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# Save Clyde Coastguard station campaign is taken to Westminster

## 'It will lead to loss of lives on west coast of Scotland'

**REPORT**  
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Following the announcement of a radical reshape of the UK Coastguard service, a campaign has been launched to save the Clyde Coastguard station at Greenock now scheduled for closure.

It is widely felt on Arran that this closure could put lives at risk.

Any rescue attempt off Arran would in future be handled by someone over 200 miles away with no idea of local place names or landmarks that would aid locating a vessel or person in distress.

### Travelled

Representatives from Greenock Clyde Coastguard Station travelled to London on Tuesday to meet with Arran's MP Katy Clark.

After the meeting Ms Clark said: 'The staff at MRCC Clyde have made it very clear that there will be damag-

ing consequences should the closure go ahead. It is the busiest coastguard centre in Scotland.

'Particularly for Arran the closure of Clyde Coastguard would be hugely concerning given the extensive local knowledge which Clyde Coastguards have developed over many years.

### Petition

'I am very pleased that the coastguards were able to put their case to MPs. I urge anyone who shares my concerns to sign the petition.'

The Greenock station currently covers the west coast of Scotland from the Mull of Galloway in the south to Ardnamurchan Point in the north.

Campaign petition forms are on the counters of many shops around Arran.

Under government proposals there will be a single 24/7 coastguard operations centre in Aberdeen.

The coastguards put for-



The artistes from the Royal Northern College of Music performing at the Opera Gala in Lamlash Community Theatre last Friday night. They are pictured with, centre, Colin Guthrie donor of the magnificent new grand piano, Heather Gough, and Peter Wilson of Corrie, senior vocal tutor at the college. See report on page seven.

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ward their case for the retention of the Clyde Station based in Greenock before the second consultation period ends on 6 October. A coastguard representative

said: 'We hope to press our case that the closure of Clyde Coastguard Station in Greenock is intrinsically flawed and will lead to the loss of lives on the west coast of Scotland.

'A meeting has also been organised for Friday 16 September in Inverclyde Council Chambers to try and reverse the decision by the UK Government and the MCA to close

down operations in Greenock.' Local coastguards had a busy start to the week, dealing with four cases of craft adrift in Arran waters in the high winds and heavy seas.



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## Sex offender jailed after Holy Isle arrest

A sex offender who fled to Holy Isle in May to live among Buddhist monks was captured after police arrived in a helicopter.

Paedophile William Cunningham, 45, described as a high risk to women and children, sparked a nationwide manhunt after going on the run.

Cunningham was jailed for two years and four months on Wednesday 14 September and told by a sheriff he was a 'dangerous individual' and a 'significant threat' to others.

He vanished after being spotted at a barbecue with a two-year-old boy and a girl of 11 whose parents he had befriended after pretending his mother had died.

Cunningham, who was banned from any contact with children, was eventually tracked down on Holy Isle.

The alarm was raised on May 23 when Cunningham failed to appear at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court and officers armed with an arrest warrant broke into his empty flat at Newmilns, Ayrshire.

Police received a tip-off that Cunningham had fled to Holy Isle after a resident recognised his picture from a website. On May 27, officers travelled to the Holy Isle by helicopter and arrested him on warrant.



Nine mums and babies took part in the class in Lamlash on Thursday morning, 01\_b37bab01

# Massage class for mothers and infants

Calm, relaxed and utterly stress free - that was the mood in the Lamlash Community Fire Station last Thursday morning when the Banner visited the infant massage class.

The nine babies and their mothers were all taking part in the class which is designed to build strong bonds between

parent and baby and teach them how to relax during a quality sharing time.

Instructor Nina Hamilton said that the 'effects of the massage are immediate but they also last a lifetime'.

She said: 'The massage increases confidence for parents and helps them to be more aware of their baby's needs.'

'It can also be particularly healing for mothers after a difficult birth or while suffering from post-natal depression.'

For the baby the benefits are even greater.

