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2012 joint Dux award winners Christopher Jenks and Iona Flewitt in front of Arran High School. 01_b36dux01

Christopher and Iona are Arran High Dux award winners

The 2012 Arran High School Dux award was presented jointly to Iona Flewitt and Christopher Jenks. Head teacher Douglas Auld said: 'This is in recognition of their incredible grades in the Higher examinations.' Full awards on pages 12 and 13.

Drive by medical services to improve mobile phone coverage

One of the most regular gripes on the island is the poor mobile phone reception in some parts.

And Lamlash is notoriously one of the worst areas.

Now Dr Andrew Inglis, consultant with the Emergency Medical Retrieval Service (EMRS) based at Southern General Hospital, has highlighted the danger of this situation, particularly as the island's hospital is in Lamlash.

EMRS provides patients with life threatening conditions in rural areas with rapid emergency treatment, either by helicopter or by plane, within minutes.

Dr Inglis told the Banner: 'I have done a survey of mobile phone coverage in rural areas. Of the 66 sites we cover, 34 have no network providing good phone coverage.

Of the 34, Lamlash is our number one priority.'

The email survey was conducted with consultants, GPs, nurse practitioners and area managers.

Of the 15 GP community hospitals in the EMRS catchment area, Arran is the only one to have no reliable mobile phone coverage at all.

Dr Inglis was interviewed on BBC Radio Scotland on Monday on this issue and stated on air that Lamlash is the top priority for improved phone coverage to help the medical services.

He said: 'Clearly it would be of great benefit to many sectors such as tourism, education, business and transport, but the report highlights the potential benefits to healthcare.'

In the survey conducted by Dr Inglis for the EMRS it states that: 'There is an Air-wave mast to the south of the village (Lamlash), 105 metres above sea level. Sharing the mast or site should provide good coverage for the whole village.'

'A mast placed in Kings Cross may offer coverage to Whiting Bay as well. There are many public buildings in Lamlash which could site a mast, but it is closely mixed with residences.'

It is believed that Dr Inglis will be meeting Scottish ministers at Holyrood at the end of the month to highlight the plight of Lamlash.

REPORT
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Power cut forces film night postponement

Arran Youth Foundations had to postpone their much anticipated film night due to a power cut on Friday.

The youngsters were ready to show films they had made themselves when the lights went out just before 7pm.

Youth work project manager, Graeme Johnston, said: 'The hall was packed with a bigger crowd than I had expected. We were literally ready to press 'play' when all the power went out!

'As soon as we had decided to rearrange the evening and the crowd had dispersed, the power came back on.

'The youngsters were really disappointed, as they were excited to finally show off their films. They had gone to great lengths to organise a red carpet and were all dolled up for the occasion.'

It has been rearranged for Friday 14 September at 7pm in Brodick Church Hall.

Graeme added: 'Anyone who paid the £2 entry will be readmitted for free, but if anyone else would like to come along to the rescheduled date then please feel free. The more the merrier.'

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Community Council seeks new members

Arran Community Council's elections have been advertised in a recent edition of The Arran Banner by North Ayrshire Council and new members are desperately being sought.

Nominations can be submitted to NAC Chief Executive by Tuesday 18 September.

The Community Council is a statutory body of representatives from all areas of the island.

It consists of two members each from Brodick, Lamlash, Whiting Bay and Shiskine Valley, one representative each from Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Kilmory and Kildonan.

A spokesman for the Community Council said: 'We

meet on the last Tuesday of each month in Brodick to discuss a wide range of topics including planning/licensing matters, roads, ferries, health and education with the responsibility to ensure that the island's views are reflected to the appropriate bodies.

'In the past term we have also provided inputs to other transport groups voicing views on buses and concessionary fares for residents.

'In addition, we have contributed to various government consultations on education, rural housing, repairs and most recently the Community Empowerment Bill which is currently open and could have significant changes to the way local decision

making is handled.'

All details of the community council's activities are included in an 'end of term' report which is available on their website together with the notice for elections. Nomination forms are available from NAC in Irvine or the local council office at Lamlash.

The spokesman added: 'We would encourage anyone who feels they can make a contribution to our activities to apply or if you feel you have experience or skills we can benefit from please let us know by using the 'contact us' feature on the website or calling 07826578774 and letting us know your details.

The website is www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk



Paul Rankin and Nick Nairn in eighteen69 kitchens on Monday with Auchrannie group director Linda Johnston.

Nick and Paul cook up a feast

Two celebrity television chefs cooked up a feast in the kitchens at Auchrannie last Monday evening.

Nick Nairn and Paul Rankin were on the island over the weekend as part of Nick and Paul's Big Trip, a television show in which the duo sail around the coast of Scotland cooking with local produce for people as they go.

They visited Dougarie Estate, Torrylin Creamery and two local farms to source the finest foods that Arran has to offer.

Then on Monday evening they took over the

kitchens at eighteen69 restaurant at Auchrannie to prepare a meal for members of Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

Both chefs have appeared in a number of television series and in 1989 Paul opened the first restaurant in Northern Ireland to receive a Michelin star. Nick Nairn became the youngest Scottish chef to win a Michelin star in the early 1990s.

The series of Nick and Paul's Big Trip will be screened on STV on Monday evenings at 8pm next March.

Biggest tea party in Brodick

Staff at the Royal Bank of Scotland in Brodick were

RBS staff in the Brodick branch on Wednesday with an array of cakes and scones. From left, Sarah Wilson, Karen Ward, Helen Hird (off duty) with son Jack, Jess Taylor and Chris Ewart. 01_b36bank01

busy baking cakes this week as part of Scotland's Biggest Tea party.

And on Wednesday customers to the branch were treated to a selection of mouth-watering home baking and a refreshing cup of tea.

RBS branches across Scotland were all joining in to raise funds for the STV Appeal 2012 to help children and young people living in poverty.

An STV film crew was recording the activities at the tea party in the RBS Sauchiehall branch in Glasgow for a programme to be screened tonight (Friday).

Support

Money raised will go directly to support projects across Scotland and hopefully make a difference to the lives of children affected by poverty. Brodick raised £78 on Wednesday.

Final performances in museum smiddy

There will be one last opportunity to watch the wonderful short play 'Each Evening Sees Its Close' in the smiddy at the Heritage Museum in Brodick this Sunday.

The previous performance had to be cancelled at short notice, due to unforeseen circumstances on the part of the cast. There will be three performances in the smiddy at the museum at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm.



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Bus driver charged with sex attacks

A bus driver has been charged with sex attacks against two women passengers on Arran.

Pawel Ziemecki, 53, allegedly made repeated inappropriate comments to his first victim and asked her to stay on the bus past her destination before seizing her, pulling her towards him and kissing her.

He is also accused at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court of making inappropriate remarks to a second woman, then seizing and attempting to kiss her.

Ziemecki, formerly of Brodick, denies sexually assaulting his alleged victims on journeys between Brodick and Lamlash and near the Auchrannie Hotel on occasions between June 2010 and January this year.

The Polish national, now of London, was freed on bail for trial later this month.

Sergeant MacKay leaves for Govan

Arran's resident police sergeant Bob MacKay took up a new post in Govan last Monday 3 September.

He was appointed as the island's senior police officer in July 2007 having served for seven years as a constable here. Sergeant MacKay came to the island in 2000 from C Division covering Maryhill and Possilpark and was the first Arran sergeant to have been appointed from within the island force.

Arran will be covered by relief police officers until a new appointment is made.

Breach of the peace

A 25-year-old Pirmill man was arrested on Monday 3 September and charged with alleged breach of the peace. He was held in custody to appear at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court.

The Marrs head off into the sunset

'I would like to say a big thank you to our suppliers, staff and customers'

Robert and Lindsey Marr have left The Old Pier Tearoom in Lamlash.

They have been running the busy little tearoom for 10 years and it has established a reputation for top quality homemade food with a loyal clientele of locals and holidaymakers.

But now they want to take things a little easier and have sold the business. They will be staying on the island but taking the opportunity to see a lot more of the country.

The couple bought the tearoom in a rather run-down state in December 2000 and after many improvements such as new toilets and shower rooms and refitted kitchen, they opened in March 2002. Then six years ago they built a two-bedroomed flat above the tearoom.

Lindsey told the Banner: 'Our customers ranged from senior citizens to schoolchil-

dren. We also developed a good relationship with the Buddhists of Holy Isle. Many of the folk who had been over there on courses would come straight into us for a bacon roll when they got back here.

'And we have tried to employ young local staff - we must have had 40 over the last 10 years until they had to leave the island for further education.'

Local

Robert added: 'We offered senior citizen's portions and a gluten-free menu as well, and tried to use as many local suppliers as possible.'

Now the couple are looking forward to collecting a four-year-old campervan from Kilmarnock next week and setting off to see the country.

Lindsey said: 'I would like to say a big thank you to our suppliers, staff and customers - many of them have become our friends.'



Robert and Lindsey Marr in the Old Pier Tearoom in Lamlash. 02_b36pier01

Come and join The Steamie gang

Yes, everybody loves Tony Roper's tale of life in 1950s Glasgow, full of pathos and pawky Scottish humour.

It was so popular that a musical score was added with some very catchy songs, which delighted Arran audiences before going to Irvine's Magnum Theatre when Brodick Players performed it in 1996.

Now it's your chance to stamp your mark on the forthcoming production for 2013 by Arran Music and Drama Club.

If you feel you can give it a fresh slant either by stage direction or as 'musical director', please contact Ian Watt on 600382 to give a note of your interest.

This will be the ideal chance to show your flair for new ideas.

Of course you may want to join the cast on stage, but stage manager and backstage crew, make-up and props will also be needed, so there is a place just waiting for you.

Come along to the AGM on Thursday 20 September in Brodick at 7.30pm to meet the gang and find out more.

Questions need to be answered

Member of Parliament for North Ayrshire and Arran Katy Clark has stated that further questions need to be answered over the future of Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) following the sudden resignation of chief executive Archie Robertson.

David MacBrayne Ltd chairman Peter Timms said: 'Archie Robertson has decided to step down from his role of chief executive and has left the company.'

A company spokesman said

that Martin Dorchester, managing director of Caledonian MacBrayne, will take over the chief executive's duties.

Speaking on the subject Katy Clark said: 'The resignation of Archie Robertson creates even more uncertainty over the long term future of CalMac.'

Right to know

'If, as reported, Mr Robertson has left over a difference of opinion with the Scottish Government regarding CalMac's future then the public

who depend upon the services which CalMac provide, have a right to know exactly what has gone on.'

'The Scottish Government could go a long way towards ending this uncertainty by giving a clear, unequivocal statement on the future of the Clyde and Hebridean ferry routes and a guarantee that they will not be tendered to a private operator.'

