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Critic of affordable homes locations advocates a new village in Glen Cloy

Housing plans 'out of touch with people's needs'

Report by JENNIFER LYON

Plans to build affordable housing in remote forest locations on Arran have been criticised by an island-based architect for being out of touch with people's needs.

Ian Ferguson of Corrie, who has worked as an architect on the island for 15 years, believes that sites identified by a council funded feasibility study will be unsuitable for those desperately in need of housing.

'In my opinion, a far better idea would be to build a new village in Glen Cloy - New Brodick if you will,' said Ian in a letter to *The Banner*. 'This would be in an area not noted for its scenery, within easy reach of the boat, shops, schools and recreation facilities and on flat land that is easy to develop.'

The six chosen areas are in North Sannox, the Clachan Glen, Kings Caves Forest, Benlister Forest and the Dyemill in Lamlash.

'The principal issue is the people,' said Ian. 'People, by definition, on low incomes are going to have to live in these places far from shops, schools, surgeries, work places and other social facilities.'

'People will have to drive or take buses and, with the cost of fuel certain to rise again, those on low incomes will have difficulty affording this.'

Expensive

Mr Ferguson questions whether funding will be provided for creating or improving access roads. 'These will have to be built to standards suitable for adoption by the local authority and that is expensive,' he said.

He also believes the visual effect will be detrimental to remote areas saying that however attractive the houses they will be intrusive and could impact tourism to the island.

In a reply Councillor Margie Currie said: 'If housing within forestry land does become a reality there will be no need for adopted roads because the density will never necessitate this in my opinion.'

'All the suggested sites - some of which surprised us - have in common that they border existing roads.'

'It is interesting to have novel concepts and although I'm unsure what in reality will be achieved, 'nothing ventured, nothing gained'.'

Campaign to halt island's squirrel slaughter

Arran's red squirrels are being slaughtered at an alarming rate.

Residents feel there should be better protection for the cute little animals and there could soon be official warning signs for motorists.

Red squirrels have been forced out of much of the UK following the introduction of the larger more aggressive grey squirrel in the late 19th century. Arran is free from the greys and is a stronghold for the smaller red squirrels.

Now they are under increasing threat from the wheels of passing cars.

Colin Stubbs of Kirkend Nursery told the Banner: 'I counted eight dead reds in one day on the road between Whiting Bay and Brodick.'

Wullie Stevenson of Whiting Bay has been counting as well. He said: 'I have listed 18 deaths in the two-mile stretch from Altardoch to the Ross Road in the past year.'

Colin went to the trouble of buying four official road signs warning motorists about the presence of red squirrels. He said: 'The signs cost £230 but I haven't got permission to put them up. We spend up to £180 a month on squirrel feed and the customers love to see them, but their numbers are being decimated. Road signs might



Colin Stubbs at Kirkend Nursery with one of his squirrel signs. 02_b37red01

help to make motorists more aware.'

Kate Sampson, head ranger at Brodick Castle keeps a record of all road kills. She said: 'There are squirrel hotspots; near the museum, Lamlash Golf Club and Alt Ardoch. Last year I had 64 recorded deaths but I'm sure there were many more.'

Arran Brewery launched an Arran Red Squirrel beer in May and managing director Gerald Michaluk says that he is happy to fund some kind of road signs to help the little creatures.

Heather McRobb of North Ayrshire Council road signage department came to the island

in July and visited some of the hotspots with Kate Sampson.

Kate said: 'She was very keen and we hope to get council permission to put up signs. We might even get some more squirrel-friendly ropes across the road. But for now, motorists should just look out for the small furry red animals.'



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Police files

High School thefts

Following a series of thefts at Arran High School over the past year, a 47-year-old Pirnmill man has been cautioned and charged in connection with the thefts.

Drugs possession

A 16-year-old Shiskine youth was charged with being in possession of drugs at the junction of Shore Road and Alma Road, Brodick at 11pm last Saturday. Three hours later a 20-year-old Southend man was also charged for possessing drugs at the same location.

Sheep worrying

A 19-year-old Irvine woman was charged under the Dangerous Dogs Act on September 2 after her dog was found to be worrying sheep.

Firearms offence

A 67-year-old Lancashire man was reported for offences under the Firearms Act at Eas Mor, Kildonan on Monday.

Traffic offences

A 55-year-old Whiting Bay man and a 40-year-old Northern Ireland man last Friday were given conditional offers for speeding in Whiting Bay.

The following day, an 18-year-old Southend man was charged with sounding his horn at 2.30am.

A 63-year-old Brodick man was given a conditional offer for failing to comply with road signs in Brodick last Saturday.

Local police say that there is a spate of young Arran drivers claiming to have vehicle insurance or to be on their parents' insurance when they are actually breaking the law.

School speed signs to light up again

New 20 mph signs that were installed outside Arran schools in May have been out of action for three weeks.

The signs were welcomed, particularly by parents of schoolchildren, when they were erected in May. They operate for three short spells throughout the day as children are arriving at and leaving the school. When the schools closed for summer holidays they were automatically turned off, but did not come back on when schools reopened for the autumn term.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said this week: 'A team will go to Arran on Wednesday to reactivate these lights. They should all be operating within two or three days. The work has been delayed because of a staff shortage.'

Arran's MSP defends McLaren friendship



Billy McLaren's plan to build homes on the site of his Brodick hotel was approved after Kenneth Gibson MSP expressed his support for the development. b16hot01

Arran's MSP has defended his role in backing a planning application lodged by his friend and landlord, Billy McLaren, after he came under fire from other political parties this week.

Kenneth Gibson supported a plan to build homes on the site of the McLaren Hotel in Brodick but he failed to inform North Ayrshire Council at the time of his written intervention that he was also renting a four-bedroom house from the hotelier in Kilbirnie.

'I did not initially support Billy's plans for the McLaren Hotel site as it was an over-development and made my views known about this at a public meeting in January that year,' he said. 'However, he agreed to reduce the size and scale, commensurate with the existing site. As Mr McLaren cannot afford to invest long-term in the hotel, the plans for the site were the best likely to emerge.'

On Tuesday a spokeswoman for the North Ayrshire and

Arran Labour party called for complete transparency by Kenneth Gibson on his relationship with Billy McLaren.

'If this relationship influenced the representations he made on Mr McLaren's part - particularly in the light of vocal local opposition to the plan from Mr Gibson's constituents - then this is a very serious situation,' she said.

Mr Gibson said: 'Billy is a friend. However, he is also a businessman, not a charity.' He added that although they do not socialise, he and Mr McLaren are SNP friends and colleagues and he uses the McLaren Hotel as a base when working on Arran.

'As is commonly known, I stay at the McLaren Hotel when on Arran,' he said. 'Doing so represents a good deal for the taxpayer. I pay £75 a night. For that I get bed, breakfast, evening meal and a car to travel to meetings and surgeries around Arran for the day before and after I stay as necessary.'

Homecoming extravaganza for Shiskine primary

As part of the national Homecoming celebrations, Shiskine Primary School is hosting a one-off event to which all former-pupils and members of staff are invited.

So far the school have had responses from as far a field as America, South Africa and England.

On Friday September 25 between 2pm and 3.30pm and the following day from 11am until 1pm the school will be open to visitors. On display will be photographs, log books, admission registers, pupils' archived work and school memorabilia and the opportunity to have photos taken with former classmates, meet up with old friends and staff. 'We would love to borrow any relevant artifacts or photos people may have,' said teacher Susan Dobson. 'We would be able to copy any photos before the event and return them safely.' Please contact the school now via pupils or staff if you will be able to attend.

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Maurice Deighton with a barrowful of cash and Bank of Scotland teller Kelly Price. 02_b37gam01

Maurice wheels in with the cash for African charity

Maurice Deighton of Kildonan needed a wheelbarrow to do his banking on Tuesday.

The barrow was full of coins, all carefully counted and bagged, but weighing a considerable amount. Bank of Scotland teller Kelly Price had to help him in with the cash.

He said: 'I've got £1,726 in coins, all the proceeds of a charity jar at Seal Shore camp site for this season. It will go towards Sylvia's classroom fund for a school in The Gambia.' Maurice's wife Sylvia died suddenly seven months ago and

the couple had been doing charity work in the West African country for seven years.

It was Sylvia's dream to help build a new classroom for the under-privileged youngsters at Natta School and the fund now stands at more than £3,900.

Maurice said: 'One of our good friends, Sandra Hall, is coming out with me to The Gambia on November 2 and we will start to build the new schoolroom and fit it with solar panels and running water. Our campers have been very generous with donations.'



Andy Martin retires next week after eight years managing Isle of Arran Homes in Brodick.

Housing manager to retire

Andy Martin, manager of Isle of Arran Homes, has announced that he is to retire.

Andy leaves next week after eight years in charge of Isle of Arran Homes, which is part of Trust Housing Association.

This week he paid tribute to the staff past and present and thanked them for the vital role they perform in delivering housing for Arran.