It teaches them that they are loved and valued and that the relationship is important.

Nina added: 'It can also

help strengthen the immune system and help regulate the circulatory, respiratory, nervous, digestive and eliminatory systems.

'As well as relief from the discomforts of teething, colic, constipation and congestion.'

The classes are open to all babies from birth to around 10 months, and their parents.

The Lamlash Fire Station is an ideal place to hold the classes and Nina emphasised how grateful she was to the fire crew for the use of the facility.

The classes are run by Infant Massage Instructors Nina Hamilton and Vicki Yuill who can be contacted on 600247.

## Water leak at the High School

Arran High School has once again sprung a leak.

The magnificent new school, completed three-and-a-half years ago at a cost of £10 million, has suffered a number of teething problems of rainwater ingress at various locations during this time.

Now there are holes punched in the ceiling on a first floor corridor and three buckets placed underneath them to catch the drops.

Mark Armstrong, head of logistics and infrastructure for North Ayrshire Council said: 'The Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract for Arran High includes ongoing maintenance of the school over a period of 30 years.'

'The contract also stipulates that the school must be 'as

good as new' condition when it is handed back to the Council at the end of the contract.

'As soon as we became aware of water ingress on a staff corridor at the end of July, we immediately contacted the PPP contractor to have this repaired.'

### Inspection

'The contractor attended the school on 4 August to carry out an inspection of the roof and their sub-contractor commenced work to repair the leak on 16 August before pupils returned to school after the summer break.'

'We are liaising with the contractor with a view to them carrying out a detailed and extensive survey on the roof to minimise the risk of water ingress in the future.'



Three buckets on the first floor corridor on Friday 9 September to collect water leaking from the roof. 02\_b37wet01

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# Road closure at North Sannox

As detailed in the Banner two weeks ago, major road works are about to start in various locations around the island.

A two-and-a-half kilometre length in North Glen Sannox will be closed from 20 September to 7 October from 9am to 4pm daily.

Service buses will be allowed through and other vehicles may be allowed to follow the bus through in convoy. The road will be open for both weekends during this time.

Other work will be carried out near Arran Heritage Museum, Lochranza Distillery and in Catacol.

Resurfacing of the Kinloch Hotel car park will take place for two weeks from 31 October. This work will be mainly SPT funded for usage by buses.

£400,000 has already been spent on Arran's roads this year, and this extra work will bring this figure to almost £1 million.



The road closure warning sign at North Sannox.

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Hotel manager Pascal van den Broek hands Tim Pomeroy a cheque in the Douglas bar, with a framed leather patchwork figure of a cricketer made by Laura Lees on the wall behind.

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# Douglas Hotel donation for Sannox cricketers

Sannox Cricket Club has received a very generous extra donation from new sponsors The Douglas Hotel.

On behalf of the hotel, manager Pascal van den Broek handed Tim Pomeroy a cheque for £600 last week.

Tim said: 'This is a most welcome gesture for Sannox Cricket Club, and the money will go towards club equipment.'

'For example, match balls cost £10 each and we need a new one for every game, so that means 20 balls at a cost of £200 each season.'

'Of course we can use the old balls in net and fielding practice sessions.'

The club has enjoyed a successful season and continues to attract new and younger recruits to its ranks.

# Deluge of photo competition entries

The 2011 Arran Banner photo competition is now closed.

Following the final reminder in last week's Banner, we have been deluged with last minute entries.

In addition to an already healthy collection, we have received almost 300 photographs this week, mostly via email, and our venerable panel of judges will soon have the pleasant task of sifting through all these wonderful Arran views and mementoes of people and animals having fun.

We hope to publish a selection over the coming weeks, with the winners being declared on Friday 7 October.

# Katina brings chaos to Arran

Autumn came early as the tail end of Hurricane Katina left its mark on Arran on Monday and Tuesday.

The storm force winds from across the Atlantic arrived on our shores on Sunday evening.