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Colin Guthrie with the minibus that he helped to buy for the Valdete Trust in Albania. b36bus01

House of Hope bus for Albanian children

Colin Guthrie of Brodick has kindly donated £5,000 to the Valdete Trust towards the purchase of a minibus.

Along with Colin's help and gift aid money, Sue and Julian Davidson were able to buy the bus to help with transport of young people with disabilities in Albania.

Sue is leaving on Sunday for Albania and

said: 'Now we have the bus we can begin our work. Many thanks go to Colin.'

'In case you wonder what the Albanian writing means, it's the name we've given to our day care centre.'

'In English it means 'House of Hope' because these young people with disabilities have no hope at all.'

Volunteers wanted for local Salvation Army

The Arran Salvation Army befriending service is again looking for potential volunteers to help with the growing demand for their service.

They are seeking to help alleviate loneliness, help with social interaction and bring some light into the lives of those who are referred to them. Lexie Andrade, who organises the befriending service, said: 'We operate an open referral

policy, so people can refer themselves to us if they wish.

'Our volunteers will receive a days training on our community work and we have a day in place for early October.'

'So if anyone out there wishes to give as little as an hour a week to befriend someone, then this is your opportunity to do so.'

For more information please contact Lexie who

will be happy to help. She added: 'We need our volunteers to be 'people persons' and we would also ask that as we are a Christian church and charity that volunteers are sympathetic to our ethos.'

'I can be contacted on email: alexanderina.andrade@salvationarmy.org.uk or on 07726 695409.'

'I look forward to hearing from you!'

Planning underway for Island's first comedy festival



Phil Differ

Arran Events announced last week that they will be holding the island's first Comedy Festival later this month.

Organised in association with well-known comic writer Philip Differ, the festival will take place on Saturday 22 September in Whiting Bay Hall.

The festival will feature some of Scotland's best stand-up comedians on the current comedy scene including Michael Redmond, Scott Gibson and Susie McCabe.

Philip Differ is the man who came up with the great idea of staging the event.

He started out in 1980 as a writer for Naked Radio and was soon asked to contribute to such shows as A Kick Up the Eighties, Spit-

ting Image, Three of a Kind and Not the Nine O'Clock News whilst writing stand up material for Robbie Coltrane and Craig Ferguson.

Since joining BBC Scotland in 1983 Phil has written extensively helping to produce some much loved shows such as Scotch and Wry and Pulp Video, the show that brought together Greg Hemphill and Ford Kiernan and helped sow the seeds for Chewin' The Fat.

Associated

He is mostly associated with the creation of the longest running football comedy show in the country Only an Excuse which is now in its 25th year. After leaving the BBC, he

joined The Comedy Unit, Scotland's leading independent production company and helped make programmes such as Chewin the Fat, Still Game, Rab C Nesbitt and Watson's Wind Up – before making the move from behind the scenes into the full glare of stand up comedy.

The organisers are delighted that so many of Scotland's top comedians will be attending the first festival.

Look out for more information on all the different acts in the coming weeks.

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New staff take up posts at Arran High School

Four new teachers have taken up posts at Arran High School this term.

Craig McAllister is the new physics teacher at the school.

Born and raised in Greenock where he went to primary and secondary school, he then went on to study Maths and Physics at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, and

after graduating decided to do his teacher training in Physics and Science at Jordanhill College.

His hobbies are listening to music, playing drums, and cooking.

Craig also likes to read and loves the outdoors, so indulging in his hobbies of hill walking, fly fishing, climbing

and camping will certainly not be an issue on Arran.

He likes to spend time with his family and friends when he gets the chance and is looking forward to living and working in Arran.

Sarah-Jane Moffat has come to Arran High School to teach history. Born in Stranraer, she studied History and Theatre Studies at the University of Glasgow before going on to complete her teacher training at Jordanhill.

Since then Sarah-Jane has worked for Aberlour Children's Trust and as a supply teacher in Dumfries and Galloway before last year taking up a post at Knox Academy in Haddington as a History and Drama teacher. The school's new geography teacher is Brian Donlin who originally comes from Barrhead outside Glasgow.

He got his honours degree in Earth Science at Glasgow University and originally worked offshore in the oil and gas industry.

After leaving the offshore

world behind him, Brian completed his teacher training at Jordanhill and then returned to Barrhead to work at the secondary school for two years before moving to Arran.

A keen hill walker and general lover of the outdoors, Brian says he is thrilled to be here and looking forward to many happy years both on the island and in the high school.

Finally, Michelle Rennie has joined Arran High School as a pupil support teacher.

She joins the team from Largs Academy and has an interesting background in mathematical modelling in the transport industry.

Michelle also ran the Blair Estate office for five years before training as a maths teacher.

She has combined her love of maths and interest in Additional Support Needs by working with North Ayrshire Extended Outreach and is looking forward to working with the pupils at Arran High.



Michelle Rennie has joined the school as a pupil support teacher.



Brian Donlin is Arran High School's new geography teacher.



Arran High School's new history teacher Sarah-Jane Moffat.



New physics teacher Craig McAllister.

Cash proposed for communities groups from landfill fund

Around £160,000 is set to be shared among North Ayrshire groups thanks to a special community fund.

The Landfill Communities Fund, administered by North Ayrshire Council, has received applications for cash from 13 local groups.

Improvement schemes

The fund is open to applications for local environmental improvement schemes, such as restoration works, projects that reduce pollution and initiatives to maintain public parks or amenities.

Projects submitted for funding represent

a variety of work, and benefit communities from across North Ayrshire.

Initiatives and organisations in line to benefit include sports clubs, environmental and ecological groups, churches and conservation bodies.

Each application is evaluated on criteria including educational impact, partnership value, job creation and council support.

Since the scheme began in 1997 the Council has contributed more than £2 million to 138 projects across North Ayrshire.

Summer Bridge

The results of the summer bridge tournament on 3 September were:

N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Jean Murchie, 2 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 3 Margaret McGill and Evelyn Sillars.

E/W 1 John and Mary Dick, 2 Jennifer McArthur and Liz Ribertson, 3 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie.

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Chloe's Chemoo Cows raise money for Yorkhill Hospital

'I'm extremely proud of all the staff and others who have given up their time to train for the run'

After 10 weeks of training, Team Auchrannie took to the streets of Glasgow last Sunday 2 September to take part in the 2012 Great Scottish Run.

Forty-five members of the team, made up of 25 staff from Auchrannie Resort and 20 members of the public set off from George Square at around 9.30am on Sunday morning to take part in either the 10K or half marathon – each one of them dressed in their fuchsia pink t-shirts, supporting Auchrannie's charity of the year Chloe's Chemoo Cows.

First member home was

200 Club Draw

The winners of the August draw of Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall 200 Club were: First prize Paul Rogerson and second prize Lorna Hallyburton.

Gordon Allsop who crossed the finish line for the 10K in a very respectable 40 minutes and was closely followed just a few minutes later by others including Gordon Hay (44 minutes), Lilianna Reid (51 minutes) and Richard Small (52 minutes).

After making it to the end, the team celebrated with bacon rolls and hot coffee at 'West Brewery'.

Although many people are continuing to collect sponsorship, the estimated total raised by the team is expected to be in the region of £7,000.

Significant

Auchrannie Group Director, Linda Johnston, the driving force behind the team, said after the race: 'Taking part as a member of Team Auchrannie has been a huge amount of fun and being able to raise such a significant amount of money for our charity Chloe's

Chemoo Cows makes it so worthwhile.

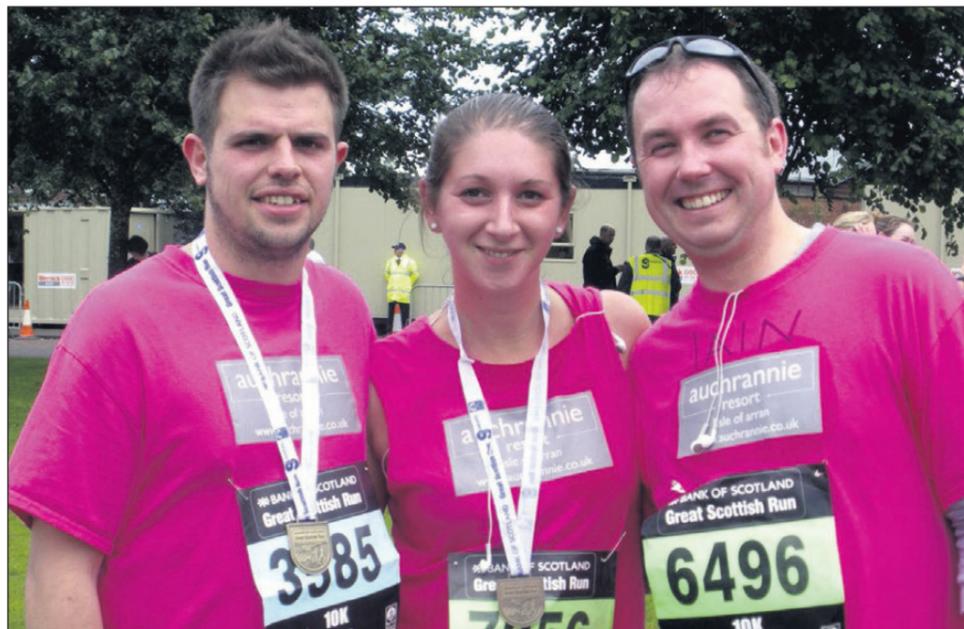
'I'm extremely proud of all the staff and others who have given up their time not only today but over the last 10 weeks to train for today's run.'

Awareness

Chloe's Chemoo Cow's mission is to raise awareness and much needed funds to brighten the lives of children with cancer at the Schiehallion Ward, Yorkhill Children's Hospital.

They aim to provide every child receiving treatment with a cow-themed gift box containing soft toy, stickers and bookmarks as well as provide arts and crafts materials for the ward.

Anyone wishing to support Team Auchrannie can still make a donation online at www.auchrannie.co.uk/donate



Brambles head chef Iain McAdams, receptionist Shereen El Bagoury and operations manager Iain Hamilton looking surprisingly fresh after crossing the finishing line.

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Scottish Hybrid Gentians - plant of the month

The Banner's gardening correspondent Bob McCaw reports on his September plant of the month for Arran's gardeners

These new Scottish Hybrid Gentians are all hybrids of the popular autumn flowering variety 'Sino-ornatata'.

The Scottish climate and growing conditions have proved to be excellent for these plants and this in turn has led to several new hybrids being raised.

The plants enjoy lime-free, moisture retentive soils but do not like to be waterlogged in winter. Dr Ian McNaughton of Pencaitland near Edinburgh has been responsible for bringing some of these

new varieties to the market.