In May 2001 Andy was appointed to his present post as manager of the local initiative on the island. In July 2009 he had completed 42 years service working in housing management. Reflecting on his career, Andy said: 'It has been a tremendous pleasure setting up Isle of Arran Homes office in Brodick and overseeing the various stages of development of the association on Arran over the past eight years.'

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Prisoners on the run caught in Kildonan

Willie McNish of Seafeld, Kildonan has alerted the Banner to a story about escaped prisoners being recaptured outside Kildonan Hotel.

At least that is the story according to a monthly traditional Scots national magazine.

Willie said: 'On page 288 of the September edition there is a story about two German prisoners-of-war escaping from a top security camp at Watten, Caithness in 1947. They were

recaptured in Kildonan, Caithness after a few days but the story is wrongly illustrated with a photograph of Kildonan Hotel on Arran.'

As Willie points out, there are several Kildonans in the country, but these high ranking officers of the Third Reich did not manage to make good their escape across Scotland and the Clyde to Arran's own southend.

Parking to improve as seafront work begins

Work has started on a footpath stretching from Brodick pier to the slipway that will improve the parking along the seafront.

With increasing worries about the safety of pedestrians on Shore Road, the path will divert ferry passengers and walkers away from the street altogether.

The work should be finished

by the end of October.

Harry Davidson, secretary of Brodick Improvements Committee said: 'It is great that the work is finally underway.'

'I'm amazed at how quickly they are progressing with the path and it is fantastic that the work will only take two months.'

Harry added that he could

not see the work causing any disruption to cars or pedestrians using Shore Road.

Planning permission was granted for the path in 2004 but it has taken more than four years for the group to raise the money needed.

Contractor Iain Thomson said: 'We are building a new retaining seawall to support the

footpath. Because of the existing sewer main we have had to move the wall further out.'

Malcolm Milne, engineer for North Ayrshire Council, said: 'There has been quite a bit of investigation work to find out where the pumping main was. We are in the throes of deciding which line to take and hope to make a decision on Tuesday.'

'The new path will be three metres wide and the footbridge will be widened to three metres.

This project will improve parking along the seafront as the parking bays will be a metre deeper, taking vehicles out of the road. It might take a little longer than six weeks. We delayed starting until the school holidays were over.'

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Merger ahead for Coastal Way

Decline in volunteers leads to vote on amalgamation with Access Trust

The Arran Coastal Way support group and the Arran Access Trust may be about to merge.

The Coastal Way was formed in 2002 and for the first few years had a team of seven or eight volunteers who turned up once a week to improve drainage, cut back bracken, and so on. Lately, however, there has been a steady decline in the number of volunteers until in the past year there are only two or three turning up each week.

At the same time there has been a steady increase in the number of visitors who are walking all or part of the way.

Dick Sim of the support group said: 'There is no doubt that the Coastal Way is now an important part of Arran's tourist attractions and it would be a shame if it was allowed to wither from lack of effort.

'To avoid this happening there have been discussions with the Arran Access Trust about the possibility of merging the two organisations.

'There has been close working between them for some years now and the merger would simply be an extension of this.

'The constitution of the Coastal Way allows this merger to take place given certain conditions be met.

'One of these is that a special general meeting be called and the vote be in favour by three quarters of the members present. Any assets shall go to any organisation with compatible aims.

The meeting will be held at the Ormidale Hotel, Brodick at 7.30pm on September 24. All members are welcome.



Kenny Morrison, Dick Sim and Kerr Robertson of Arran Coastal Way support group on the newly cleared path leading to Cuddy Dook. 02_b37coa01

Fungus Foray to launch Arran's wildlife festival

The Arran Wildlife Festival will be putting the fun into fungus with a special Fungus Foray this Saturday September 12.

Prepare to be amazed when you join Graeme Walker from Scottish Natural Heritage for a free guided walk at North Sannox to find out about incredible fungi and the astonishing hidden world beneath the soil. The two hour woodland stroll will start at North Sannox car park (NS015465) at 1pm.

Graeme said: 'The Arran Wildlife Festival takes place in May each year which is great for most local wildlife but not the ideal time for spotting fungi so we thought we would do something autumnal to launch the next festival with a Fungus Foray. On this walk we will prove just what a rotten place Arran really is!'

Arran Wildlife Festival chairman James Cassels is pleased

to be launching the dates for next year's festival. He said: 'We are already excited about plans for next year and are keen to get started. The 2010 festival will take place from 12 to 19 May and we will be celebrating our fifth year. Saturday's Fungus Foray is a taste of what the festival offers so put these dates in your diary now and expect something really special in May.'

Last May the 2009 Wildlife Festival attracted hundreds of visitors to over 70 guided walks, talks and unusual events. Over the coming months the organisers are looking forward to presenting the highlights of the festival to meetings around the island. For more information please see the Arran wildlife website or email info@arran-wildlife.co.uk

The festival co-ordinator Lucy Wallace can be contacted on 07825 644161.

Beaky goes missing in Kildonan

Have you found a glove puppet?

Mary Saunders and her family were on the island last week and lost a favourite old glove puppet called Beaky.

Mary said: 'It is of great senti-

mental value. We were walking in the Kildonan area last Saturday (August 29) when he went missing. It could have been on the walk up to Eas Mor waterfall.' Mary can be contacted on 07776384816.

Junior Singing group enters 23rd year

The Arran Junior Singers are now starting another year and are looking for new members who like singing.

This will be their 23rd year and the children meet on Thursday evenings in Whiting Bay. They tackle all sorts of songs from classical to pop, usually in two but sometimes three or more parts, many of which have been

professionally recorded on cassette or CD.

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Elderly forum proposed for Arran

Does Arran want an Elderly Forum?

There will be an open meeting in the Ormidale Pavilion at 11am next Wednesday to explain the aims and benefits of such an organisation.

Last January there was a similar open meeting in the High School, attended by around 60 people and since then there have been a further five meetings.

Volunteers Fiona Brown, Janet Lacey, Jeanette Price and Jess Clarke attended a training day in Ardrossan two weeks ago and met representatives from other Ayrshire Elderly Forums. Group interim chairman Fiona Brown said: 'Some of these groups are having amazing success stories and we felt quite inspired and enthusiastic. At the Ormidale meeting we will explain the aims of these forums. We will be delighted to listen to your ideas on what you think we could do.'

There are over 1,500 pensioners living on Arran and the number is expected to rise. Please talk to friends about the forum and come along to the meeting next Wednesday September 16.

New pharmacy planned for Brodick

An application to demolish the workshop behind Brodick Pharmacy was lodged with North Ayrshire Council on August 20.

The application by David Thompson of Kildonan also details the erection of a new pharmacy in place of the workshop, with staff flat above. If approved, the new pharmacy will have an entrance lobby, sales area, dispensary, consulting room and staff room. A stairway and separate entrance will lead to a first floor two-bedroom flat.

Brodick Pharmacy came into being in 1986 when Alastair Hamilton retired after 35 years as local chemist. New owners Stewart and Marie Walls renamed the business from the Chemist Shop at the time.



The evacuees at Dougarie in September 1939. b37eva02

Wartime evacuees return to Dougarie

A group of former school chums retraced the past when they came back to Dougarie Lodge last week for the first time in 70 years.

Last Thursday saw the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of war, and throughout Britain there were celebrations as former school-children recalled their days of being evacuated to the safety of the countryside. Sixty-five pupils and 10 staff were evacuated from Kelvinside Academy in Glasgow to Dougarie Lodge on Arran in September 1939.

Ten men who had been among those pupils at Kelvinside Academy came back to Arran on Thursday for a trip down memory lane.

They were accompanied by the

school's present day rector Lesley Douglas, head boy Andrew Pattie and head girl Katie Mullen.

Although it was 70 years ago, Lord Bruce Weir still remembered the day he arrived at Dougarie Lodge. He said: 'At the age of seven I was going to boarding school.

'The war during that time hardly touched us on Arran. It seemed more like a continuation of the summer holidays.'

The youngsters had lessons in the Dougarie boathouse and enjoyed the freedom and safety of Arran's open spaces. At the end of November they were all moved to a large house in Perthshire for the remainder of the war.

For many years Dougarie



The wartime evacuees who came back to Dougarie Lodge last week: Lord Bruce Weir, Dr Eric Gibson, Dr Gordon Lawson, Sir Robert Smith, Henry Abram, Ronald Brash, Peter Cuthbertson, Alastair McDonald, William Quaile and Ralph Risk, with rector Lesley Douglas, head boy Andrew Pattie and head girl Katie Mullen. 02_b37eva01

Lodge was a summerhouse for the Dukes of Hamilton and was acquired by the Gibbs family in 1972. Last week present own-

ers Stephen and Lavinia Gibbs entertained the evacuees and gave them a tour of the estate and boathouse.

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Arran ladies knit for tiny babies

SWRI group donate over 500 items for hospital's premature babies

Nurses in an Ayrshire and Arran hospital said 'more of the same please' to a group of Arran volunteers this week.