A telegraph pole came down at Sannox on Monday, causing a partial road closure for about 20 minutes.

Also on Monday Brodick Castle was closed to the public because of the danger of falling trees or branches.

Castle Administrator Ken Thorburn said: 'I was away, but on the basis of the weather forecast, the head gardener took a decision to close the property on Monday.'

'The National Trust for Scotland now follows health

and safety guidelines to make sure we don't put visitors at risk. All our properties are under instruction to close in advance of bad weather rather than have people leaving themselves in dangerous conditions.'

'No staff came into work either. We didn't lose any trees, but several large branches came down.'

The castle reopened to the public on Tuesday. Disruptions to the ferry service are detailed on page four.

# Winter road safety campaign for drivers

Local garages and police are once again co-operating in promoting a winter safety campaign for Arran drivers.

Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'We are pleased that all the Arran garages will again offer a free safety check to local motorists.'

'They will check such items as tyre pressures and tread, lights, wiper blades and anything else relating to road safety. All motorists need to do is telephone a garage to

book their car in.'

Participating garages are Angus Lambie Motor Engineers, C M Weir and Sons, John Thomson Engineering, Whiting Bay Garage and Blackwaterfoot Garage.

Sergeant MacKay added: 'After this campaign my officers will be carrying out enforcement checks to identify any vehicle not up to the required standard.'

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# Police Files:

On Thursday 8 September a 17-year-old Lamlash man was arrested and reported for theft.

On Sunday 11 September a 24-year-old Lamlash man was charged with breach of the peace near to Alma Road in Brodick.

At the same location, a 34-year-old Brodick man was charged with breach of the peace the following day.

All three incidents were the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal

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## Plans for a new distillery hit a hitch

Plans for a new malt whisky distillery in the Lake District by a former managing director of the Lochranza Distillery have hit a hitch.

Paul Currie, who along with brother Andrew and father Harold, established Arran Distillers Ltd in 1991, went on to be managing director of Cumbria Distillers Ltd, based in Mauchline.

His company lodged a planning application with the Lake District National Park Authority on March 30 for a distillery with refreshments room and retail shop in derelict farm buildings near Cockermouth, Cumbria.

Now planners have recommended refusal of the application because of the extra traffic and congestion it could create in a quiet area of the Lake District National Park. The Development Control Committee is due to make a site visit followed by a decision in September.

Cumbria Distillers is a new company set up specifically for this project to produce Lake District whisky with water drawn from the upper reaches of the River Derwent.

In an earlier statement, Paul Currie said: 'We aim to be open by this time next year, producing around 20,000 cases each of 12 bottles a year.'

He added that a distiller from Arran would be involved in setting up the operation.

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High seas lashing the car park at Ardrossan harbour at 1.47pm on Monday. Inset: A yacht on the rocks near Clachlands Point in Lamlash Bay on Tuesday. 01\_b37yac01

# High winds and heavy seas cause damage

Heavy seas and high winds on Monday caused minor damage but considerable inconvenience to the travelling public.

On Sunday the 7.20pm sailing from Brodick was cancelled and the vessel remained in port. The following morning MV Caledonian Isles sailed at 8.20am and got into Ardrossan with some difficulty.

She returned to Brodick and remained storm-bound for the rest of the day. On Tuesday the vessel made two return crossings before further sailings were suspended at 1.30pm.

The Lochranza to Claonaig service was suspended for most of Monday and Tuesday. People who were trying to travel generally praised Caledonian MacBrayne for keeping them informed with web site updates and text messages.

### Kept Busy

Local Arran Coastguards were kept busy on Monday afternoon.

At 1.31pm Clyde Coastguard received a report of a 15-foot blue and white dinghy drifting off the Corrie Hotel. The vessel was confirmed to have no-one on board and drifted out of sight of land.

At 2.29pm the coastguards received numerous calls from members of the public reporting a 30-foot white yacht broken free from its mooring in Lamlash Bay. The vessel was confirmed to have no-one on board and was last seen drifting out to sea.