Ian's career took him to work in the area of vegetables at the Scottish Crop Research Institute but it is only since retiring from there that he has had time to work on these plants' development.

He turned his attention to the development and improvement of autumn flowering Gentians through breeding and selection. Due to Dr McNaughton's enthusiasm for these plants and a considerable amount of time and effort he has produced new Gentians that flower earlier than those already available,

thereby extending the flowering season.

The new hybrids are also multi-headed with unique markings and strength of colour.

Four named cultivars are Balmoral, Berrybank Sky, Braemar, and Iona.

Balmoral is very early flowering with royal blue flowers, super flower power, multi headed and with a long flowering period

Berrybank Sky has masses of blue flowers, multi-headed, again with a long flowering period.

Braemar has stunning white markings on deep royal blue flowers with a tidy compact habit.

Iona has stunning bright sky blue flowers on a compact plant. It is early flowering.

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Owners blasted for leaving dog waste

Residents in Whiting Bay are enraged by the 'copious amounts' of dog waste being left behind by owners at Sandbraes Park, and they

2012 McLellan Arts Festival

The 2012 McLellan Arts Festival has been underway all week with a range of events taking place in Brodick, Lamlash and Corrie.

Tonight (Friday) students from The Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM) will be staging an Opera Gala in the Community Theatre, Lamlash from 8pm.

On Sunday 9 September Haydn's Creation will be performed in Lamlash Church with soloists from the RNCM plus local choirs.

There will be a full report on the McLellan Festival in next week's Banner.

Corrie and Sannox SWRI

At the first meeting of Corrie and Sannox Institute on Thursday 13 September we welcome Avril Paton who will speak of her family home 'Blackrock'.

Avril, the most renowned member of three generations of artists, needs no introduction to island folk or to the art world.

We are delighted that she has again a home in Corrie and look forward to hearing about her family and the history of the house.

We hope to see the return of former 'Rural' members and extend a warm invitation to all residents, especially in Lochranza, Brodick, Corrie and Sannox.

want something done about it.

Margaret Kay who runs dog agility classes in the field wants all dog owners to pick up after their canine companions.

Margaret said: 'I've sent you a couple of pictures of one wee boy, on holiday, with his dog at last week's agility class in Sandbraes Park.'

'What the photos don't show is the copious amounts of dog mess we had to clean

up before starting the class - but the child playing is highlighting exactly why we need to get on top of everyone who is happy to leave their dog's mess behind them.'

As Margaret points out, a child coming into contact with an infected dog's faeces runs the risk of blindness.

She added: 'So apart from the basic unpleasant aspect and the social responsibility of not clearing up after their dogs, the health issues should

be highlighted to these totally irresponsible owners. 'This week was no different, Cathie Steed and myself had to clear the site before the class and whilst neither of us mind clearing up after our own dogs, it gets a bit tiresome clearing up after other folk's dogs.'

'Maybe we should do something about getting a campaign going; I am sure it would get lots of support. And if it comes to naming and shaming, then we at the agility class can probably give about half a dozen names to start with.'

'It is not just a holidaymaker's issue; locals are just as guilty.'

'There are a number of what can best be described as 'latch key' dogs in Whiting Bay who are let out and wander at will and do their business wherever.' Dog waste bags are available in many places around the island and Margaret always has plenty at the dog classes so they can be collected there as well as the other outlets.



Dog poo left behind by their owners is becoming a major issue in Whiting Bay and residents want something done about it. b36dog02

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Whiting Bay Bowling Club quiz results

The winner of Whiting Bay Bowling Club's animal quiz was Sandra McLaughland from Kilmarnock. There were 17 correct entries and the above name was drawn from a hat.

The correct answers were as follows: 1 Mouse, 2 Rats, 3 Tasmanian Devil, 4 Koala, 5 Kangaroo, 6 Hedghog, 7 Shrew, 8 Bat, 9 Aye Aye, 10 Mandrill, 11 Baboon, 12 Anteater, 13 Sloth, 14 Armadillo, 15 Chinchilla, 16 Jackall, 17 Panda, 18 Weasel, 19 Mink, 20 polecat, 21 Badger, 22 Tiger, 23 Dik-Dik, 24 Alligator, 25 Crocodile, 26 Dragon, 27 Lizard, 28 Wolf, 29 Newt and 30 Warthog.

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Haven't the Paralympics been great?

I suspect that after the amazing closing ceremony for the London 2012 Olympics three weeks ago that most of us thought that the Paralympics would suffer from a touch of 'after the Lord Mayor's Show syndrome'.

But none of it. The opening ceremony showed the Paralympic athletes having the time of their lives, coupled with some spectacular special effects. We can look forward to the closing ceremony on Sunday night being another celebration of the best of all that is British.

These really have been the friendly games, but laced with really serious endeavour. So keen is the desire to succeed that there have even been a couple of spats by athletes who felt they had been wronged.

There have been some remarkable achievements in the pool, the sitting volleyball, and especially the seven-a-side football. How inspiring has it been to watch the football, with six blind outfield players and a sighted goalkeeper.

The ball control and reactions have been a revelation and should be a lesson to our overpaid and mollycoddled 'professional footballers'.

And one of the most useful lasting legacies of these games could be a raised awareness of the limitations faced by those with disabilities of any sort.

Mobile phones are something of a joke on Arran. We have some of the worse areas for mobile reception in the country.

Now the medical services are championing a major improvement in the coverage for the island as a whole but in particular for Lamlash. The Emergency Medical Retrieval Service provides a vital emergency cover for rural areas by getting skilled professionals to those with life-threatening conditions in a matter of minutes by helicopter or plane.

But with our hospital being in the island's worst black spot for phones, this service is not always able to operate to full efficiency. Representatives from EMRS are now taking this issue to the Scottish government to seek an early improvement.

Local Lamlash residents say that nowhere in the village can you get guaranteed reception. One lady said that she could get a signal upstairs in her house but not downstairs. Sometimes you can get one or two bars on the beach, and the south end of the village is hopeless for reception.

So maybe the high level intervention of the medical services can help to bring Lamlash into the 21st century, and make life a little safer for those in need of urgent health-care

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:6)

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Letters to the Editor



More paths for the less-abled

Sir,
It has been fantastic to watch the Paralympic Games and to see how much the contestants enjoy being able to take part.

It would be great to think that landowners on Arran, whoever they are, would give permission for more less-able paths to be created to allow access to the glens and shores around the island. I have been involved for over 30 years in getting paths and bridges developed to allow those not so able to go to the high hills to enjoy our island. It is grand to meet people who have been able to appreciate our efforts so far.

I am well aware that there has been criticism from conservationists about sights of paths and that some consider the paths to be an eyesore. Most complainants are able-bodied people.

I got a lot of help from Lamlash people wishing to upgrade an existing path, but failed to get permission from the landowners. There is a maintenance project on the North Newton path by the Lochranza volunteers to make better access along the shore. I wish other villages would do the same.

It would be nice if all villages helped to keep bracken and brambles at bay and cleaned ditches on the paths.

Another project was to make a path from Kinloch Hotel to the Preacher's Cave. Permission was given by the farmers to make a path along the edge of their fields, but again conservationists refused to allow it.

It was OK though to put a sewage pipe down through the gravel to the sea.

Finally, to these landowners, conservationists and the Arran Trust who don't seem to want change, if it wasn't for the visitors coming to Arran over many years, there would not be the prosperity there is today. It is important that the less able can come and enjoy our island as the able bodied do.

So to all the sports people on Arran, perhaps you could

encourage those concerned to allow paths for the less-able to be constructed.

Yours,
**Alasdair Hendry
Cir Mhor
Brodick**

Biomass objections

Sir,
The last time I looked, there was 213 objections and one for the proposed biomass plant.

Of the 214 responses, 57 were electronic comments as per your article. The other objections were submitted as letters.

All are visible on the NAC planning site.

Yours,
**Douglas Templeton
Glenburn
Whiting Bay**

Biomass application

Sir,
When this is re-submitted all objections should be sent to the NAC planning committee website to be taken into account or in writing to the address given on the formal advert in The Banner.

These are the only ways to make your opinions effective.

It is the NAC Planning Committee that makes the decision whether to allow or refuse the application.

The community council has no power or authority over the decision.

Yours,
**Carl Bush
Lamlash**

Cycle route appeal

Below is an extract of a letter written to Jonathan Bryant, signature project specialist for the National Trust for Scotland, by Margie Currie.

Dear Mr Bryant,
Congratulations on your post with NTS in the development of the signature project for Brodick Castle and Country Park – a very welcome venture for Arran.

There is one 'thorn in this crown' however, of which I believe that you will have heard and this letter is an appeal to you to take a fresh look at the issue of an off-

road track or path through the Country Park in the proximity of the sandstone dyke adjacent to the A841 main road.

Cyclists through national associations are encouraged to come to Arran, and the route between Brodick and Corrie is the most used one on the island.

Through the widespread public concern about the road risks in this area a group of local people of which I am one has commissioned a survey and feasibility study for an off-road multi-user route with the assistance of North Ayrshire Council.

The recommendation is that the route should be within the boundary wall. An alternative would be to move the wall back from the road by several metres but this would be a prohibitively expensive option.

There is an understanding of the historic value of that part of the Country Park property but there is an over-riding feeling that the greater priority is safety of road users and particularly of cyclists and pedestrians on the main road – your customers in fact in many cases.

There has been a willingness on the part of NTS to offer alternative proposals such as the free use of the Castle Drive but there is an intransigence towards the obvious and recommended solution, so much so that a number of ordinary members are questioning whether they will continue to support the Trust by subscription if a satisfactory outcome is not forthcoming.

This really is an issue of wide public concern which should be able with a will to be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties and I trust that we, the community, will have your goodwill in the course of the development of the signature project.

With regards
Yours sincerely
**Margie Currie
Shiskine**

This is the reply to the above letter from Jonathan Bryant.

Dear Margie,
Thank you for your letter

and good wishes.

Since we met in November last, I have been working closely with Ken Thorburn and his team to develop new ideas for Signature Project Brodick and have had the opportunity to talk to a wide range of community and business interests on Arran.

I am certain that Brodick Castle, Gardens and Country Park and Goatfell can do more to contribute to the economy and communities on Arran in future years and I'm very pleased to have been asked to take the project forward for the Trust.

Over the coming months we will be developing ideas further and discussing them within the community and more widely with potential funders etc.

Above all else, we want to ensure that The National Trust for Scotland's property on Arran can sustain itself and play a prominent part in the sustainability of the island's economy. The response we have had to date is very encouraging.

You raise the important question of safe cycling on the Brodick to Corrie route.