The words were those of a staff nurse at the neo-natal maternity unit at Crosshouse Hospital when members of Arran's SWRI handed over 500 knitted items last week.

The ladies from the island have been busy knitting a whole array of items for the premature babies.

One Arran woman, Sandra Smith of Kilmory, knitted 125 incubator blankets on her own.

This will be the fourth year that SWRI members have contributed to the ward.

Bonnets

Morag Gardner, chairman of the Isle of Arran SWRI federation, said: 'Members and friends of all six island federations have been knitting all year to produce hundreds of booties, bonnets, incubator blankets, cardigans and pram blankets.'

'These items are so important to the ward because these babies are absolutely tiny.'

'For many of the parents the first time they see their baby dressed in a cardigan, a bonnet



Ann Miller of Lamlash, Morag Gardner, chairman of the Isle of Arran SWRI Federation, Sandra Smith from Kilmory and Gillian Currie of Corrie and Sannox with staff from the neo-natal unit at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock.

and a pair of booties it is the first time they look like a proper baby instead of a sick child. It

makes a big difference.' Morag said she would like to encourage more ladies to con-

tribute knitted items this winter so that they can provide the unit with even more next year.

Arran forwards store cattle and lambs to Stirling sales

United Auctions had forward 1,126 store cattle and 6,592 store lambs on Wednesday August 26.

Arran prices:

Aberdeen Angus cross bullocks £810, 155p/kg Moor.

Charolais cross bullocks £775, 174p/kg Moor, Charolais cross heifers £745, 176p/kg Moor.

Texel cross lambs £56 Kilpatrick, £50.50 Bridge.

Suffolk cross lambs £54 Drumnaghinier.

Cheviot cross lambs £39.80 West Glensherraig.

United Auctions had forward 1,306 store cattle and cast cows, 7,113 store lambs and feeding sheep on Wednesday September 2.

Charolais cross bullocks £805, 213p Hawthorn, £800, 194p Auchenhew.

Simmental cross bullocks

£740, 190p, Bellevue, £750, Hawthorn.

Limousin cross bullocks £685, 189p Creagraineach.

Aberdeen Angus cross bullocks £750, Drumnaghinier.

Charolais cross heifers £805, 181p Auchenhew, £630, 170p Hawthorn.

Limousin cross heifers £750, 171p, Auchenhew, £550, 157p Hawthorn.

Belgian Blue cross heifers £610, 197p, Creagraineach.

Texel cross lambs £60.50 Balgowan, £57 Creagraineach, £56 Burican.

Blackface cross Suffolk lambs £46.50 Craigview. Cross lambs £37.80 Kilpatrick.

Blackface lambs £41.50 Craigview, £39 Bridge. Blackface ewes £30.50 Bridge.

Texel cross ewes £60 Bridge.

Legion quiz raises vital cash

The Royal British Legion General Knowledge Quiz has raised a total of £334.55p for the charity's funds.

The quiz was composed and distributed around the island by Spud Taylor on behalf of the Arran branch. The winner of the first prize of £25 with a total

of 17 out of 18 correct answers was Mrs Dorothy McLennan from Aberdeen.

Spud Taylor and the Arran Branch would like to thank all the outlets who displayed the quiz and all those who contributed so generously to the fund raising venture.

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Gill said: 'We just want everyone who comes in for a drink or a bite to eat to feel relaxed and welcome, our staff are friendly and always happy to have a chat and we have the most spectacular, unstoppable views across to Holy Isle and beyond.' The safe environment attracts families for lunch and dinner, where all food is prepared

and home cooked in the kitchen. All dietary needs are catered for, including gluten free, and the most popular dishes on the menu are steak pie, gammon steak and the delicious barbecue chicken.

On the September weekend there will be live music from The 7th Sons & The Spiffires and this is sure to attract a good crowd who can enjoy a wee dance and some great tunes.

If general knowledge is your thing, then every second Tuesday, local 'Quiz Master' Cathy Davidson tests the skills of the teams and a fun night can be had by all. Look out for the special fund-raiser quiz where all proceeds will be donated towards CLIC Sargent and the Hospital Supporters League.

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Dance teacher Dawn Ulivi with the Melody Movement Ballet class. 01_b37dan06

Pre-school dance classes launched

The noise emanating from the dance studio at the Auchrannie on Wednesday suggested that Miss Dawn's first pre-school music and dance classes were a roaring success.

Dawn Ulivi who trained at the Royal Academy of Music and Dance teaches the classes.

The classes begin at 12.30pm with a 'Musical Mayhem Class', which allows parents to join their children in experiencing different musical instruments.

Following this the dance studio was packed for the 'Melody Movement Ballet Class'.

Melody Movement introduces children to fundamental curriculum learning skills such as counting, colour and shape recognition, vocabulary and language skills.

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which is enjoyable and fun. Dawn said: 'Melody Movement instils a love of dance making it a positive element of their early lives, which stays with them. They learn from a young age how music, movement, dance and the imagination can be combined to tell a story and convey emotions.'

In the afternoon the 'Dudes' and Divas' Funky Dance Class' used the natural actions of the body such as running, walking, jumping, hopping, skipping and galloping, to let the children learn to appreciate dance and music.

Dance is very important to children's physical development, coordination, spatial awareness, sensory development, creativity and self-expression.

The classes will take place every Wednesday throughout the winter.



Dance teacher Dawn Ulivi trained at the Royal Academy of Music and Dance. 01b37dan03



Dawn's two-year-old son Elliott enjoyed taking part in the class too. 01_b37dan02

Corrie Film Club Film of the Month: Life is Beautiful (Cert PG)

Life is Beautiful will be shown in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall next Sunday September 13 at 8pm.

An inspired and award-winning story about the power of love and the human spirit, *Life is Beautiful* has been called a modern masterpiece.

Guido - a charming but bumbling waiter who is gifted with a colourful imagination and an irresistible sense of fun - has won the heart of the woman he loves and created a beautiful life for his young family. All this is then threatened by the outbreak of the Second World War and Guido struggles to save his beloved wife and son from an unthinkable fate at the hands of the Nazis.

This film will lift your spirits and capture your heart. See it this weekend in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall. (See What's On for details).

Meals on wheels

Volunteer drivers are required to deliver meals on wheels in the Brodick area one day a month. Anyone who can help is asked to contact Alison Bilsland on 303505.

Kildonan SWRI

Kildonan SWRI will hold their first meeting of the new session on Tuesday September 15 at 7.30 pm in Kildonan Village Hall.

The entertainment for the evening will be a Spelling Bee and the Competition is an Autumn Arrangement. New and former members will be most welcome and we look forward to an enjoyable evening.

Fuel price increases condemned by SNP

Patricia Gibson, SNP North Ayrshire and Arran candidate, has criticised the introduction of extra fuel duty on September 1.

She said: 'Pushing up fuel prices is the wrong thing to do in the grip of recession and this increase could actually hinder economic recovery. Fuel duty will now amount to 73 pence of every pound motorists spend

at the pumps. The Treasury is slapping another 2 pence on the price of petrol and diesel, hitting already hard-pressed households and businesses.'

'Unfortunately, SNP attempts at Westminster to introduce a fuel price regulator which means that rising oil prices would trigger lower fuel duties, has been blocked at every turn by the government.'


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Affordable housing plans raise questions

In his letter to The Banner this week Ian Ferguson, a respected local architect, has raised some important issues about the proposed affordable housing provision for the island.

He has questioned the findings of a council funded feasibility study, which has identified six sites to build homes on.

The council should be congratulated for looking at alternative ways to provide housing on the limited amount of land available but they need to ask themselves if the remote sites identified would work.

By looking at Arran as a whole you can clearly see that small village settlements have expanded over the years to produce the 10 or so main villages that the residents live in today.

Apart from the farms of the southend and the occasional bungalow built between villages, the actual map of Arran has changed very little since the time of the clearances.

Yes, land is at a premium, mainly because one landlord owns the majority of it, but that does not necessarily mean that they should storm ahead and build on the only pieces of land available.

Do young people really want to live in remote forests, miles from shops, pub and doctors where they will always need to rely on cars or public transport? According to a poll on The Arran Banner's website 70 per cent of people said no.

The infrastructure changes that would need to be put in place to accommodate these forestry developments will possibly cost the council millions of pounds – millions that could be spent on the pursuit of housing within the existing village envelopes.

Ian Ferguson favours a 'New Brodick' built in Glen Cloy.

As absurd as this idea may sound, think back to the early 1990s when the first houses were built in Glen Estate. The natural extension of the village up the glen along an already existing road is obvious. The visual impact of such a development on Brodick would be minimal while houses could be provided for more than 40 families.

Extending the natural boundaries of the villages has been proven to work in other developments. In Pirnmill eight new houses were built at the edge of the village within easy walking distance of the school and shop. In Kilmory, homes were built behind the existing Torylinn Terrace and have had no discernible adverse effects on the village. Plans have been given the go ahead for more houses to be built at Benlister in Lamlash and Fen Place was incorporated into Whiting Bay six years ago.