Shortly after, at 3.05pm, there were reports of another yacht adrift in Lamlash Bay. The yacht Tuckernuck was last seen exiting the north channel of the bay.

At 3.18pm an empty grey dinghy was reported to be adrift in Brodick Bay. It had apparently been washed from the shore in high winds.

## Lamlash Youth Centre prepares for autumn

Come along and join in with the fun activities this autumn at the Lamlash Youth Centre.

The centre is in the grounds of Arran High School and has something for everyone. Monday nights from 7pm to 9pm the Young Scot Reps/Junior Youth Forum meet and they take part in training days, provide other young people with information of what is happening on the young Scot notice board in school, be web journalists and secure discounts for young people to benefit from using your young Scot card. Straight after school on Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5pm why not go along to the Girls group - a boy-free zone where you can make new friends and join in with activities that are important to you.

Don't worry about getting home; the extra curricular bus will see you home safe and sound. Wednesdays from 2pm to 3.45pm the 'Train to Gain' group is for young adults aged 16-25 years old.

This group supports young adults who are looking for employment, education or training opportunities.

The programme helps you prepare for employment through interview skills, CV

creation, form filling, letter writing and driving theory and many more skills that you may need to become an independent young adult.

Come along and tell us what you need and we can help. Thursdays from 4pm to 6pm is the Arran Senior Youth Forum. Do you have commitment, drive, enthusiasm and fabulous ideas? If you want to get involved with your community and help address issues important to the young people of Arran then this group is for you.

### Dedicated

The youth forum run the live music gigs for young people on the island and are very dedicated in their cause.

Let us know if you think this group is for you as spaces are extremely limited. On Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays we also run a lunchtime drop in from 1.10pm to 1.50pm. Drop in and chill out with a game of pool and just have your lunch and chat with our friendly and approachable youth workers.

If you want to find out about the other groups that go on this is the ideal time, the youth workers will keep you informed.

All groups are free of charge and we hope to see you soon.



Lamlash Youth Centre. 01\_b37you01

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Thursday - General Knowledge Quiz - 9pm

# Arran Cadets enjoy camp in Merseyside

Local army cadets Lance Corporal Connor Reid of Brodick and Cadet Pdraigh Geraghty of Lamlash were among nearly 350 army cadets who enjoyed an action-filled fortnight's camp in Merseyside in August.

Connor and Pdraigh were accompanied by Captain Craig Hamilton who runs the cadet detachment on the island.

The cadets, all from west and central Scotland, spent two weeks at Altcar Training Camp between Liverpool and Southport. All cadets were given the opportunity to take part in a variety of military skills, adventurous and challenging activities as well as sport.

Colonel Kevin Connor, Commandant of the West Lowland Battalion ACF said: 'I gave a couple of directions about Annual Camp. Firstly, to build on last year's very successful annual camp, at Barry Buddon near Dundee, by increasing the number of cadets attending.

## Maximum

'The other request was for all to enjoy Annual Camp, and we have a group of cadets who put in maximum effort to achieve and enjoyed camp immensely.'

The military training at Annual Camp consisted of target shooting with a variety of weapons, including the more senior cadets using the excel-

lent range facilities. Altcar Ranges are only second in the UK for an excellent range complex to Bisley Ranges, the UK home of target shooting.

There was fieldcraft pack-age where the cadets learn to live in the field for up to 48 hours, depending on their skills level. As expected, cadets had their turn on the drill square, which many will remember as 'square bashing', but it appears to no longer be a punishment, as many cadets enjoy it.

Skill at Arms, learning to handle a variety of weapons safely, first aid, another core military skill, as well as navigation filled up the military



Lance Corporal Connor Reid of Brodick is coached on the 7.62mm cadet target rifle by Captain Craig Hamilton at annual camp.

training part.