Let me assure you that the NTS fully supports this aim and will do all it can to further it.

You are also right to point out that the consultants' single conclusion to take the cycle track through historic designed landscapes that have recently suffered from Phytophthora have led us to pause for thought.

Nevertheless we have already suggested practical ways in which this might be done.

I have recently had very helpful meetings with senior officers of North Ayrshire Council and have readily undertaken to review safe cycling options as part of Signature Project Brodick.

I look forward to making early progress in this area and will keep you, and Arran Banner readers, up to date in progress.

Kind regards,
**Jonathan Bryant
Signature Project Brodick
National Trust for Scotland**

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Letters to the Editor



Here we go again

Sir,
It seems like only yesterday CalMac staff were on strike.

Now with the nation still staring into a financial abyss and belts being tightened all toys are thrown overboard and a strike ballot called.

All because they don't like an EU Directive which is binding on the government.

CalMac's hands are tied in the matter.

However, instead of targeting the organisations implementing this directive, the EU/government/Transport Scotland, the union goes for the soft target. Once again the threat is to make life miserable for the travelling public.

Jobs and perks for the boys for life, even in the public sector, have been in the long grass for ages.

In the real world if you want jam today and jam tomorrow, on both sides of the bread, you have to earn it. On the RMT's web site an attempt to justify strike action begins with the words 'The lifeline ferry services...'

Instead of posturing about an independent Scotland Mr Salmond and Co could better employ their time by intro-

ducing legislation to make it impossible for Mr Crow and his dinosaurs to sever this lifeline at their merest whim.

Yours,
Name and address supplied

Honesty prevails

Sir,
I am writing to thank the unknown man who handed in a camera and camera case found at Kildonan beach last weekend. We had been admiring and enjoying your beautiful island so much, we got carried away and did not notice it missing until 24 hours later.

The local police were not surprised it was handed in to them, and it was so good to learn that honesty still prevails in such a lovely island as Arran.

The police (who were so helpful and friendly too) could not release the man's name or details, but since 98 percent of islanders read your paper we hope that this message of thanks reaches the right person, who made sure our holiday was not spoiled by the loss of the camera

Yours,
Pauline Crisp
Reading, Berkshire

Midge ease!

Sir,
Following on from Jelica Shortland's letter last week, I can concur that Midge Ease really works.

Anyone who has been to the Sannox area and especially Corrie Golf Club will know just how awful the little darlings have been this year.

Last Wednesday and Friday were horrible; you simply could not go outside, it was raining midges.

I decided to use the tearoom staff and golfers as a trial for Midge Ease, all agreed it repelled the Sannox Midge and will make life just a little more pleasant.

So well done Jelica.

Yours,
Claire Berrie
The Tearoom
Corrie Golf Club

Missing seals

Sir,
Unfortunately due to a series of family circumstances (and our usual cottage not being available) we have not taken our annual three weeks on Arran this year, but from our remote view of the island via The Banner, we can only assume that the lack of

seals is due to them being kept busy by the number of planning applications that may need their approval.

Yours,
Janette Hinchliffe
Holmfirth

Bulb show cups

Sir,
Congratulations to all cup winners for both the Spring Bulb Show in March and the Arran Horticultural Show last month.

All the cups, plates and shields have been engraved now and are ready for your mantelpieces!

Would winners please contact me on 303753 to arrange either collection or delivery.

Yours,
Colin Totty
Brodick

Tercentenary Gathering

Sir,
Through your pages could we bring to everyone's attention St Brides Church Lochranza's Tercentenary Gathering Service on Sunday 30 September at 11am.

Invitations have gone out to those who were baptised or married in our Church over

the past years - however we are aware that a number of people have not received their invite due to changes of addresses.

We would therefore like to extend our invite to anyone who feels they should have received one and further to invite them to our Gathering Buffet lunch afterwards in the village hall. If anyone wants tickets for the lunch would they please contact either of us.

See you there.
Sinclair MacLeod, Catacol
Bill Scott, Lochranza.

Ode to a rooster

Sir,
I hope you do not mind that I have written to you again about my rooster (Banner page 1 25 August) but it is important to me. I know you understand.

I am sending you a poem:
*If the people who know me best,
Are glad when they see me come
The king with his white plumed crest,
Announced by the sound of the drum*

*And greeted with deafening cheers
Is honoured no more than I.
My joy is of the heart, not ears*

*Of mind, not the dazzled eye.
For what is the world's ap-*

*plause
Compared to the love of friends*

Come, name me a greater cause,

*And cite to me nobler ends
Are the plaudits that greet a king*

*Any sweeter to him I pray
Than the love that a few friends bring*

*To me at the close of day.
And I'll ask you for nothing more*

*To have that believe me true
is all I'm striving for.*

*I seek not the heights above
Nor the power with which kings are blessed*

*If only I have the above
Of the people who know me best.*

Yours,
Eric Gregory
Ingleside
Whiting Bay



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Through Arran's Keyhole

by Jenny Lyon

OAKBANK, LAMLASH

When you walk into the large hallway at Oakbank the first thing that strikes you is that this is a real family home.

The present owners Graham and Barbara Tinto are only the second family ever to have lived in the Victorian property showing just how easy a house this is to fall in love with.

They bought it in 1979 following the death of Elizabeth Inglis, whose father had built the house.

Barbara explained: 'Graham had taken up a post as a GP in Lamlash and we were keen to find somewhere to live a little bit outwith the village.

'When we saw Oakbank, it was just perfect. It was close to the hospital but also far enough out of the village that we felt we had our own space.'

Oakbank sits proudly on an elevated position along the Clachlands Shore Road and has absolutely wonderful views of Holy Isle.

'Yes it was partly the view that sold the house to us,' said Barbara. 'The view is stunning and I think we

have probably woken up to Holy Isle in all her different moods over the past 30 years.'

The couple have brought up their five children in the home and say it was perfect for a large family having seven bedrooms, three public rooms and several outbuildings in the large garden.

With its big rooms and original features - such as deep ornate cornices, fireplaces and the yellow pine doors and moulded skirtings - Oakbank is perfectly designed for family life.

Barbara said: 'We will be sad to move but it's time for another family to make their home here.'

Oakbank was recently reduced in price and is on the market at £485,000.



New regular feature from Arran Estate Agents



Arran Outdoor group thriving

The Arran Healthy Outdoors group - formerly the Arran Green Gym - is now well established at Brodick Country Park!

The group has been meeting weekly for nearly six months and the changes to the health of those in the group and to the areas the group are working on are obvious. The group meets every Tuesday at the NTS Ranger Centre at 10am for three hours. In the Wildlife Garden area the group are tidying up, removing invasive plants, and planting herbs and wildflowers.

Along Wilma's Walk non-native salmonberry, *Rhododendron ponticum*, and many types of conifer are being

eradicated through cutting and burning.

It won't be long before the roundhouse will be visible from the castle drive.

Another project is the tree nursery; the polytunnel is up, three beds are dug, benches have been built, seeds have been planted, small trees have been pricked out ready for planting over the next couple of years.

However, there is so much more to do! Many hands definitely make light work, and it's all good fun!

If you're not already signed up, do come along, have a bit of outdoors exercise, improve your fitness, perhaps learn new skills, reduce

stress, meet new people, and help improve the green space around you.

The sense of achievement overrides the effort, as is the very decent sleep you'll get on a Tuesday night.

Everyone of all ages (over 16) and all walks of life is welcome to Arran Healthy Outdoors; it's free and it's fun.

Come wearing old outdoor clothes (and waterproofs) that can get mucky and suitable footwear (wellingtons, sturdy boots, strong shoes).

The Rangers will provide work gloves, tools, materials, and tea break refreshments. If you would like more information or a programme please contact the NTS Ranger Centre on 302462 or e-mail jtotty@nts.org.uk



Some of the Advanced Group about to run off road at Glenclay. b36run01

Run to get fit and meet new friends

Laura Aitcheson has been organising a regular running course for Absolute Beginners and Advanced Beginners since last Spring.

Now she says: 'The Advanced Beginners are now up to running 5 km and will continue to run through the autumn and winter, building up distance and running both on and off road.'

'All new members are welcome to come along and join us on Wednesdays at 6pm in Auchrannie car park.'

'The Absolute Beginners finish their 10-

week course next week. The new course starts again on 12 September.

Come along

'Anyone who would like to start running should come along at 5.30pm on Wednesday in Auchrannie car park'

'The great thing about running is that you just put on your running shoes and go. Everyone can improve and build on their distance and speed. Get fit, meet new friends and lose weight!'



The group meets every Tuesday for three hours and the changes to the health of those in the group and to the areas the group are working on are clear.

Proposed biomass plant dubbed 'appallingly inefficient'

Chartered engineer Nick Quick of Dalry has addressed a seminar on Arran about woodchip boilers prior to Auchrannie Spa installing one at the hotel. Now he gives his thoughts on the proposed biomass fuelled power plant near Lamlash.

Following a request from several members of the Arran community, I am writing to give my professional opinion regarding this proposed biomass power plant.

Perhaps it might be helpful if I mentioned something of my professional background and experience, as I believe it has relevance to this case. I

am a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology.

During the 1960's as a young engineer at Associated Electrical Industries Ltd., I worked on the design, manufacture and commissioning of a number of 'Base Load' power stations: Thorpe Marsh, Eggborough, and Ironbridge coal fired stations and Dungeness advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) nuclear station.

Base load power stations provide the majority of the country's electricity, and as such, all of the above had a power output in excess

of 1,000MW, ie. they were all about the same size as Hunterston B.

More recently, in 2007 I installed a 50kW woodchip central heating boiler to heat my farmhouse near Dalry. It has proved to be very successful, producing heat efficiently, economically, and reliably. Following the successful commissioning of this boiler, I made a presentation at a seminar at the Auchrannie Spa Resort on Monday 17 March 2008. I believe that it was following this seminar that the Auchrannie Estate decided to install a woodchip boiler to heat the hotel.

Woodchip central heating boilers such as the one at my farmhouse and also the one at the Auchrannie Hotel operate at efficiencies around 90per-

cent. In other words, 90percent of the calorific value in the woodchip fuel is converted into useful heat to heat the buildings, and only 10percent is waste heat.

Contrast this with the proposed biomass fuelled power plant which is stated to have an efficiency of 23percent. In other words, 23percent of the calorific value in the woodchip fuel is converted into electricity and the remaining 77percent is waste energy in the form of heat.

Power stations are not intrinsically very efficient when compared with heat-only boilers. Coal fired base load stations are typically about 40percent efficient. However, the proposed biomass fuelled power plant, at an efficiency figure of 23percent, is by any standards appallingly inefficient.