There is much controversy surrounding the building of 22 affordable houses in the Corrie quarry site.

Objections from the village committee have been voiced on the grounds that it is an unsuitable site for development.

Instead they would rather see a huge area of forest at North Sannox developed which would not only be miles from any local amenities but would certainly impact on the beauty of the area.

Obviously what HIFAR and NAC envisage is not another Turner Estate, built outside Shiskine in the 1970s, but that could be the reality. Arran could end up with housing 'estates' blighting the landscape of its most remote and picturesque areas.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

And Jesus began to teach them, saying: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.' (Matthew 5:7)

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Letters to the Editor



Amazed at accusations

Sir,
It is with amazement that I read your headline in the Banner (August 29): 'Police accused of not smiling enough'.

Living in the centre of Leeds I am truly appalled that your police presence on Arran has resorted to 'pointing fingers', grimacing and sin of all sins, wearing hats in an 'aggressive manner'.

What on earth has the world come to?

If ever a police force must shake their heads in disbelief, then this must be the time and place.

As a regular visitor to Arran, and with family living on the island, may I applaud the efforts of Sergeant Bob MacKay and his team and please tell them not to lie awake at night worrying about these accusations but to just get on with the job they are being paid to do.

Yours,
David Trousdale
Leeds

Criticism surprise

Sir,
We are very surprised at the criticisms of Arran's police officers as reported in the Arran Banner of August 29.

Having spent many happy holidays on the island and reading reports every week in *The Arran Banner*, my sister and I and our families are impressed at Sergeant MacKay's professional attitude to policing and his careful attention to detail.

It is reassuring to know that a police presence awaits every ferry arrival at Brodick.

In particular, holidaymakers and Arran residents must surely feel safer on the roads and on the island in the knowledge that dangerous driving and contraventions to the law will not be tolerated.

However, we are puzzled as to how the police officers can be regarded as 'wearing their hats aggressively'.

How does one wear a hat in an aggressive manner? Please explain.

To Sergeant MacKay and his team we would like to say: 'Carry on the good work and continue to introduce and to implement initiatives in modern policing.'

Yours,
E A Corcoran
Barrhead
East Renfrewshire
and
M P Smith
Cannock
Staffordshire

Valid points on policing

Sir,
The chairman of Arran Community Council made a number of valid points regarding the police officers on the island (Banner 29 August).

The way in which policing is carried out in a community such as Arran varies greatly from that on the mainland.

I am not surprised to read that residents feel that officers are aggressive or their actions and manner are seen as intimidating.

I have lived in areas, some rural and others urban, where a community policing operation has operated.

This has not been a soft touch for offenders but has meant that the police service has tended to integrate with the public to the mutual benefit of both.

It would seem that the remoteness of the police on Arran is not particular to the island.

A report in the Daily Telegraph on August 28 outlined concern in the Leicestershire Force of a similar nature where it was apparent there was a lack of public confidence, and officers are to receive training in ways of dealing with the problem.

From time to time politicians pronounce that we will see more officers on the beat.

It would be presumptuous of me to suggest how officers conduct their patrol but I must record that the last officer I saw actually walking was Sergeant Weir, which is some time ago.

Yours,
G S Hird
Schiehallion
Lamlash

Policing on Arran

Sir,
I note the large number of letters in last week's edition supportive of the police in the present discussion about local community policing.

Do the correspondents think that the community council took it upon themselves, for no particular reason, to criticise the police?

Could they not imagine that there may be grounds of which they are not aware?

I have no issues personally with the police and have had good relations thus far and hope it stays that way but, in seven years of being on the community council, I have had almost no complaints about the police and now over the last month have had a cascade.

The same is true of the majority of other councillors.

It is only proper that the representatives of the community should broach the matter with the police, which we did more than once.

The intransigent response of the police prompted remarks, which were reported out of context while the community council's plea to the police, was ignored.

That was a request for a more sensitive, less verbally aggressive and condescending approach when dealing with the public.

When Sergeant Mackay held up a picture of Dixon of Dock Green and said that these days were over, the community council knew perfectly well that on the mainland that may be so but continue to think that something of the 'Dock Green' attitude was indeed applicable on Arran.

Many people do feel the need to support the police as a matter of duty while others, who have no personal issues with the police, have failed to take into account the large number who do and have represented their views to the community council.

For whatever reason many people do not want to complain directly to the police but would rather do so through the community council.

This whole issue need never

have become so divisive if the police were prepared to listen to reason and make what amounts to minor adjustments in the manner of going about their duties which would restore public confidence and allow the community council to continue its long supportive role.

Yours,
John Inglis
Vice-chairman
Isle of Arran Community Council

Shiskine school support

Sir,
In 1995, Liz Kerr, Ronnie Haggarty and Jenni Turnbull set up a steering committee which led to the formation of Shiskine Primary School PTA.

As a result of this initial group a great deal of fundraising for the benefit of the pupils at Shiskine Primary School.

At the Parent Forum AGM, June 2009, it was suggested that the Parent Council merged with the PTA. The PTA AGM agreed with this. Unlike School Boards there is an opportunity for Parent Councils to be directly involved in fundraising.

The new parent group at Shiskine will be called 'Shiskine Primary School Parent Council and PTA'.

On behalf of all staff and children, past and present, I would like to thank the many people over a long period of time who have supported the work started by Liz, Ronnie and Jenni. We look forward to you continued support.

Yours,
Irene Markham
Head teacher

Amazement at candidate

Sir,
I read the recent piece of vituperation by Mr Lardner with some amazement and for a moment I thought that I'd bought a 'Red Top'.

What a relief it was to discover that the gentleman is a prospective Conservative candidate for the 51st State.

Yours,
Ian McCallum
Ardtalla, Whiting Bay

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Letters to the Editor

Age confusion

Sir,
Since 1993 my family and I have visited Arran on a frequent basis, we have seen quite a few developments, some for the better and some for the worse.

Our stay of 14 days in Lam-lash was one of relaxation and pleasure despite the daily dose of rain.

Friday afternoon into the evening was very pleasant and along with my wife I took a stroll along the beach at Lam-lash.

As we walked slowly (being disabled I cannot walk very well) our eldest son came to us.

When he arrived at our sides he was both distraught yet amused, he said could I or my wife go back to the Co-op in Brodick and purchase a film marked PG, may I just add my son is 31-years-old and his partner is 24.

My son does look younger than 31 but no way does he look 12!

His greying hair might have given a pretty good clue.

The cashier refused to sell him the film and asked him for ID believing him to be under age.

I fully understand the selling of alcohol or tobacco to under aged people, but where does being responsible end and stupidity begin?

Joking apart what training do personnel get if a 31-year-old man is mistaken for a child.

We have used the store on our visits since its opening and have always been delighted by the courteous and very helpful staff, of all the memorable things of our stay on Arran I wonder just what will be remembered the most.

Yours,
Mike Cleasby
98 Vale Road
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Scotland's real shame

Sir
Perhaps I might comment on Philip Lardner's letter on the Lockerbie Bomber?

Lieutenant William Calley of the US army was involved in the massacre of 350 Vietnamese women and children at My Lai in 1968.

He was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment, but served only one day in prison and some three years under house arrest before being released.

The IRA's terror campaign in the 70s and 80s, including the attempted assassination

of Margaret Thatcher in 1984, was substantially funded by US citizens.

No one has been brought to justice for the killing of 100,000 Iraqi civilians by US troops since 2003. I could go on.

Kenny MacAskill's decision to release al Megrahi was extraordinarily difficult, but he was guided by specific defined ethical principles rather than economic or political expediency, and he had regard for the integrity of the Scottish Legal System.

His decision was never going to satisfy everyone.

We in Scotland, however, clearly don't need to take lessons in morality or justice from the USA.

We can be proud to have a government that respects its own laws and international law.

With regards to becoming an 'international pariah', can Mr Larder identify any significant body of opinion outside the USA which is critical of Scotland and the al Megrahi decision?

America's hypocrisy is its own business. Scotland's real shame is the humiliating subservience of its opposition parties on this issue.
Yours,
Malcolm Kerr
Cairndale
Strathwhillan

A courageous statesman

Sir,
I'm disappointed in Philip Lardner. The 'Silly Season' is a distasteful title for the earnest question of the release of Abdelbaset al Megrahi from prison in Scotland to Libya on compassionate grounds.

It poorly befits Philip as a prospective politician that he has chosen to bring this matter to a local newspaper for the sake of his own political purpose, which is to disagree with the present government in Scotland.

I don't want to further the debate about the Lockerbie issue, which has been well aired in the national press, but if there were one more thing I would say about Philip's piece it is this.