Deputy Commandant Lieutenant Colonel Pat O'Meara said: 'At one time the Army Cadet Force provided mainly military training and was viewed by many as a recruit-

ing organisation for the Army. We are very much a youth organisation and over the years, adventurous and challenging activities have taken a more prominent role.

'We continue to flourish us-

ing a mix of military and adventurous training and sport for the youth of our communities.'

Arran cadets meet on Tuesday evenings at the cadet hut on Auchrannie Road.

# Harbour Havens to be centre of Kildonan

Kildonan Hotel is about to undergo a major change.

Owners Rod and Anne Acuna, now in their 11<sup>th</sup> year at the hotel, are planning to convert the building into Harbour Havens, a complex of 12 luxury apartments.

Plans have been drawn up by architect John Lamb, and a model of the finished building is on show in the lounge of the hotel at the moment.

Rod said: 'This is a two-year staged programme; the hotel, bar and restaurant will

be open as normal in the meantime. We have discussed the project in principle with North Ayrshire Council planners.'

The present hotel has 16 bedrooms and suites. There will be 12 apartments spread over three floors. The ground floor apartments will have their own private gardens, while the upper floor ones will all have balconies with sea views. Four will be one-bedroom, seven two-bedroom and one three-bedroom.

The apartments will be for sale and for full-time occupation.

'The owners can rent them out to other people, or we can manage the bookings for them,' said Anne.

She was keen to stress that the property would still be a hub for the villagers.

Anne said: 'There will be a real pub, complete with fireplace, just about where the residents' lounge now sits. We'll still have darts and pool and a new purpose-built shop in the existing car park with a manager's flat above. We'll be offering a much wider range of gifts and local crafts in the shop.'

A completely new separate access drive will lead to a new front door facing the road, with plenty of parking space.

The restaurant will be extended out towards the sea and will incorporate a cocktail bar.

Other elements of the project may include a smokehouse on site for local produce.

Rod added that two of the apartments are already sold and there is a reservation on another one.

Anne explained that she and Rod were looking for a little

bit more freedom, but wanted to make Harbour Havens a focal point for the village, both for holidaymakers and local residents. She said: 'People were worried about losing the pub and bar meals, but everything will still be there, only better.'



A model of the new Harbour Havens project in Kildonan Hotel showing the entrance to the bar and grill as seen from the road. 02\_b37har01



The front of Harbour Havens as seen from the sea. 02\_b37har02

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# Villagers enjoy 'Crofters Nicht' in Lochranza

'You could have heard a pin drop'

Wilma Stark, Lochranza's very own playwright and storyteller, graced the stage of Lochranza and Catacol Village hall with her opening monologues of her 'Crofters Nichts'.

Wilma took the role of Mhairi McInnes, an elderly lady who while sitting by her fireplace reflects over her life, from arriving in Arran via Sannox as a small child to pondering over what it takes to be an Arranach.

She wonders what it means to be born and bred of many generations of Arran people or someone who has Arran in their blood who keeps getting pulled back and just has to be here.

This definitely is a very brave and interesting topic. However Wilma managed to bring several little bits of old stories she had researched from various sources and bring them into her memories as the evening wore on.

During the production faint haunting music and church bells could be heard making emotion run high but her tal-

ent of creating comical chatter made it also a lighter atmosphere.

More than one person at the end of her performance commented that they had never before heard any one person creating total silence within

This would involve heavy theatrical drapes being hung completely round the hall that would retract to the corners for sports purposes.

Her decision to do this came from the producer and director of her Barking House production who afterward raved of the location of Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall. She said that if the acoustics of the hall be corrected it was a perfect venue for the Highland and Island Theatre circuit because of our close proximity to Argyle which would be such a benefit to the entire Island Community.

We had exactly the same reaction from David Walsh the actor who came down to do the lighting and sound for The Crofters Nicht.

He felt that Lochranza was the perfect venue to fill the gap created in the theatre circuit between Bute and Islay.