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I dropped my poorly computer into the post office in Brodict and I was amazed at how quickly Cams had it back up and running.

Cams can turn his hand to all sorts of problems, including virus removal, repairs and upgrades.

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And he will also come out to your home if you're having network problems.

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I love wandering about Bilslands on a Saturday afternoon because there is so much to buy.

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One of the reasons I love this shop is that it has a lovely traditional feel about it with 'old fashioned' values playing a big part in the running of a successful business while also supporting the local community.

Ruth and Barry have created a well-stocked shop selling everything you could possibly need.

From bread and milk to more unusual delicatessen items and a great selection of wine, DVDs and greeting cards; Bay Stores has it all.

I was delighted to discover that the couple also offer a home delivery service for those living between Brodict and Kilmory where orders can either be placed online or by telephone.

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Homes on Arran

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I really had no idea where to start so it was great to sit down with Judy her in the Brodict office and talk about all the options open to me.

With around 20 houses on her books ranging from idyllic cottages to large family homes, I was amazed at how many different properties she had for me to see.

Judy helped me to focus on what I really wanted from a property making it much

easier for me to find the perfect home.

With many rental properties occasionally available, Judy is perfect for anyone looking to find somewhere to live on the island.





Joint winners of the 2012 Dux award were Iona Flewitt and Christopher Jenks.

Prizegiving recognises hard work and determination

The academic achievements and sporting successes of Arran High School's talented senior pupils were celebrated at the annual prizegiving last Thursday night.

Parents and friends packed the community theatre in Lamash to see Arran's youngsters recognised for their hard work and dedication.

Welcoming the audience, headteacher Mr Auld praised the youngsters' enthusiasm and said he was proud of each and every one of them.

Awards were presented to a considerable number of S3, S4, S5 and S6 pupils for their work during the past year.

Special awards were then presented to those pupils that have excelled themselves in several areas of school life.

The 2012 School Dux award was presented jointly to Iona Flewitt and Christopher Jenks in recognition of their incredible grades in the Higher examinations.

David Johnston, a former pupil at the school, was invited back this year as guest speaker.

He entertained the audience with tales of his time at Arran High and encouraged the pupils to enjoy their time at school.

A number of new awards were also presented this year.

Speech and drama

The first was the Heather Gough Award for speech and drama created by the former English teacher.

The first recipient to merit this award for outstanding dramatic ability by demonstrating his talent in the Wizard of Oz production in June was Christopher Jenks.

There were also two North Ayrshire Star Awards presented to Arran High School pupils.

The first for sporting achievement went to Ewan Bulger who has dedicated

much of his time to rugby, making the effort to go to the mainland regularly for training and always returning on the 7am ferry for classes the following morning.

His efforts were recently rewarded when he was selected to play for Scotland rugby's under 17s team.

And Iain Clarke was given an award in the creative achievement category for he too literally went the extra mile, attending the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland every Saturday for master classes in piano, saxophone and performance.

Iain recently attained Grade 8 in piano and saxophone, both with distinction.

The final new prize presented was the Brian Miller award for attainment in S5/6 social subjects kindly donated by the former Principal Teacher of Social Subjects and it was also awarded this year to Christopher Jenks.



The junior prizewinners pictured after their ceremony last Friday morning.



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Full list of prizes

Inter-house competition: 4= Iorsa and Shuraig, 2 Sannox, 1 Rosa. Young musician of the year: Iain Clarke. Young singer of the year: Katharine O'Donnelly.

Nicola McConnell Trophy for contribution to the music department: James McAleer. Heather Gough Award for speech and drama: Christopher Jenks. Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition: Sophie Corbett, Sarah Jenkins and Jessica Tetlow.

Charles Russell Memorial Trophy for attainment in technology: Christian Pomeroy. The Admiral Group Award for S5/6 business education: Mollie Hodkinson. Arran Dairies/Taste of Arran Award for most promising hospitality student: Isla Yuill.

Buchanan Prize for outstanding achievement in essay writing in S4: Moir McCallum. A R Humphreys Prize for outstanding achievement in English in S5: Christopher Jenks. Andrew Johnson Prize for outstanding achievement in Maths in S5: Christopher Jenks.

North Ayrshire Star Awards: Sporting achievement - Ewan Bulger. Creative achievement category: Iain Clarke. Ian Watt Award for achievement in science: Beau Gray. Brian Miller award for attainment in S5/6 social subjects: Christopher Jenks.

Lamlash Senior Millennium Cup for citizenship: Miles Mallinson. John D MacKinnon awards for students going onto further education or apprenticeship: Lewis Brennan, Megan McAllister, Jack McQueen, John Moynihan, Lynn Ramage and Bethany Tetlow.

Endeavour Awards: Emma Shaw, Moir McCallum, Lauren MacAlister and John Murchie. Margaret Wright Award for academic achievement in S4 Examinations: Eilidh Black. Kilmarnock Trophy for achievement in S5/6 at Intermediate level: Linzi Nicol.

Joint Dux: Iona Flewitt and Christopher Jenks. 100 per cent attendance: Iain Logan, Colin McKenzie, Kirsty McAllister, Glen Mlotek, Finlay Murchie, Katharine O'Donnelly and Ross Paul.

Six years perfect attendance: John Murchie. School golf competition: lowest net score Glen Mlotek, winner Michael Macfarlane. Ayrshire Athletics Championships: School Sports Champions - Intermediate Peter Gillson, Emma Shaw. Senior Euan Bone, Lauren MacAlister.

North Ayrshire Secondary Schools Burns Verse Speaking: First place Colin McKenzie S5/6, Struan Robertson S3/4. Ayrshire Association of Burns Clubs Verse Speaking: second place Colin MacKenzie S5/6, Finlay Murchie S3/4, First place Struan Robertson. Young Enterprise Certificates of Achievement: Jack Barbour, Lauren Burns, Mollie Hodkinson, Christopher Jenks, Kirsty McAllister, Kirsty MacLeod, Eloise McNeaney, Linzi Nicol, Chantal Smith, Bethany Tetlow.

Young Enterprise Scotland Examination: Lauren Burns, Mollie Hodkinson, Emma Hill, Natalie Innes, Kirsty MacLeod, Kirsty McAllister, Linzi Nicol, Caitlin Smith. Majik Award: Eloise McNeaney.

COAST awards: Luke Cannon, Robert Ingham, Susie Mowatt, Hannah Ross. Prefects: Gillian Anderson, Scott Barbour, Fredi Baumgärtner, Robbie Bayne, Lois Crawford, Iona Flewitt, Mollie Hodkinson, Neil Hunter, Sarah Jenkins, Christopher Jenks, Lauren MacAlister, Kirsty McAllister, Moir McCallum, Catherine McEachern, Liusaidh McMaster, Rachael Mulholland, Linzi Nicol, Katharine O'Donnelly, Ross Paul and Georgie Wood.

Captains and Vice Captains session 2011/12: vice captains Chantal Smith and Christian Pomeroy, captains Eloise McNeaney and Jack Barbour. Session 2012/13: vice captains Mollie Hodkinson and Christopher Jenks, captains Iona Flewitt and Robbie Bayne.



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last time, again for the public vote. The pet with the most votes will then be crowned The Arran Banner Pet Idol 2012! For rules and terms and conditions, visit www.arranbanner.co.uk/petidol.

You can keep voting for a pet on this page via text and using coupons printed every week for the duration of the competition until the voting deadline which will be announced in next week's issue.

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Youngsters enjoy pony club camp

Fun and frolics at Kings Cross

The Arran Riding Club held their annual pony club camp at Kings Cross recently by very kind permission of the Mutch and Warwick family. Eight junior members arrived

at Kings Cross on Friday 17 August for a weekend full of riding lessons, training, waterslides and lots of fun! The weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

A huge thank you must go to the Mutch and Warwick family for their fantastic hospitality. Arran Riding has a number of events taking place in the coming weeks. The Junior Show will be held on Sunday 16 September while the Teen Camp this year is on the 28 - 30 September.

Spaces for this can be booked now.

Arran Riding Club is also holding their annual Dinner Dance on Saturday 10 November at The Kinloch Hotel.

Tickets will be available soon! Please keep an eye on the website www.arranridingclub.com



Eight junior members of Arran Riding Club enjoyed the annual pony club camp.

Arran Golfers Association Champion of Champions 2012

In last week's Banner, we reported on Dougie Macfarlane's dramatic victory over David Tod in the final of the Champion of Champions. Now we detail the earlier rounds of this year's competition which took place at Corrie Golf Club.

First round, first out was last years runner up Iain MacDonald against Corrie's Stephen Beardsley.

A solid performance by Stephen coupled with unusually erratic golf from Iain gave Stephen a comfortable victory.

Next out was Lamlash's Dougie Macfarlane against Stewart Black of Lochranza. Dougie produced some inspired golf being 5 under par after 11 holes where the match ended.

Three times winner Nicol Auld was up against David Tod of Shiskine. Despite Nicol being around par David played very well with the help of 4 twos to take the match at the 16th, 3&2.

Last out was the closest match of the night with Gordon Hendry against Willie Kelso of Machrie. The match was close all the way with Willie holing a 15 footer on the last to take the match to sudden death but unfortunately couldn't capitalise, and a loose tee shot at the 2nd extra hole cost him the tie.

In the first semi final Dougie Macfarlane took on Gordon Hendry. Again solid golf from Dougie took him into a 5 hole lead after 7 holes and despite Gordon's best efforts including a chip in two at the

10th Dougie didn't let up and took the match at the 14th being 2 under par.

Second semi final was between David Tod and Stephen Beardsley. There was never much between the two players but with David winning 9 and 10 he looked like closing the match out sooner rather than later. Stephen got back to only 1 down but lost 16 to go dormy 2 down. A win on 17 reduced the deficit to one hole but as his putt on the last for birdie slipped past so did the match.

David progressed to the final against Dougie, as reported in last week's back page story.

The standard of golf in the competition seems to get better each year, and next year the competition moves to Machrie.

Corrie Film Club

Film of the Month: Winter's Bone (USA 2010. Cert.15)

This month's Corrie Film Club offering, last of the season, is Debra Granik's *Winter's Bone*.

Set in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri, Granik's hard-hitting drama is about taboo and the consequences of trespassing on the past.

When her father jumps bail, 17-year-old Ree Dolly (superlatively played by Jennifer Lawrence) only breadwinner in a dysfunctional family, faces losing the home put up as his bond where she lives with her invalid mother and younger siblings.

With no choice she sets out to track him down and is met with threats, hostility and a wall of silence from friends and relatives.

Undeterred, Ree risks her life to piece together the shocking truth as her father's violent past comes back to haunt her in a thrilling climax.

See this film on Saturday 8 September in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall at 8pm. All welcome.

