, 3 A Bannatyne 97-21=76.

Magic twos from C Muir, D Logan, S Kerr and D Markham.

Fixtures: Ladies 18 Hole Medal, Thursday 31 March, 12pm tee-off. Gents: Sunday 27 March, Shiskine Grand Shoot Out at 2pm. Sunday 3 April, 12 Hole Medal, 1pm tee-off.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday 20 March, 16 played in the final friendly match of the season at Whiting Bay, with the home side holding a three game advantage at the start of play.

The result of the final round of games saw Lamlash record a convincing win by 3 games to 1 meaning Whiting Bay just held on to win the series by 12 games to 11 overall. In the individual stableford Jamie MacPherson shot a superb scratch 63 and 40 points, Adam Burke had yet another excellent round with 38 points and Alan Smith only one point behind him on 37 points. Jamie MacPherson had the only magic two.

The 'Old Cronies' trophy for the best score at Whiting Bay and Lamlash went to Andy Smith of Lamlash with 80 points for his best two rounds. Many thanks go to Susan for the excellent catering, Stuart and Scott for having the course in such excellent condition for the time of year and to all who played in any of the games and contributed to the fun and friendship between the two clubs over the winter.

Fixtures: Sunday 27 March, Hunter Buidael. Old 'uns v Young Guns. Split to be made at 10.45am for an 11am start. A rare chance for some of our more 'senior' members to still be classified with the youngsters (the age split last year was about 53). Saturday 2 April, mixed fours Poole Trophy. Sunday 3 April, Roy Ure Tankard stableford.

ALGU

Saturday 19 March, final Drumadon, 27 played, CSS 67. 1 Viv Parks 64, 2 Sally Brookes 67. Best scratch Viv Parks 82. Lynn Walker's two at the

fourth was the only two of the day. The ALGU would like to thank Machrie Bay Golf Club for the courtesy of the course and for their generosity in providing soup for all of the players and a bottle of wine for the winner.

Thanks, too, to Machrie's new caterer, Clare for the delicious soup and sandwiches.

ALGU president, Sheena Murchie made the draw for the Kiscadale which will begin at Shiskine on Monday 4 April with Brodick playing the home team and holders, Lamlash taking on the youthful Whiting Bay team. Sheena asked that all players are there ready to tee off punctually at 4.45pm as we could have a problem with the light.

A good turnout of supporters would be welcome. A soup and sandwich supper will be provided for the players, caddies and officials and supper can also be purchased by the spectators.

The remaining matches will be played on 7, 11, and 14 April at 4.45pm with the final day's play being on Saturday 16 April at 1pm. The full draw will be exhibited in all the clubhouses as are the results. As always, everything can be viewed on the ALGU website at www.algu.org.uk

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 19 March, Winter Cup, 13 played, CSS 61. 1 C Pattenden 68-11=57, 2 M Elliott 72-14=58, 3 E McKinnon 62-0=62. There were twos from E McKinnon and C Pattenden.

Monday 21 March, Monday Cup off yellow tees. 1 B Barr 75-16=59, 2 A Smith 67-3=60, 3 I Buchanan 75-12=63 BIH. Best scratch A Smith 67 BIH. Magic twos from B Sherwood, B Barr, M Sherwood, A Smith, D Price and S Cline.

Fixtures: Saturday 26 March, stableford at 8.30am and 12pm. Monday 28 March, Monday Cup at 12pm.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 15 March, Lochranza Hotel Cup, final day. 1 Mark Sherwood 39pts, 2 David Price 35pts, 3 Brian Sherwood 29pts. Scratch Mark Sherwood 68. Winner of the Lochranza Hotel Cup David Price 170, 2 Brian Sherwood 158, 3 Mark Sherwood 153.

Fixtures: Tuesday 29 March, final day of the Winter Cup, tee-off at 12pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 17 March, 15 Hole Medal, 12 played. 1 Alan Smith 57-8=49,

2 Billy O'Connor 67-17=50, 3 Drew Wales 57-5=52. There were twos from Alan Smith, Billy O'Connor and Peter Smith.

Fixtures: Thursday 24 March, 15 Hole Medal, make up own groups. Sunday 27 March, final round of Winter Stableford at 9.30am and 11am starts.

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Matt finishes district rugby games on a high

Arran's rising young rugby star, Matt Evans, played his final match in this season's district programme under the floodlights at Murrayfield last Wednesday evening.

Matt was joined by six fellow Kilmarnock U17 players on the Glasgow side that faced the daunting challenge of taking on a very physical and in form Caledonia team.