It was a truly wonderful evening and many heartfelt thanks once more go to Wilma for bringing such wonderful talent and working with us all to provide this amazing evening. KH



The stage setting for A Crofters Nicht in Lochranza.

the hall, at any time you could have heard a pin drop.

In Wilma's own words the Crofters Nicht, she explained, was to start off a funding programme to improve the acoustics in the hall.

She felt it was important to raise the awareness of this; so much so that she personally donated the fee to bring a consultant to Arran to give us a full report on how to correct the acoustic downfalls the hall appears to have.



The Arran Country and Western fans on arrival in Millport. Inset: Ann Gillies of Lamlash tries her hand on a Harley Davidson motorbike.

## Country hoedown in Millport

Two dozen Arran Country and Western fans made their way across the sea to Little Cumbræ last weekend for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Millport Country and Western Festival.

This has become a regular trip for local enthusiasts and this year they again took Ocean Breeze RIB boats from Lamlash to Millport.

The cowboys and cowgirls were among hundreds of fans who had come from all over

Scotland by coach, car and motorbike.

Musical entertainment was served up by top country groups Whiskey River, Joelene and Barry, Carson City and Root'n Toot'n.

For the whole weekend, Millport became Nashville, with line dancing sessions and duelling banjos.

The event is sponsored by CalMac and NAC.

## Arran Artists Open Studios event

Arran artists are to have their own open studios event. This is a great opportunity for all artists and makers on the island to generate income and much needed interest in their work.

Two weeks ago, organisers Josephine Broekhuizen and Sarah Cook announced the idea to the community.

'The response has been good,' said Josephine, who says that the number of respondents is well into double figures. She added: 'But we feel that many more registering interest could help give this event much more local impact.'

Open Studios is just what it says in the title. Artists and craft-makers would literally open their studios on agreed designated days to welcome visitors who might be curious and who also might want

to buy art/craft works. It has financially benefited many other regions in Scotland and raised the profile of the arts to a more significant level.

*Spring Fling* in Dumfries alone raised four million pounds, hugely boosting visitor figures with the knock-on benefits to local tourism in the shape of B&Bs, tearooms, coffee shops and so on.

Josephine and Sarah hope that participating numbers will continue to increase and call for all those, even remotely interested, to contact them to register this.

Josephine said: 'At this stage, we are not asking for anything other than the desire to participate. Those artists who do this will be contacted individually in October with further details of the event. We just want to make sure everybody has the chance to take part.'

To register interest or to find out more information, call 600287 or 700615 or email pomeroyarts@supanet.com or cook.lloyd@btinternet.com or write to Josephine Broekhuizen, Whiterock, Lamlash, KA27 8NL.

## Dyemill to Butter Hill track open

The forest track from the Dyemill to Kilmory will be open for public vehicle access on Saturday and Sunday 1 and 2 October from 1am to 4pm.

The main track will be one way only starting at the Dyemill.

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Arran's distillery launches 12-year-old cask strength malt whisky



The new 12-year-old cask strength Arran Malt.

The Isle of Arran Distillery is preparing to launch its first lot of the new 12-year-old cask strength Arran Malt.

The batch of 12,000 limited edition bottles will be released in the UK and worldwide at the end of the month.

Euan Mitchell, managing director of Arran Whisky, said: 'After 12 years of maturation under the watchful eye of our Master Distiller, we are pleased to welcome the new cask strength whisky into our Arran Malt family.'

'Best taken with a few drops of water to enjoy its full breadth of flavours, we believe the whisky will be a great success amongst new and existing whisky fans worldwide.'

The malt, bottled at natural cask strength, was drawn from a combination of sherry hogsheads specially selected by Master Distiller, James MacTaggart.

The influence of the sherry casks has resulted in a powerful spicy and rich whisky with an aroma of dark chocolate, toasted oak and baked apples.

The sherry influence is apparent in the taste but adding a splash of water brings further depth with subtle flavours of fruits and cinnamon.