Regulars please note that the showing is Saturday not Sunday to fit in with the McLellan Arts Festival performance of *The Creation*.

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The weekend was full of riding lessons, training, waterslides and lots of fun!



For the junior members, Pony Club Camp is a great training experience.



Philip Differ - Script writer for Naked Radio & Not The 9 o'clock News, Producer of Naked Video & Scotch & Wry, and Creator of Only An Excuse.

Michael Redmond - Appeared on Comedy Nation, Friday Night Live, Clive Anderson, Just for Laughs and Father Ted!

Scott Gibson - A regular on the Scottish Comedy Circuit. Finalist of Scottish Comedian of the Year 2011.

Susie McCabe - Glasgow's Freshest Female Comedian - a supercharged pocket rocket.

Whiting Bay Hall. Sat. 22 Sept
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Arran's junior hockey players won both trophies last weekend at the West Area Hockey Festival.

Double celebration for Arran junior hockey players

Arran Junior Hockey Club Twenty youngsters from the island took part in hockey coaching before playing in a number of matches at the West Area Hockey Festival last weekend.

Ormidale Park. Teams from Helensburgh and Clydesdale travelled to the island for the event.

Arran livestock sales

United Auctions had forward 1,196 store cattle and cast cows, 11,422 prime and store lambs and cast ewes at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last week.

- Arran prices:
- Charolais cross bullocks, Hawthorn £800, 215p, Charolais cross heifers, Hawthorn £680, 188p.
 - Prime Lambs: Craighdu (Texel cross) £86, Glenree (Mule) £74.50.
 - Store Lambs: Auchenhew (Suffolk cross) £66, Bellvue (Mule) £62.50, Ceither Gaothie (Meatlink) £50.50, Criagdhru (Texel cross) £70, Moor Farm (Texel cross) £69, Kilpatrick (Texel cross) £65.50, Auchenhew (Texel cross) £64, Springfield (Texel cross) £62, Bloomfield (Texel cross) £60, Glenree (Blackface Euros) £48.
 - Ewes: Auchenhew (Mules) £66.50, Glenree (Blackface) £36.50.

In perfect weather conditions on Sunday, the competitive matches proved to be very exciting and Arran managed to win the shield with both an under 10s team and under 12s team win.

The hockey festival always runs on the first weekend of September so keep your diary free for next year as Arran Junior Hockey Club committee will be playing more of a part in organising it.

Hockey practices take place on the Ormidale pitch on Tuesdays at 6pm.

The club now has three coaches to run the sessions and they are hoping to gain further coaching qualifications over the next year.

Children aged between seven and 14 are all welcome.

COAST hear that Clyde ecosystem is in meltdown

'Until we change our ways, our fish won't be able to recover'

World-renowned local sculptor Marvin Elliott recently carved a big cod out of a piece of driftwood.

'This wooden fish is meant to be an eye-catching reminder of those days of the Lam-lash Fishing Festival,' said the Corrie based artist.

'This is the sort of size of cod that you used to be able to catch off our shores. Until we change our ways, our fish won't be able to recover.'

The cod was on display when Dr Bill Turrell gave a talk to the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) entitled 'The Clyde Marine Ecosystem: is it in Meltdown?' Bill is leader of marine ecosystems at Marine Scotland Science. He described the Clyde as a 'marvellous inland sea' with 0.8 per cent of Scottish Marine waters.

The sea bottom has nine per cent gravels, 66 per cent sand and 25 per cent muds.

It is a productive area in terms of algae blooms in March-April and September-October.

The Firth of Clyde is warming, as much as a degree per

decade. The big changes in the Clyde are the types of demersal fish (these live and feed on or near the bottom. They occupy the sea floor, which consists of mud, sand, gravel or rocks).

The size of fish in the Clyde has also radically changed.

One-year old whiting now represent 72 per cent of the fish present and 90 per cent of fish are below minimum landing size.

The Clyde has changed from an even mix of fish with many large predators to one dominated by few types and no large fish.

Between 1920-1959 there were 13 species of demersal fish.

It is clear that over-fishing and types of gear have impacted on fish stocks.

In 2010 there were 66 prawn bottom-trawling Scottish boats shows and 24 scallop dredgers with a total of 52,802 fishing hours. (That is without counting the Northern Irish boats and nomads that 'turn up'. This summer there have been up to 40 Northern Irish prawn trawlers based in Campbeltown.)

Many of the 60 listeners had questions about what could be done, and why the Scottish Government had done little so far except for just 2.67 hectares of No Take Zone in Lam-lash Bay.

That took 10 years of campaigning by COAST to achieve. Bill is hopeful for the Clyde that with management measures over time there is a chance a mixed fishery could return.



Marvin Elliot and his big cod carved from a piece of driftwood.

ARRAN BRASS IN CONCERT
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Bird Notes for August

By Jim Cassels

August 2012 had a mean temperature two degrees higher than the previous two Augusts but there was twice as much rainfall.

With low temperatures some nights, there was more than a hint of the approach of autumn.

Having said that, summer visitors were still to the fore including family groups of Spotted Flycatcher in Shannoche on the 2nd, Tree Pipit in Lochranza on the 5th, and Willow Warbler in Pirrmill on the 18th.

In addition there were 40 Sand Martin in Sannox Quarry on the 10th, 100 House Martin in Largymore on the 14th, four Swift over Lamlash on the 24th and 60 Swallow in Shiskine on the 27th.

Let me know when you last see a Swallow this summer.

Other signs of successful breeding this month included: a family of Bullfinch by Kilmory Church on the 2nd, a family of Blackcap in

Lamlash on the 14th, a pair of Mute Swan with four large young in Whiting Bay on the 18th, a crèche of 12 Eider at Machrie on the 19th, a pair of Blackbird with their third brood this year in Lochranza on the 20th and a young Great Spotted Woodpecker with its red cap at Balnacool also on the 20th.

In August, breeding is coming to an end, and after breeding a number of species begin to flock together, some in preparation for migration.

These included: 83 Golden Plover at Machriewaterfoot, 88 Ringed Plover at Drumadon and 176 Starling at Kilpatrick all on the 19th, over 90 White Wagtail on Cleats Shore on the 25th, a mixed flock of over 300 Goldfinch and Linnet on Cleats Shore on the 26th, eight Wheatear also on Cleats Shore on the 26th and 40 Red-breasted Merganser at Whitefarland on the 30th.

All around the coast were

signs of birds on migration, including two Arctic and four Sandwich Tern at Sandbraes on the 2nd, 120 Manx Shearwater in Whiting Bay on the 16th, a juvenile Knot at Machrie on the 21st, 80 Turnstone on Pladda on the 24th, a Black-tailed Godwit on Cleats Shore on the 25th, 13 Dunlin on Cleats Shore on the 26th, 50 Kittiwake in Whiting Bay on the 27th and five Sanderling at Drumadon on the 28th.

Other birding highlights this month included: a Greenshank calling over High Kildonan on the 15th, 40 Canada Geese on a sandbar off Pirrmill on the 19th, two Goosander at Cosyden on the 19th, a Dipper at Glenashdalewaterfoot on the 24th and 60 Gannet off Cleats Shore on the 28th.

Finally, a word on the familiar House Sparrow. It is in severe decline in the UK and as a result is on the 'red' conservation list.

Here on Arran it seems to have had an excellent breeding season with observers reporting second and third broods.

In August, groups with young included 20 in Kildonan on the 4th, 60 at Largymore on the 14th, 20 in Lochranza on the 28th and 30 in Kilpatrick on the 29th.

I would be pleased to receive reports of other House Sparrow groups.

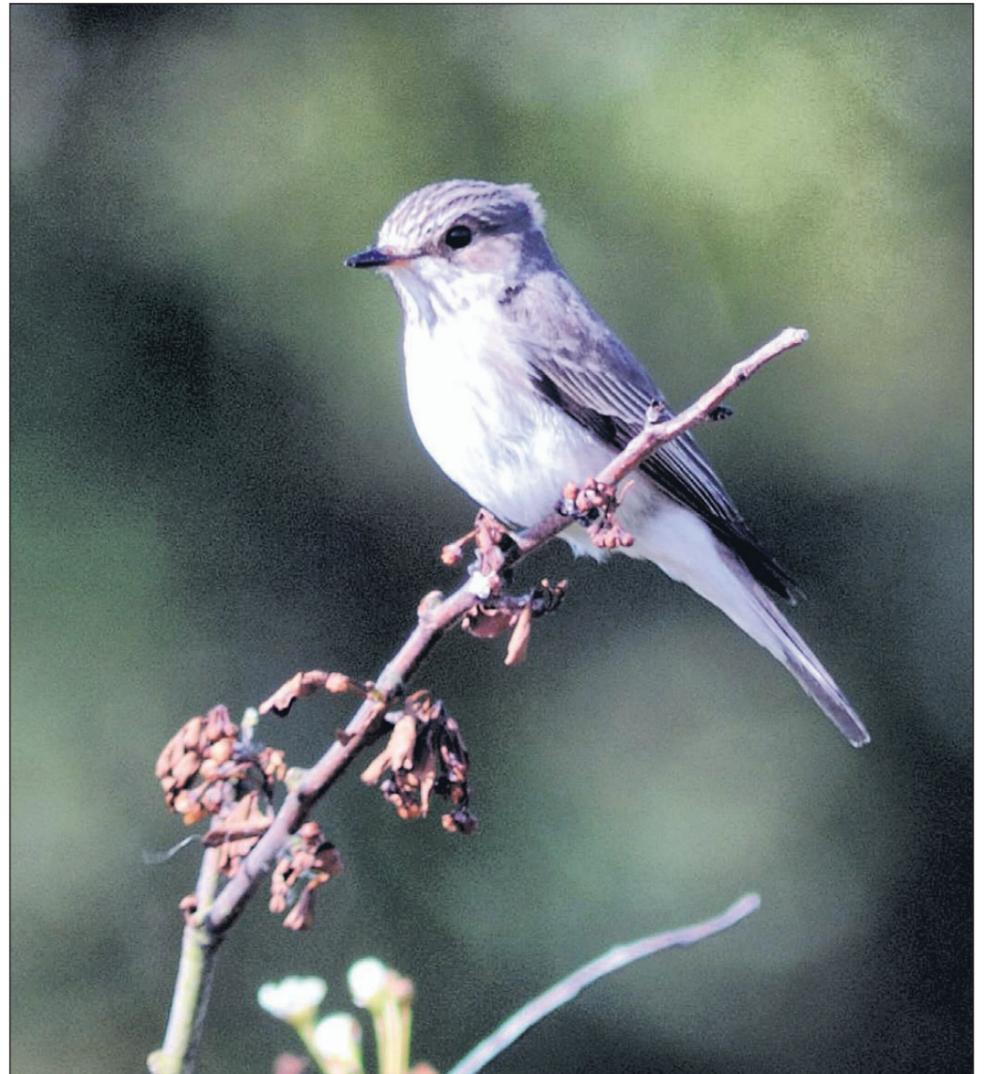
September sees the start of the peak migration season when many birds are on the move. It is the time to expect the unexpected.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels,



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Picture by Carl Reavey



Spotted Flycatcher is one of our less familiar but regular summer visitors.