To compare the Scottish justice secretary who, from any political perspective has shown himself to be a courageous statesman with a character of comedy (however worthy he is in his own right) is not only in extremely poor taste but shows a distinct lack of political expediency by Philip which will do his cause no good at all.
Yours,

Councillor Margie Currie
Eastland, Shiskine

Successful ceilidh season

Sir,
Over the last five Thursday evenings at Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall there has been a very successful family ceilidh dance night organised by Lochranza Field Studies Centre and Catacol Bay Hotel.

I would like to thank everyone who attended and helped organise these events.

It was great to see so many people having a wonderful time in the hall on such a regular basis.

A special thank you should be reserved for the bands. For the first four weeks the Kippen Ceilidh Band led by Stuart Blackwood from Falkirk provided the entertainment.

As Stuart is a music teacher in mainland schools he was unavailable to travel for the last event and the local boys from the Kilbrannan Sound Band stepped into the breach and did a marvelous job.

As part of the evening, during the interval, a raffle – and now legendary 'Lochranza Stand-up Bingo' – takes place.

All proceeds are donated to a local charity.

As a result of the generosity of those who attended these evenings we can now hand over a cheque for £500 to the Arran Hospice.

We are now looking forward to another successful ceilidh summer season in Lochranza for 2010.

Yours,
Chris Traill
Centre operations manager
Lochranza Field Studies Centre

Art gallery excellence

Sir,
Following the recent visit to Arran by Monklands Art Club, we were delighted to have visited the Arran Art Gallery in Whiting Bay.

The artistic excellence of all the artists who exhibit at the Gallery must be congratulated on such a fine display, in particular the views of the island of Arran.

We wish everyone at the Gallery every success in the future as you continue to share your love of art with others who visit the island each year.

Yours,
Gordon Waddell
Secretary
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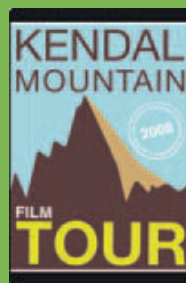
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Cioch na h-Oighe Ridgewalk	full day
Explore Holy Isle, walk with COAST	full day
Kayaking Fundamentals	half day
Sailing Fundamentals	half day
Sailing Coastal Cruising	half day

Power Boat Trips
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EVENING EVENTS

Lamlash Theatre, Arran High School	7.30pm
Films from Kendal Mountain Film Festival	

Saturday 19th September

ACTIVITIES

Sannox to Lochranza Coastal Way	full day
Three Beinns Ridgewalk	full day
Goatfell, North Goatfell Mountain Walk	full day
Glencloy Forest Walk	half day
Clauchlands Hill Walk	half day
Two Lochs, Urie and Loch na Leirg	full day
Mountain Bike Blue session	half day

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Sailing Fundamentals	half day
Sea Kayaking	full day
Sailing Joyride	1.5 hours
Arran Runners 10k off road run	
Lamlash Splash	

EVENING EVENTS

Lamlash Theatre, Arran High School	7.30pm
Speaker: Patrick Winterton, Kayaker	

Sunday 20th September

ACTIVITIES

King's Caves Coastal Walk	half day
Beinn Bharrain Mountain Walk	full day
The Castles Mountain Walk	full day
Explore Holy Isle, walk with COAST	full day
Sailing Fundamentals	
Sailing Coastal Cruising	half day
Mountain Bike Trailquest	

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EVENING EVENTS

The Ormidale Hotel, Brodick	
Open Folk Night	

Monday 21st September

ACTIVITIES

Coire Fhionn Lochan Walk	half day
Glencloy Forest Walk	half day
Gleann Easan Biorach to Glen Catacol	full day
Sannox-Cir Mhor to Glen Rosa	full day
Sailing Fundamentals	

Mountain Bike Black Technical Session

Sailing, Coastal Cruising	
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High Mountain Walks

Goatfell may be the island's highest point but it is also the most accessible of our summits and therefore the most often climbed. Festival organisers have often heard from less confident walkers keen to attempt the Three Beinns ridgewalk (Nuis, Tarsuinn and a' Chliabhain) or scramble over Cioch na h-Oighe. Guided by a Mountain Leader, these routes are more achievable, although a good level of fitness is still essential. The same goes for the "Castles" walk, while this year the Festival includes Beinn Bharrain above Pirmill in the programme.

Low Level Walks

But if summit-bagging is not your thing, there are plenty of other walks. Combine the Machrie Standing Stones with the King's Caves in the company of an island historian. Or venture across the wild southern moorlands on the Two Lochs walk by Urie Loch and remote Loch na Leirg.

The best of the Coastal Way is represented by the section from Sannox to Lochranza around the Cock of Arran. And take the chance to walk over Holy Isle, learning from a member of COAST about the No-Take-Zone in Lamash Bay.

Adventure Activities

The Outdoor Festival is, however, not just about walking. There is a perfect opportunity to get to grips with Kayaking fundamentals (with an emphasis on the Fun) for beginners or, for those keen to push the boat out, a kayaking journey around Holy Isle. Sailing for beginners is also included, under the expert guidance of Arran Adventure who are offering these activities at HALF the normal prices to support the festival. For the fittest, most adventurous outdoor enthusiast, there is challenging Mountain Biking, the Lamash Splash and an off-road 10km run – combine them for an ad-hoc triathlon.

Evening Events

Last year, the Festival hosted a sell-out evening of award-winning outdoor films from the Best of Kendal Mountain Film Festival. A year on and a new selection of "Best of Kendal" films is on show on Friday 18th in the High School. The selection has something for everyone, ranging from **Seasons**, "one of the best mountain bike films ever made", to **This is the Sea**, a circumnavigation by kayak of the South Island of New Zealand and **Handcut British Columbia**, a wonderful back-country ski film intermeshed with the story of the Canadian Pacific railway old timers.

This year's guest speaker is expedition-kayaker **Patrick Winterton** who has just returned from paddling from Stornoway to the Faroes, a journey of over 400km across stormy seas. Patrick is a brilliant speaker and this should be a very entertaining evening. (Saturday 19th September, 7.30pm at the High School.)

Finally, on the Sunday evening, the Festival is hosting an open folk session at the Ormidale in Brodick.

For detailed information on all events and to book places, go to www.arranadventure.com or call the Arran Adventure Company on 01770 302244. Tickets for evening events also available from Arran Active and Book and Card, Brodick

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McLellan Festival highlights young people

McLellan Festival 14th -19th September.

Performances

Tuesday: Made on Arran: the now popular open mic event, hosted by the irrepressible MC Eric Dunn. Perform your own work or a favourite turn in the informal atmosphere of Brodick's Eilean Mor. All are welcome, so put your name down for a spot or just pull up a chair, grab a drink and enjoy some home-made entertainment.

Wednesday: Pot and Noodle at the Community Theatre is a wonderful pot pourri of music, dance, drama and film from some of our most talented young people. Followed by 'Seeker, Reaper', a one-act play by Eddie Stiven and Lachie Paterson that tells of the life of a Ring-Net Fisherman. The Inshore Herring Fishery thrived in the West and North of Scotland up until the 1960's. Illustrated with old photographs and film footage.

Thursday: Nutshell Theatre Company, directed by Kate Nelson, will once again delight us with a performance reading in Corrie Hall of the winning play from this year's competition. Followed by discussion with the writer, actors and director & presentation of the 2009 McLellan Award.

Friday: Arran and Beyond in the Ormidale Glasshouse has become a firm favourite at the McLellan Festival over the years, bringing together a talented Arran resident with poets and singers from beyond our shores. This year local poet David Underdown features alongside Edinburgh-based a cappella singers the Wild Myrtles and renowned Scottish poet Robert Crawford.

Workshops

Short Story Workshop with Alison Prince. No experience needed – but you will go home with your own story, promise! All you need is a willingness to share ideas.

Poetry Workshops with Jason Watts. Participants will seek to answer the questions 'What is a poem?' and 'What makes a poem work?' Particular attention will be paid to the part rhythm plays in a poem.

Open Poetry Seminar: renowned Scottish poet Robert Crawford will discuss poems selected from work submitted by local poets. Audience welcome.

Exhibitions

Island Artists: How do visual artists respond to living on islands? This exhibition at Corrie Arts features the work of artists from the western isles and the result is as diverse and personal as the islands themselves. See what the tide throws up.

Shutter and Mutter: an exhibition at the Burnside of collaborative work by local photographers and poets. Working in pairs, participants were invited to create work to 'twist or stretch what we expect a photo or a poem to do'. The show will be both eclectic and surprising and will attempt to lay open the processes of collaborative working.

Exhibition of Art by Arran Children

Celebration Ceilidh

To close the Festival a line up of song, music, stories, poetry and dance, including the welcome return of David Campbell, renowned storyteller, singing from The Wild Myrtles singers and an array of our best local talent. Dancing, food, wine and fun.

One of the aims of the McLellan Festival next week is to involve young people in the arts and this year some of the most talented youngsters have created their own show.