Caledonia proved to be the better side in the first half running in three scores to Glasgow's one.

If it wasn't for the sterling defence in midfield by Matt Evans the score could have favoured Caledonia more.

In the end Glasgow managed to get from 19-5 down to enter

the final ten minutes 24-19 ahead and looking good to secure victory.

However, the fates were to prove cruel and Caledonia



Sixteen-year-old Matt Evans of Lamlash.

scored a late try to level the scores and then sealed the match following the award of a very soft penalty in front of the posts. Final score Glasgow 24 - Caledonia 27.

Kilmarnock Rugby Club's development officer Stevie Edwards said: 'This was the proverbial game of two halves and it was interesting to see the defensive qualities of the Killie boys in the first half.'

'None let their side down with Matt Evans constantly breaking up attacks in midfield' He added: 'It was most pleasing to see the game turn Glasgow's way in the second half and I was very proud of the part the Killie lads played in this resurgence.'



Donald McEachern puts in a crunching tackle on the Paisley scrum half.

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Closest end to the pool league for years

Catacol are still sitting at the top of the Arran Pool League as it draws to a close for another year.

With just one more game to play it is getting increasingly tight at the top of the table as Catacol have 33 points but are closely followed by Bar Eden with 31 and PT1934 with 27.

The last games of the season were unfortunately played last night (Thursday) after The Banner had gone to press so we do not know yet who has won.

In the words of their captain, Brian Miller, Catacol are 'on the brink of greatness'.

A win or a draw tonight against Kildonan will win them the league.

However, Bar Eden are just two points behind them so if they defeat PT1934 tonight

and Catacol lose to Kildonan then the league just might be there's for the taking.

League secretary Eddie Picken said that everyone was still in shock at how well Catacol have progressed this season.

He also added that it would be truly amazing for the north-end team to win as in the 29 years since the league began, Catacol have never won.

The results from last Thursday were as follows: Bar Eden

6 teamGoil 4 (G), Mac's Bar 2 Catacol 8 (G), Kildonan 4 Drift 6 (G), PHT 8 PT1934 2 (G).

Despite having a Bye on Thursday night the Bar Eden B team have won this year's gallon trophy with an impressive 12 gallons of beer.

This Sunday (March 27) the Finals Day and prize giving will take place at Kildonan Hotel beginning at 3pm prompt.

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Catacol	15	10	2	3	33
Bar Eden	15	9	2	4	31
PT1934	15	8	4	3	27
PHT	15	8	5	2	26
Eden B	15	7	6	2	23
Drift	16	4	5	7	19
teamGoil	15	4	6	2	17
Kildonan	15	2	12	1	7
Mac's	15	2	12	1	7

Victory over Paisley for Arran boys

Arran Under 18s rugby team put in a great performance at the Ormidale Park last Saturday to take one step closer to Murrayfield.

They beat a strong Paisley Whitecraigs team by 10 points to nil and now face Lenzie in the next round of a national Junior Bowl Competition.

Arran club president Murray Boal said: 'It was a great show against a very strong team. If we beat Lenzie next, then the boys could be going to Murrayfield for the semi-finals.'

'It might not be played in the main stadium, but it would be a wonderful experience for them.'

Arran scored two unconverted tries from hooker Liam Boal and fly half Donald McEachern.

Loosehead prop Ryan Boal was named Man of the Match despite being dispatched to the sin bin for an accumulation of offences by the Arran team.

Arran Bridge Notes

Brodict Bridge Club

N/S 1 Evelyn Sillars and Linda Trickett +2090, 2 Jean Murchie and Brenda Livingstone +1040, 3 Helen Boyd and Peter Thompson +970.

E/W 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie +970, 2 Janette McBride and Pat Adamson +80, 3 Fiona Crawford and David Henderson -610.

Lamlash Bridge

The results from Monday 21 March were as follows: N/S 1 J Maclure and A McKelvie +830, 2 A Bilsland and T Martin +670, 3 E McNiven and P Thompson +520.

E/W 1 E Sillars and J McBride +880, 2 H Boyd and J Murchie +240, 3 J Barclay and JMcArthur +230.

Members are reminded that the prizegiving dinner will be held in the clubhouse on Monday 28 March. The bar will be open at 6pm and we plan to eat at 6.30pm.

Mixed-doubles darts at the Drift

A mixed-doubles darts competition will be held in the Drift Inn this Friday night at 7.30pm.

All money raised from the event will go towards the Ladies Darts League.

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