Picture by Brian Couper

Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, look forward to hearing from the "Arran Bird Report 2011" KA27 8EY, or e mail me at you. For more information and visit this website www.james.cassels@virgin.net . I on birding on Arran purchase arranbirding.co.uk

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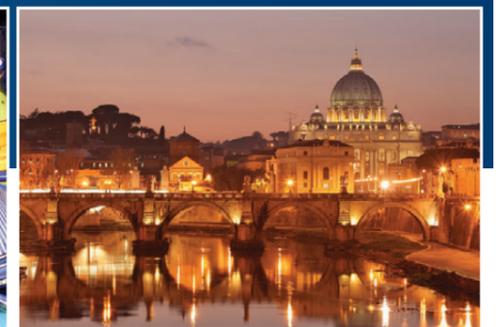


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Trophy winners in the Glenashdale Road Race. b36twe02

Sheep dropping patrol

Lamlash Council Offices have received a directive that men from the cleansing department should travel to Lochranza at least once a week to remove offending sheep droppings from the road.

Local Officer Ian Thompson has confirmed that two men have been put on sheep dropping patrol.

Hunkamania coming back

The men of Hunkamania are to return to Arran, this time to the Douglas Hotel on 22 September.

When they visited Lamlash Community Centre in Spring a surprisingly large crowd of excited ladies turned out to see them perform.

Rock Hotel sold

The Rock Hotel, Blackwaterfoot has finally been sold. The purchaser, unusually, is the man who has the holiday house adjacent and it is believed he bought it because he does not like having a pub next door.

Another hotel which has seen happier times is the Island Hotel in Brodick. It has just gone on the market for £140,000.

Late Lagers still alive

Shock news from the Southend as we hear that some of the Late Lagers are still alive and kicking. George Tod is currently preparing his team of pensioners to once again take on the might of Southend United in a challenge football match.

Worst August in memory

We have just endured one of the worst August months in memory weatherwise.

Average temperature was 13.3 degrees C compared to 15.7 last year.

Total rainfall was 259.7mm and there were only three completely dry days.

Kevin is three times winner

Thomas Lawrence of Ayr Seaforth won the Glenashdale Road Race last Saturday, just pipping local runner Gordon Allsop. The junior race was won for the third year in succession by Kevin Jackson, equalling David Morrison's record.

First open clay shoot

The first Arran Open Clay Pigeon Competition will be held next Sunday 6 September at Balnacoolie, Shiskine.



Sheena Miller presents the Ann Miller Cup to the Arran Select team who beat champions Shiskine by 5 goals to one. b36twe01



They're off; the start of the Glenashdale Road Race in Whiting Bay village centre. b36twe03

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If you think you know then post your answer on the website www.arranbanner.co.uk
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Rosaburn, Brodict 10.30am-4.30pm

Saturday 8th September

Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Open rinks
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Games
Junior Badminton Club
Corrie film club

Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm-6pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16
Corrie village hall, 8pm

Sunday 9th September

Alcoholics Anonymous
New Al-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Live Music
Open Mic Session
Sunday folk Session
Each evening sees its close
Haydn's Creation - Soloists

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30 - 6 p.m.
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm
Ormidale, 8.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
Ormidale, 9pm
Brodict Heritage museum 1pm, 2pm & 3pm
Lamlash Church, 7.30pm

Monday 10th September

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Citizens Advice
Breathe Walk class
Table Tennis
Come Dance with me - LeRoc modern Jive
Arran junior Football
Quiz
Badminton
Summer Bridge
Rink Games
Rink Game
Rink Games
Outside Boot Camp
Boot Camp
Volleyball Club
Arran junior football Club

Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm -5.30pm
High School sports hall - seniors, 7.30-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm-7pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Arran High School, 6.30 for 6.45pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm -7.30pm

Tuesday 11th September

Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Melody Movement, Ballet Class 2 ½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class 2 ½ yrs up
Youth Club
Zumba Fitness Class
Weight Watchers
Rink Games
Junior Hockey Club 8yrs up
Guided Garden Walk
Country Dancing

Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm-9.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm-8pm
Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm
St Molios, Church Hall, 7pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Ormidale Park, 6-7pm
Brodict Castle, 2.00pm
Brodict Hall 7.30pm

Wednesday 12th September

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
Aquafizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones
Kids Games
AYF Film Making Club
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Services
Arran Absolute Beginners Runners
Arran Advance Beginners Runners
Junior Tennis
Rink Games
Bridge Drive
Rink Game
Rink Games
Northend Football Training
Outside Boot Camp
Boot Camp
Dog Agility Class
Arran Brass in concert

Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School - kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5-6pm
Brodict church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
5.30pm, Auchrannie Spa Car Park.
6pm Auchrannie Spa Car Park
Shiskine Tennis Club, 4.30-6pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 6.30pm
Lochranza, 7pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
W/Bay Park, Beginners/Kids 1-2pm. Been before 2.30-3.30pm
Lamlash Community theatre, 7.30pm

Thursday 13th September

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
General knowledge Quiz
Zumba Fitness Club
Live Country/Folk music
Cricket Practice
Senior Tennis
Garden Walk

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
Kinloch Bar, 9pm
Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Sannox Oval, 6pm
Shiskine Tennis Club, 6pm
Brodict Castle 2pm

Friday 14th September

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Weight Watchers
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Outside Boot Camp
Discover the Collection
AYF Film Night
Country Music Night

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 10am-11am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Brodict Castle 2-4pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7pm
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The Modified Plan is a land use planning document which sets out a vision for North Ayrshire over the next 20 years, identifying specific areas for future development and acting as the framework for determining planning applications in the area, once adopted. It incorporates modifications to the original Proposed Local Development Plan published in April 2011, taking account of specific comments made during the consultation period.

The Modified Environmental Adoption Statement is an updated version of the previous Environmental Adoption Statement which accompanied the Proposed LDP. The above documents can be viewed online at: www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/localplans, or in person at Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE. Copies will be available to view in all libraries in North Ayrshire from Monday 10 September.

For more information, please contact us via email at LDP@north-ayrshire.gov.uk, by telephone on 01294 324757 or by writing to Planning Services, North Ayrshire Council, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE.

Comments in support of, or in objection to, the changes outlined in the Modified Plan are now invited. Resubmission of previous representations is not necessary and these will be disregarded.

Statements should be made by filling out a 'Representation Form' available online or by requesting a form using the contact details above. The deadline for all comments to be received is 4.30pm on Friday 19 October 2012.

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Written representations may be made to the Solicitor to the Council (Corporate Services) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 28.09.12. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
12/00473/PP; Shalarel (Former Tighnamara Guest House), Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8AJ; Change of use from residential dwelling to a guest house.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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Wednesday, 12th September
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
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Sunday 9th September
Brodick Church, 10.30am,
Corrie Church, 12noon,
Lochranza Church 9.30am
Pirmill Church 10.45am
Shiskine Church, 12noon,
A Service of Worship will also
be held in Montrose House
at 1.30pm.

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Sunday 9th September
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daughter Eleri Taylor, 8 lbs 4
ozs, Born on August 29th in
Cornwall.

DEATH

CUNNINGHAM - ROBERT

After a long illness, peacefully
at home on Thursday 30th Au-
gust 2012. Robert Smith Cun-
ningham, 77, beloved partner of
Christine and fatherly figure to
Quinton and Faye Black. A gen-
tle and interesting man who will
be sadly missed.
Grateful thanks to the Emergen-
cy Services, Hospital and Dis-
trict Nurses, First Responders
and Hendry's Funeral Services.

CONGRATULATIONS

David and Joan Bland wish to
congratulate Dan and Debbie on
the welcome gift of Eleri Taylor
their first great grand child and
first great great grandchild of
Mary Bland.

THANK YOU

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I would like to thank all those
who voted for me in the Co-op
election. Unfortunately, I failed
to be re-elected and Arran will
have no representative on the SW
Committee for at least a year. I
shall try again next year.
Bill Roberts

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Moir and family would like to express
our most sincere thanks to all those who
have aided in our hour of need.

To the emergency services and all those
who tended to Moir – both on the ground
and in the air – your professionalism
spared us the worst and we shall be
eternally grateful.

To family, friends and neighbours
who have proffered practical help and
good wishes galore, we salute your
selflessness.

Moir is made of tough stuff (it's not all
good looks and brains, you know!) and is
recovering well. He will be back at school
sporting his prefect badge and enforcing
school rules before too long!

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Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 28 August, Stableford Competition CSS 68. 1 Pat Reid (15)33 bh, 2 Elizabeth Sinclair (17)33, 3 Margaret Roxburgh (14)28. Pat Reid had the only two.

Tuesday 4 September, medal and ALGU pendant, CSS 69. Silver 1 Isobel MacDonald 18 63, 2 Pat Adamson 18 68, 3 Susan Butchard 14 74. Bronze 1 Lesley Murray 25 74, 2 Heather Raeside 24 78. Twos Pat Adamson, Lesley Murray, Isobel MacDonald. An outing to Machrie Golf Club has been arranged for Thursday 4 October at 11am. All lady golfers on the island and friends are welcome to join us. Please contact Liz McKellar 302230 for details or add your name to the list in Brodick Ladies locker room if you would like to come.

Gents: Wednesday 29 August, Summer Cup 41 played CSS 66. 1 L Keir (13)61, 2 M Dobson (8)62, 3 N Hume (13)65. Scratch M Dobson 70. There were seven twos, D Roxburgh got two.

Saturday 1 September, Belhaven Mixed Texas Scramble 10 teams played.

1 M McKay, H Tait, R McCrae, J Armit 58, 2 S & R Butchard, D Roxburgh, G Hendry 59.8 (on countback), 3 H and T Raeside, F Crawford, D Henderson.

Fixtures: Sunday 9 September, Brandon Cup Final. Wednesday 12 September, Summer Cup final round. Saturday 15 September, AGA Senior Handicap, Shiskine 1pm. Sunday 16 September, sweep.

Donald wins 2012 McKinnie Cup

Isobel MacDonald reports on the annual McKinnie Cup golf match

Sunday after the Highland Games is the usual day for the McKinnies to gather at Brodick Golf Club and reflect on the previous day's Games. Several members of the clan partook of the cocktails, Kate Nichols more than anyone else, however this must have fuelled her up as she went out and won the ladies prize in the golf, the Elinor Bannochie Salver, beating Isobel MacDonald into 2nd place.