'Pot and Noodle' has been devised, written, composed and directed by the 15 young people themselves

and is an eclectic mix of drama, dance, film and music. This intriguing view of what it is like to be a teenager on Arran in 2009 will be performed in the Community Theatre in Lamlash on Wednesday 16 September. Many primary school artists have also painted their impressions of life on Arran.

Their work can be seen in Corrie Hall on Saturday September 19 from 12.30 - 4.30pm. There will be awards made to children in three categories as well as an overall winner to be announced at 3pm.

This year the Play award for plays in living Scots (the only such award in Scotland) goes to 'Wan Mair' and a performance reading will be given by the Nutshell Theatre company on Thursday evening.

The McLellan Festival is bringing a new play by Eddie Stiven from Glenelg who has written an entertaining piece about herring fishermen in the first half of the 20th century which

relates to Arran. This will be performed in the Community Theatre on Wednesday evening after 'Pot and Noodle' and will include live accordion music played by John Clarke of Shiskine.

The open mic event 'Made on Arran' on Tuesday September 15 is a chance for local poets and musicians under the irrepressible host, Eric Dunn. The end of festival ceilidh on Saturday evening at Corrie Hall brings together David Campbell, international storyteller, The Wild Myrtles, Sheila Gilmore, Mike Bailey, Fiona and Iain Clarke, Mandy Hunter and Heather Macleod, Arran Fiddlers and free food and wine.



MCLELLAN FESTIVAL 2009 EVENT

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DISCUSSIONS OF POEMS BY LOCAL POETS.

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Sat. 19th Sept. Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, 11am



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'ARRAN & BEYOND'

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The Ormidale Glasshouse Friday 18th Sept. At 8pm



MCLELLAN FESTIVAL 2009 EVENT

WAN MAIR

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MCLELLAN FESTIVAL 2009 EVENTS

WORKSHOPS

Short story workshop with Alison Prince
Monday 14th September, Corrie Hall 8pm



Poetry workshops with Jason Watts
Thursday 17th & Friday 18th Sept.
Burnside Gallery, 1.30-4pm



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MADE ON ARRAN

Return of Popular open mike session with the
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MCLELLAN FESTIVAL 2009 EVENT

'ISLAND ART' EXHIBITION

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'SHUTTER AND MUTTER' EXHIBITION

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MCLELLAN FESTIVAL 2009 EVENT

Children's Art Exhibition

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SAT. 19TH SEPTEMBER CORRIE HALL, 12.30-4.40PM

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Last post?

Kilmory Post Office closed on Wednesday against the wishes of all concerned.

The people of Kilmory did not want it to close, the new owner did not want it to close, nor even the Post Office itself.

All of these people hope the post office service will continue – or restart – but the complex wrangle at present is not to the benefit of anyone.

'It's a piece of nonsense that a district from Bennan to Corriecravie has no post office,' said Mrs Edna Picken of Kilmory this week. 'It's a piece of ridiculous nonsense.'

When a sub-post office changes hands, current post office policy is to look at the opening hours.

When Mr Paul Bagnall bought the shop some weeks ago from Gerry Ambler he had been told this would happen.

Only recently did the Post Office make clear that the new conditions would involve the hours being reduced to half a day a week and he would have to refuse to serve customers outside of those hours.

Shrunken man

Dave Ashcroft of Catacol Bay Hotel displayed the incredible results of his sponsored slim last week to raise money for the Mountain Rescue.

After four months of eating

practically nothing apart from fruit, Dave has lost an astonishing 60 pounds.

He now weighs 12st 10lbs compared to 17st in April.

'I'm tired,' he said. 'but thankfully it's the end of the season. It's certainly a lot easier moving about.'

To celebrate, last Friday Dave had a couple of drinks that he has been looking forward to for months.



Dave Ashcroft shows the results of his incredible sponsored slim. b37twe01

Jay's accident

Pirmill window cleaner Jay Ferguson was washing the final window at Corrie Hotel last Friday when he fell off his ladder and broke a leg, an arm, a foot, wrenched his back and cut his head.

Jay is now recovering in

Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock.

Last year he had an accident while working at Brodick Post Office but nevertheless he hopes to be back on the job when he will be focusing on single storey homes with dirty windows.

The fanatic

Is Davy Boyle still Lucan for the tourist officer?

Last Saturday at a windswept Ormidale Park, Brodick the Titans of Arran football met in mortal combat to decide who could claim to be the team of the season.

Lamlash, with the new Arran Haulage Cup already secured, and Shiskine with the Arran Dairies League Trophy and the under 18s Douglas Hotel trophy already wrestled from the PHT, going for gold with a league and cup double.

Shiskine claimed the first half but Lamlash dominated for most of the second in a rain lashed tussle.

Two goals from the penalty spot, one for either team, both dubious and soft, both stroked home, a sending off for Lamlash goalie, Colin Haggarty, following his bringing down of Willie Currie, and a soaking for a huddled crowd – not really what memories are made of.

Mystery fishing boat

Mystery surrounds the circumstances of a small fishing boat lying high and dry on the rocks of Lamlash.

There has been no sign of any owner for the vessel in the past month so it is not known if they are aware of what has happened.



Mrs Crawley with her 13 new infants at Brodick Primary School. b37twe05



Neil McLean and Eric Gregory are Arran's best vegetable growers according to the judges at the annual Horticultural Show. b37twe02



Olive Raymond took up her post as administrator for Brodick Castle on Monday. She is pictured with her predecessor Ken Scotland. b37twe03



Joe Munro, Connel Treble and Stefan Church with Mrs McMillan of Pirmill School on their first day. b37twe04



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on holiday



Heather Wragg is pictured crossing the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Llangollen, North Wales – which is very, very high - on a narrowboat during her honeymoon. b42ban02

Arran residents and holidaymakers have been taking their Banner to some incredible destinations all across the globe this summer.

This week we have little Duncan and Fearghas Leslie pictured with the newspaper in Shetland.

We were amazed to see that Heather Wragg had taken time during her crossing of the magnificent Pontcysyllte Aqueduct to catch up on Arran's news.

The aqueduct is 126 feet high and is a truly spectacular architectural feat.

Meanwhile Helen Hughes took her Banner 7,000 feet up a volcano on Reunion Island in the middle of the Indian Ocean.

Don't forget to pack your copy of the Banner if you are going on holiday. It could be from Barnsley or Bali, it really doesn't matter; we would love to see your photographs.

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Duncan and Fearghas Leslie from Shetland read their Banner on holiday outside the most northerly house in Britain, at Skaw in Shetland. Their Gran is Isabel Stewart of Corrie. b40ban02



Helen Hughes took Arran's Weekly Newspaper 7,000 feet up on a volcano called Piton de la Fournaise, on Reunion Island in the middle of the Indian Ocean. b42ban01

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Book club for shiskine

A new book club may soon be started in Shiskine. Judith Porter of Balmichael Estate said: 'I moved to Arran only a few weeks ago, and wanting to continue with some of my hobbies I asked at the library if there was a book club in the area.'

'The answer was in the negative so on my next visit to the Thursday coffee morning at St Molios Church I mentioned my interest and a number of people said 'why don't you start one'.

On the strength of this Judith revisited the library and they agreed to provide books and gave a list of the available ones. She is suggesting meetings once a month in the church hall on a day to be agreed.

The format could be that each month the members read the same book and then discuss it at the next meeting. Refreshments would be provided.

Anyone with an interest can telephone Judith on 860725.

Whiting Bay flowers quiz

Whiting Bay Bowling Club held a flowers quiz throughout the summer and the 2009 winner is Mrs I Syme, 9 Lorraine Gardens Lane, Glasgow.

A total of 14 correct sheets were returned and Mrs Syme's was the first drawn out of a hat.

Results were: 1 range of alphabet plus a meadow - azalea, 2 sad clanger - bluebell, 3 witches brush - broom, 4 desert ship and backward to be sick - camellia, 5 automobile country - carnation, 6 Japanese emblem - chrysanthemum, 7 Pierrot's sweetheart - columbine, 8 did one of the cattle

fall? - cowslip, 9 sounds like two-wheel transport and homo sapiens - cyclamen, 10 comic and big cat - dandelion, 11 with sweet musk roses and with... - eglantine, 12 remember me please - forget-me-not, 13 Reynard needs a hand warmer - fox-glove, 14 warm the lady up - heather, 15 bird ascending needs a goad - larkspur, 16 Hardy's pal - laurel, 17 I call (anag) - lilac, 18 rates (anag) - aster, 19 a tennis stroke with the essayist - lobelia, 20 wed a yellow metal - marigold, 21 in the AM a magnificent splendour - morning glory, 22 cheek follows the male cattle - oxlip, 23 priggish or demure got up - primrose, 24 break the mythical monster - snapdragon, 25 sugary bill - sweet William, 26 two accountants with 1st class reversal - acacia.

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Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodick	10.30am - 4.30pm

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football	Coaching, 10.30am - noon
Karate	Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Family Games Kids & Adults	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the Spa Pool	Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Over 21s Disco	The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game	2pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game	2pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game	2.30pm
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)	Arran High School, 10am
Fundraising Concert for PS Waverley	Lochranza distillery, 7.30pm
Quiz	Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Bingo	Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

Alcoholics Anonymous	St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
Family Games Kids & Adults	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the Spa Pool	Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes	Library Annexe, 1.45pm
Folk Session	Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

Senior Fitness	Auchrannie 10am & 11am (Gym)
Over 50's Badminton	Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Badminton	Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Cardiac Rehab	Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm
Circuit Training	Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
AB Attack	KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm
Aerobics Class	KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm
Weight Wise	Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
Netball	High School Sports Hall - Seniors 8pm - 9pm
Folk Session	Kildonan Hotel, 9pm
Summer Bridge	High School, 6.45pm
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game	6.45pm
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game	6.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game	6.30pm
Quiz Night	Eden Lodge Hotel Whiting Bay, 9.30pm
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games	Ormidale Park, 6pm
Kickboxing	KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm
McLellan Festival	See Page 12

TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club	Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Arran Civic Trust	Ormidale Pavilion 7.30pm
Legs Bums & Tums	Auchrannie Spa 6pm - 7pm (Studio)
Army Cadets	Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Pop Quiz	Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)
Pulmonary Rehab	Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)
Open Music Session	Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Indoor Bowling	Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Junior Hockey Club	Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm
Brodick Toddler Group	Church Hall, 10am - 12pm

Body Conditioning Class

Youth Club
Senior Fitness
Rotary Club
Open Folk Session
Motocross Practice
McLellan Festival

KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm
 Kildonan Hall - 6pm
 Auchrannie, 10am - 11am
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
 Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 9pm
 Southbank Farm track, 6pm - 7.30pm
 See Page 12

WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

Hockey	Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm (Games Hall)
Core Strength	Auchrannie 5.30 - 6pm
Jnr Rugby Training	P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.15pm
Aquafizz	Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am (Hotel Pool)
Circuit Training	Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy	10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm
Kickboxing	KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm - 9pm
Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training	Ormidale Park, 7.30pm
Arran Brass Rehearsal	Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Selt Making Class	Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
Brodick Bowling Club, Rink Game	2pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game	6.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game	6.30pm
Beavers	High School, Lamlash 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Pre school Music & Drama Classes	Auchrannie Dance Studio, Various Times
Healing Rooms	High School, 7.30pm - 9pm
McLellan Festival	See Page 12

THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

Senior Fitness	Auchrannie 10am - 11am
General Knowledge Quiz	The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
Lochranza Craft Club	Hall, 2pm
Coffee Morning	St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Cardiac Rehab	Auchrannie Gym 2pm - 3pm
Table Tennis	Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
Legs, Bums & Tums Class	KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Indoor Bowling	Auchrannie Hall 7pm
Cricket Practice	Sannox Oval, 6pm
Smoking Cessation Group	Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 12pm
Brodick Embroidery Group	Brodick Library 7.30pm - 9.30pm
McLellan Festival	See Page 12
Youth Club	Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
Cubs	Shiskine Hall 6.30-8pm
Scouts	Shiskine Hall 8-9.30pm

FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

Arran Pipe Band Practice	Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Aquafizz	Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
Quiz	Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
Adult Tennis	Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club, 4.00pm - 6.30pm
Over 21's Disco	The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Foundations at the Cabin	Brodick, 7pm - 9pm
McLellan Festival	See Page 12

SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Bingo Night in aid of Lochranza Pontoon	Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm
McLellan Festival	See Page 12
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 Shiskine 11am
 Sunday School meets in the Church Hall
 Brodick 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)
 Rev David Karoon
 All welcome

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Vigil Mass: 7.30pm
 Sunday Morning Mass 11 am

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH
Sunday 6 September
 Worship will be conducted by Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.
 Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship.
 All most welcome.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 13 September
 Holy Communion, 11am.
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Sunday 6 September
 11am
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ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.
 Brodick Hall
 Brodick.
Sunday 13 September
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 11.30am For All the Family
 Speaker: Rev Noel McCullins
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Sunday 13 September
 Brodick Church, 10.30am
 Corrie Church, 12pm
 Lochranza, 9.30am
 Pirmill, 10.45am
 Shiskine Church, 12pm
 A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FREINDS (QUAKERS)
Sunday 13 September
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PERSONALS

Thank you
 Jamie would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards and gifts he received on his surprise 40th birthday party. A special thank you to Charlie for providing the music and hope you all had as good a night as I had.
 Thanks again
 Jamie Mac

Dawn would like to thank family and friends for all the lovely cards and presents.

Michael and Mary wish to thank sincerely family and friends for good wishes, cards and presents on the occasion of their marriage.

Golden Wedding Thank You
 Davie & Jenny would like to thank friends, neighbours and relations for all cards & gifts received on their Golden Wedding. Especially good was all the visits. Once again thank you one and all!



Lamlash Golf Club
 Ladies: Wednesday 2 September, SLGA and FLEET (6), CSS 67. A good few enjoyed this week's golf. 1 Elizabeth Sinclair 85-15=70, 2 B J Livingstone 81-7=74, Scratch won by B J Livingstone and also a two at 16th. Well done both.
 Gents: Thursday 3 September, Weather taking its toll once again! Seniors medal (no entry) Summer Cup 16 played. Scratch Mark Wren with a 75, 1 M Wren 75-12=63, 2 Paul Jameson 79-13=66, 3 Allan Winship 81-13=68. Friday 4 September, Commando Cup. The annual cup and prizes are awarded by the 11th Scottish Commando as part of their reunion and were presented in the clubhouse to the above winners. Com-

mando Cup won by Mark Wren. The family and friends of the 11th Scottish Commando attended the presentation in the clubhouse including one of the few surviving commandos who trained at their base in Lamlash during the war.
 Saturday 5 September, final of the Hamilton Bowl (bogey competition). Only two members played due to weather and the Scotland match at Hampden. Scratch Lee Girbow with a 66, 1 L Girbow 66-5-61=+4 to bogey. One magic two by Lee Girbow. Winner of the Hamilton Bowl Lee Girbow with +5 and +4 total of +9.
Fixtures: Every Thursday Senior game and Summer cup, arranging times with starter. Friday 11 September, final of McLean Salver at 5.30pm. Saturday 12 September, qualifying for the Arran Grouse arranging own pairs and four balls between 12pm and 4pm. Sunday 13 September, final of the Jamieson Cup 9.30am and 1pm.
SWRI Golf
 Monday 24 August, eight ladies took part in the 12-Hole competition at Brodick Golf Club. 1 Jenni Turnbull

43, 2 Carole Stewart 46 1/3, 3 Jean Barclay 47 2/3, scratch Ellie Jones 56. Thank you to Brodick Golf Club for the courtesy of the course, to Trish for the catering and to the ladies who baked the delicious cakes. No one went home empty handed due to the wonderful selection of raffle prizes.
Arran Golfers Association
 Sunday 6 September, 38 played in this year's Autumn Handicap for the Drumadon Cup at Whiting Bay, on a day which promised showers - but delivered much more! The morning players had slightly the better of the weather but nobody got round dry. The course coped very well although by the time the last players struggled in it was doubtful if it was still playable. Many thanks go to Ian and Mary for starting everybody with a smile and the bar and catering staff for the very welcome fare at the finish, SSS 63, CSS 65.
 There were six magic twos: two from Jamie MacPherson and one each from Terry Raeside, Ian MacDonald, John Pennycott and Dougie Robertson. Second class: 1 Eddie Hope (15)68 BIH, 2 Dougie Robertson (18)68, 3 John Taylor (16)70. First class: 1 Jamie MacPherson (4)60, 2 John Pennycott (11)64 BIH, 3 Nicol Auld (1)64. Jamie MacPherson won scratch with 64 and was the deserved overall winner of the Drumadon Trophy. The over 55s J C Reid Trophy was won by Ian Bremner with 67. Many thanks to Graeme Andrews and Arran Domestics for the generous prize.
Fixtures: The next AGA event is the Seniors Handicap played at Shiskine on Saturday 19 September at 1pm. This is to be played on yellow tees, over 12 holes.
Whiting Bay Golf Club
 Wednesday 2 September, 27 played for the Bannatyne Cup, SSS 63, CSS 63. The winner of his first trophy was Ross Butchard (25)58, 2 John Simons (12)61, 3 Andrew Martin (11)63 and 4 Eddie Hope (15)64. Malcolm Pennycott won scratch with 66 and there were magic twos by Alan Dillon