Donald McKinnie was the popular winner of the McKinnie Cup this year, previously won by him in 2008. Interestingly Donald did the cards and calculated the handicaps, although once again Len did not agree with the calculations. Had Len waited around long enough he would have seen Donald present-

ed with the cup by John Hartley and wear the green jacket with gusto.

Michael McKinnie was runner up in the golf and stated that next year he is bringing his own clubs circa 1968 with him.

Did us proud

The Hartley girls did us proud with the prizes, the bingo, the putting and the boules. Nearly everyone got one and Andy McCrindle waited around long enough to pick up the golf balls that others had left.

Next year will be Rosie's 60th and she will be performing for the last time outside Stalkers on Games day. Written applications for this important part of the Games will be taken by the McKinnie Committee and Kenny Morrison will accept photographs of potential candidates.



Donald McKinnie and Kate Nichols were winners in the 2012 McKinnie Cup. b36mck01



Susan Butchard, left, won the Josie Sanderson Island Stableford at Lamlash Golf Club.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 30 August, Ladies Three Club Competition. Silver: 1 P Adamson 21pts, 2 E Kelso 20pts. Bronze: 1 L Murray 20pts, 2 A Burnet 18pts.

Fixtures: Sunday 9 September, Club Outing to Tarbert. Thursday 13 September, 12 Hole Medal Winners Competition (Ladies).

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday 29 August, a good turnout of 29 played in

the latest round of the Summer Trophy, CSS-63.

1 Nicol Auld (3) 60, 2 John Pennycott (13) 61, 3 Gordon Provan (9) 62, 4 Dave Hackett (12) 63.

Nicol Auld won scratch with 63 and there were magic twos from Jamie Stewart, Ronnie Mann, Dave Hackett and David Morrison. There are now two remaining rounds of the Summer Trophy left, with the best six scores for each player to count.

Fixtures: Saturday 8 Sep-

tember, AGA Arran Grouse Finals, 1pm. Sunday 9 September, Cooper Angus Par 3 Competition, one draw at 10am.

Arran Golfers Association

Sunday 2 September, Autumn Handicap at Brodick Golf Club. This year's competition was played over Brodick on a lovely dry sunny afternoon on Sunday without any midges. The course was looking great and the hard work of Keith and his team is really starting to show with the greens absolutely gorgeous and running very true, thanks to Brodick for hosting, catering and the scoring. CSS 66.

First Class: 1 David Morrison 71-10=61, 2 Dougie Macfarlane 63-1=62, 3 Jamie Stewart 69-6=63. **Second Class:** 1 Raymond Jeffrey 80-15=65, 2 Iain Sillars 80-14=66, 3 Dougie Robertson 81-13=68. **Best Scratch** Dougie Macfarlane 63. **JC Reid award for over 55s** Lindsey Keir 64. **Winner of Drumadoon Cup and prize from the Currie family** David Morrison. There were 16 twos, Jamie Stewart had three and Dougie had two.

Fixtures: Saturday 8 September, Arran Grouse at Whiting Bay Golf Club. Draw

Brodick B v Machrie A at 1pm, Lamlash A v Brodick A at 1.10pm, Whiting Bay A v Machrie B and 1.20pm, Lamlash B v Whiting Bay B at 1.30pm, Corrie A v Shiskine B at 1.40pm, Lochranza B v Corrie B at 1.50pm, Shiskine A v Lochranza A at 2pm.

Saturday 15 September, Seniors Handicap at Shiskine Golf Club from 1pm (yellow tees).

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 29 August, 17 of Arran's female golfers came together at Lamlash to compete in the Josie Sanderson Island Stableford. The weather was kind, even if the midges weren't, and the course, as always, was beautiful but challenging. Susan Butchard once again demonstrated her for-

midable skills, winning with 37 stableford points. Second was Elizabeth Ross, with 35 points, and third was Anne MacVicar with 34. Thank you to all those who competed and catered.

Lamlash Gents: Thursday 30 August, Seniors Medal CSS 63. 1 Jim Stewart 76-14=62, 2 Hamish McArthur 83-17=66. Two from Drew Crawford. **Commando Cup and Summer Cup** CSS 65. 1 Stuart Campbell 69-6=63, 2 Steven Heaney 77-14=63,

2 Ian Buchanan 34, 3 Ross Traill 35.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 28 August, Sweep from yellow tees. 1 John Pennycott 59, 2 Elizabeth Ross 65, 3 Denise Sherwood 67. **Scratch John Pennycott** 72. Twos Ron Woods.

Fixtures: Sunday 9 September, Lochranza Studio Gallery Cup which is a greensomes stableford 1pm tee off. Tuesday 11 September, SGLU medal 12.30pm tee off.



The winners of the summer competitions at Machrie Golf Club. The Lady Mary was won by Denise Sherwood and Ron Woods won the Peter Sutton.

3 Jim Young 78-13=65, 4 Dougie Macfarlane 66-1=65. **Best Scratch** D Macfarlane 66. Twos from Stuart Campbell, David Ross, Steven Heaney, Ian Bremner, Norrie MacIntyre and Iain Murchie. **Fixtures:** Sunday Medal, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday 13 September, Summer Cup and Captain's Prize - make up own groups.

Lochranza Golf Course

Cabrach competition, final day. The final round of the Cabrach was a tense affair with Ben Innes keen to maintain his slender lead over three others equally keen to overtake him. However, Tony Baboolal, six behind at the start, had an amazing net 22 to become the first winner of the delightful trophy manufactured and presented by Jelica Shortland. Final round scores: 1 Tony Baboolal 22,

Corrie Golf Club Results: Wednesday 28 August 17 played CSS 61. Sweep 1 D Crawford 75-15=60, 2 M Elliott 75-14=61, 3 J McGovern 70-8=62. **Best scratch** S Beardsley 67. Saturday 1 September second round Whisky Cup, 16 played CSS 62. Sweep 1 A Napier 64-6=58, 2 A Smith 67-8=59, 3 H B McKinnon 70-10=60. **Best scratch** A Napier 64. **Magic twos** H B McKinnon 2, B Sherwood, A Napier, A McDonald. **Winner of Whisky Cup** A Smith 60+59=119, runner-up A McDonald 64+61=125.

Fixtures: Saturday 8 September Medal Sweep 8.30am and 1pm. Saturday 8 September AGA Grouse Finals at Whiting Bay. Saturday 22 September and Sunday 23 September Corrie Open - sponsored holes. Entry sheets at all clubs. Sweep each day.



Tony Baboolal, second from right on the front row, is the first winner of Lochranza Golf Course's first Cabrach trophy.

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Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

Sannox lose by seven wickets in final match of the season

It is time for Sannox cricketers to take stock after losing the final match of a difficult season by seven wickets.

On Sunday Sannox welcomed regular end of season opponents and friends the Greenock-based Silly Mid Offers to the Sannox Oval in the last game of a difficult season. After mooring in Sannox Bay, Bruce Walker and family and friends took to the field as Sannox skipper Tony Brookes won the toss.

Hard going

Batting proved hard going as the eight home players supplemented by guests Ferguson, Hodgson and Dickson set about posting a total. Martin Kemp opened but saw partners come and go too quickly.

Ferguson and Pomeroy

were both out for ducks while Brookes (9), Kilpatrick (1) and Hodgson (3) all had short stays at the crease.

Tide turned

The tide began to turn with the arrival of Chris Marriott as both he and Kemp began to move the score along. A change of bowling brought on the left arm pace of Jack Craig to account for Kemp lbw for a hard earned 33. With the tail of Harding, Gourlay and Dickson, Marriott had his work cut out but stuck to his task and carried his bat for 34 not out.

Sannox ended on 115 for 9, about 35 runs short of a winning total. The application of Matt Harding and Stewart Kilpatrick deserves praise as relative newcomers to the game.

Lunch was taken in a spirit of good humour and camaraderie before Sannox took to the field with Dunn and Brookes opening the bowling.

Intelligent and accurate bowling from Dunn dismissed Baldock, and he finished with figures of 1 for 13 from his 8 overs, scant reward for his efforts. The breakthrough came when Hodgson took the wicket of Greenall for a rapid 36. Digby Walker and Angus Craig could not be prised from the wicket and finished on 16 and 45 not out respectively to win the game by 7 wickets.

Presented

Speeches were made and Sannox presented Bruce with a Sannox team shirt and cap, as well as adjudging Angus



Chris Marriott shows the style that helped him to carry his bat for 34 not out for Sannox. b36crk01

Craig as the man of the match with a bottle of Arran whisky. Gifts were reciprocated by the visitors with two bottles of whisky and generous praise for the hospitality of Sannox. With fine weather and good company this was an enjoyable day to end a challenging season for Sannox.

International horse trials success for Jen

Jen McNeish of Kilmory took two horses to the Blair Castle International Horse Trials two weeks ago and came

away with a Reserve Championship.

Her two-year-old gelding Rockhill Anaman was placed

reserve champion in the Scottish Sports Horse Youngstock Championship held at the 2012 Blair Castle Horse Trials from 22 to 25 August.

Jen said: 'There have been qualifying rounds at shows throughout Scotland during the summer with the first and second placed horses going on to compete at Blair Castle.'

'My two horses Rockhill Anaman and Rockhill Triple Ace, a three-year-old mare, both qualified at the Central and West Fife Show on 2 June.'

Blair Castle International

Jen McNeish with Rockhill Anaman, reserve champion at Blair Castle Horse Trials. b36jen01



Horse Trials and Country Fair is one of the biggest events in the Scottish sporting calendar and the county's leading equestrian event running over four days every August. It attracts over 40,000 visitors to the beautiful setting in the castle grounds in Perthshire.

Jen added: 'Rockhill Triple Ace was fourth in her three-year-old class while Anaman won his two-year-old class and then went on to be reserve champion.'

'I got both horses this time last year and I'm delighted with how they have come on. There was a huge support of Arran people at the Trials which was great. Grandma's picnic kept us all going as it was after 5pm before the classes started, but well worth waiting for.'

Arran's rugby season underway at Mull

Arran Rugby Club play their first fixture of the 2012/2013 season in the RBS West Regional Division Three this Saturday 8 September at 3pm.

This match away to Mull RFC will involve four ferry crossings and an overnight stay for the team.

Mull have already played their first match of the season last Saturday, losing 34 - 3 away to Oban Lorne.

Arran's next match will be a home fixture on Saturday 15 September versus Clydesdale. Start time is 3pm at Ormidale Park and the club would appreciate plenty of local support.



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