and Andy Martin. Well done to Jamie MacPherson for winning the Autumn Handicap this year at Whiting Bay.
Fixtures: Sunday 13 September, Captains Prize, (Stableford.) One draw at 11am. Wednesday 19 September, final round of the Summer Trophy. Sunday 20 September, Arran Grouse Four-somes Qualifier.
Brodick Golf Club
 Wednesday 2 September, Summer Cup, 51 played, CSS 64. 1 K McMillan (11)59, 2 I Macmillan (13)60, 3 I Pittman (12)62, Scratch E McKinnon 65. There were 15 twos, Len Hartley got two. Friday 4 September, Kintyre Cup. Nine competitors travelled overseas to Dunaverty, and braved the gales. Winner Iain MacDonald with a great 40 points, runner-up was Angus Raeburn with less than that.
Fixtures: Sunday 13 September, Brandon, open draw at 8.30am and 1pm. Wednesday 16 September, flag competition followed by prizegiving. Saturday 19 September, AGA Senior Handicap at Shiskine. Sunday 20 September, Sweep and Hirsch Trophy.
Machrie Bay Golf Club
 Tuesday 1 September, Stableford played from the yellow tees. The competition was reduced to 15 holes due to the extreme weather conditions. 1 David Wilkinson 34, 2 Brian Sherwood 33, 3 Fiona Scott 31. Magic twos Campbell Laing and Brian Sherwood.
Fixtures: Tuesday 15 September, Sweep tee-off at 12.30pm. Saturday 19 September, AGA Seniors, 0/55 at Shiskine, tee off 1pm.
Corrie Golf Club
 Wednesday September 2, 1 J McGovern 64-8=56 BIH, 2 D Logan 65-9=56, 3 S Beardsley 65-5=60. Saturday September 5, Whisky Cup round one. 1 E McKinnon 59-1=58, 2 M Sherwood 66-6=60, 3 J Miles 80-20=60.
Fixtures: Saturday September 12, Whiskey Cup round 2. Draws at 9am and 1pm. Wednesday September 16, Last Wednesday game. Saturday September 19, no game at Corrie due to AGLU fixture.

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Elma Murray
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Arran Music & Drama Club

The Annual General Meeting is being held in Brodick Hall on Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm. Members have the papers for this meeting, but anyone who may be considering joining us, is welcome to attend and find out a bit about us. Last year we tried something different with our Production of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" This attracted several new members to our club and we would once again hope to see some fresh new faces amongst us.
Our Production for May 2010 will be "Guys and Dolls".
 Please come along if you are interested in any aspect of music and drama or, if you just want a fun night out!

COAST WAY SUPPORT GROUP
Special General Meeting
 Ormidale Hotel
 Thursday
 24 September
 7.30pm

Isle of Arran Drama Association
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Monday 14 September	Corrie & Sannox Village Hall	11.30-12.30
	Whiting Bay Village Hall	13.30-14.30
	Brodick Health Centre	15.15-16.15
Monday 12 October	Kildonan Village Hall	11.30-12.30
	Shiskine Village Hall	13.30-14.30
	Lamlash Fire Station	15.15-16.15

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AGM
Arran Pipe Band
25 September 2009
Brodick Hall
7.30pm

BANNER PUBLIC NOTICES

Arran trophy success at hockey festival

Rain fails to dampen spirits as home teams keep silverware on the island

Arran players picked up trophies for their overall success at last Sunday's hockey festival at Ormidale Park.

The all-weather pitch proved a necessity as it played host to the 6th Annual Arran Junior Hockey Festival.

Despite constant rain, nothing could dampen the spirits of over 60 enthusiastic hockey players and their families throughout the two days.

Organisers Ann Hart and Jenny Ferguson invited teams from Eastwood, Clydesdale, and Helensburgh to come over and take part. All the kids enjoyed coaching on Saturday and met lots of players from other clubs before having a great night at Brodick Hall where a ceilidh had been organised.

On Sunday the tournament began. The Arran under 10s team, all of whom have been playing for less than a year, showed excellent teamwork and played some outstanding hockey throughout the entire tournament. They won three out of the four qualifying games and then went on to secure a 2-1 victory in the final against Helensburgh.

Arran under 12s also made



The Eastwood, Clydesdale, Helensburgh and Arran players at the hockey festival. 02_b37hok01

it all the way to the final and found themselves up against defending champions, Clydesdale.

Most of the Arran players were new to this age group having played and won the previous two years in the Under 10s section. After a tense 15 min-

utes and some nervous parental cheers from the sidelines, the players fought hard to maintain their winning reputation and achieved a 2-1 triumph.

Although there was no Arran team in the under 14s section, Gillian Anderson of Brodick was invited to play for the East-

wood select team for the day. She made everyone proud by scoring the two winning goals in their final match.

The Arran under 10s, under 12s and Gillian were all presented with team trophies and individuals received a medal. An additional medal was awarded to Jamie McLaren for 'Man of the Match'. Arran's success continued when awarded the 'Arran Invitation Shield' for the overall success of the club throughout all age groups.

Arran Junior Hockey Club is moving forward with new coaches Jenny Ferguson and Derek Shand who hope to continue relationships with mainland teams and secure more away fixtures over the next year.

All those aged between 8 and 14 who are interested in becoming part of this successful club are invited to training sessions at the Auchrannie Games Hall on Tuesdays at 6pm.



The Arran hockey players in their Arran Aromatics strip. 02_b37arm01

Sisters' third Great Scottish Run

Sisters Gemma Blythe and Helen Jackson took to the streets of Glasgow on Sunday to compete in Scotland's largest road race.

This is the third time that the pair have taken part in the Great Scottish Run and both managed to beat their previous times.

Helen finished in 1:00:34 seconds and Gemma crossed the line in 1:11:34seconds.



Summer bridge results

The results of the tournament on Monday 7 September were: N/S 1 D Bruce and M Bruce, 2 T Martin and D Hamilton, 3 J Murchie and E Sillars.

E/W 1 H Boyd and L Paul, 2 M Gardner and J Wales, 3 L Trickett and R Thomson.

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Tricky start for Isle of Arran

First match of new season turns into war of attrition against Moffat team for island side



Arran hooker Donald Murchie. 02_b37rug03

Isle of Arran 0 Moffat 8

Saturday was the first match of the season for Arran's senior rugby team and it turned out to be a war of attrition for the forwards.

After finishing in the middle of the table last season, Arran could be forgiven for quietly thinking their first game would be a walkover – it wasn't to be.

Team captain Murray Picken, said: 'Considering it was the first game of the season I think we played really well we just didn't seem to get any luck on the day.'

Mistakes

'We were continually penalised by the referee for the other team's mistakes which didn't make it any easier. Thankfully we had great support from the locals which always helps.'

The team were up against Moffat who had travelled to the Ormidale Park in Brodick for the match.

Dropped passes that kept killing the ball meant that Arran had very little chance to move



Arran's senior rugby team began their new season on Saturday with a tough game against Moffat. 02_b37rug01

the ball down field in the first 25 minutes. Moffat were gifted a penalty 15 minutes in, which saw them put three points on to the board.

Thirty minutes in, team captain Murray Picken broke through the line but without support at the five-yard line he had no hope of getting those essential five points.

Moffat missed a penalty about half an hour into the game and

minutes later Arran were given two chances to kick for goal.

Unfortunately the strong wind took Frazer Barr's kicks off course and Arran failed to capitalise on the six points leaving the score 3-0 at the break.

As the second half began Ben Tattersfield caught a high ball from Moffat and with a quick pass to Alisdair Walker it looked as though the home side were about to get some

points. But in a cruel twist of fate it was Moffat who scored the only try of the match minutes later.

Score

Despite getting stuck into the rucks and winning their line-outs Arran just couldn't keep a hold of the ball long enough to score.

Today (Saturday) Arran travel to Dunblane to play McLaren FP.

Ian and Pablo take annual Ken Western trophy at Machrie

Windy conditions lead to high scoring in greensome match

Ian Buchanan and Pablo Moran won the annual Ken Western Greensome at Machrie Bay Golf Club on Saturday.

Twenty-four gents in 12 pairs played this year's competition over a blustery Machrie course.

The scoring was quite high due to the windy conditions.

The Arran Golfers Association would like to thank

Machrie for hosting the match and for the excellent condition of the course.

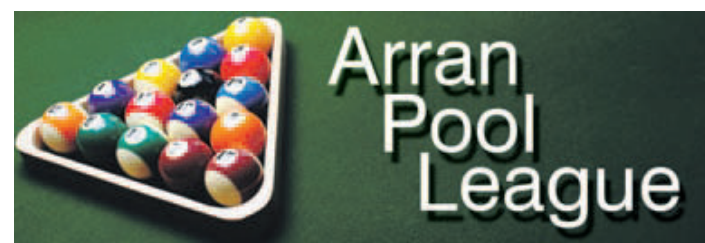
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In first place were Pablo Moran and Ian Buchanan with a 66.2 BIH.

In second place were Willie Kelso and Hamish Bannatyne with 66.2 and scratch was Willie and Hamish with an excellent 72.



Ian Buchanan and Pablo Moran with the trophy. b36ken01no



The Arran Pool League annual general meeting will be held in the PHT Lamlash at 2pm on Sunday September 27.

All teams should be represented or telephone the PHT

on 600418 to register for the 2009/2010 season. Teams need a minimum of six players to register and will be supplied with rules and fixtures before the start of the season.

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