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# McLellan Arts Festival 2011 hailed a real box of delights

This year's festival was a real box of delights with sensational performances from both visiting artists and our own highly accomplished locals.

The festival got off to a flying start with Arran And Beyond at the Ormidale Glasshouse on Friday night. Edinburgh singing group, The Wild Myrtles, wowed the audience with their close harmony a cappella songs from around the world.

They were followed by local poets, Alison Prince, Cicely Gill, Tim Pomeroy, David Underdown and Jason Watt, who gave readings of their own work, rich in its diversity and originality.

Then renowned poet Alexander Hutchison took to the floor performing his poems interspersed with anecdotes and songs. His relaxed manner belied the pithiness and wit of his words, which were much appreciated by the small but enthusiastic audience.

Arran's own extraordinary depth and breadth of talent was again on show at Saturday night's ceilidh at Corrie Hall.

Hosted with wit and charm by Mike Bailey the gathering of visitors and Arran folk was wonderfully entertained with dramatic story-telling by Sheila Gilmore, beautiful songs from Tim Pomeroy, and delightful pipe playing and Highland dancing by young talents Iain Clarke and Heather Snowdon.

The Wild Myrtles contributed more delicious harmonies

and Sandy Hutchison regaled the audience with songs and stories.

There was enthusiastic dancing and a splendid feast.

Corrie Hall was again the venue on Thursday night, this time for Arran On Film, a beautifully crafted compilation of archive footage from the 1920s to the 1970s, sensitively and skilfully edited by local film-maker, Ed O'Donnelly.

This hugely popular event stirred memories and provided an insight into Arran's past catching glimpses of frolicking holidaymakers in knitted swimsuits, but also the dying days of the island's fishing industry.



The artistes from the Royal Northern College of Music performing at the Opera Gala on Friday night. 02\_b37fe02

All week long singing students from the Royal Northern College of Music took part in a Masterclass Course with their tutors, hosted by the McLellan Arts Festival.

On Friday night these talented young performers took



Robert McLellan, the renowned playwright and poet, in his cottage in High Corrie with wife Kathleen.

to the stage at Arran's Community Theatre with a Gala Concert that was simply stunning. Their voices were truly exceptional and the packed audience was enthralled by performances that brought out the humour, pathos, tenderness and romance from a wonderful programme of opera and musical theatre favourites.

#### Memorable

The evening was especially memorable as it was the first outing for the new community piano. Colin Guthrie's hugely generous gift to Arran was marked with Amie Webber's beautiful singing of Grieg's *Solvig's Song* during the concert.

The wonderful sound of the piano was thrillingly demonstrated by Jamie Thompson and John Wilson's performance of Rachmaninoff's extraordinarily difficult 'Barcarolle and Waltz'.

The festival reached a stunning climax with the concert in Lamlash Church on Saturday evening. In the first part of the programme we were

given another opportunity to hear fabulous singing from the music students displaying technical and interpretative skill that had great emotional impact.

We were also treated to a virtuoso performance from organist Oliver Rundell who played an extraordinary piece by J S Bach. The second half of the concert brought together the music students and local choral singers for a rousing rendition of the Mozart Requiem. With only limited time for rehearsals the singers fused beautifully under the benign baton of conductor, Alexander Crowe.

By now the students had be-

come part of the Arran community and, as such, were seated amongst the chorus, gloriously revealing themselves as they sang the solos and quartets.

The festival would not have been possible without the generous contributions from the funders.

Heartfelt thanks go to Iain Johnstone and Auchrannie for supporting the Gala Concert and Mozart Requiem. We also gratefully acknowledge Scotland's Islands Fund and The Hugh Fraser Foundation for supporting Arran on Film and The Scottish Book Trust for funding our visiting poet.

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## Petrol prices are coming down!

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It is hoped that the reduction will be introduced by the turn of the year. This scheme will cover the Western Isles and Northern Isles and the Clyde islands including Arran.

But what real difference will five pence make?

We are already paying 157.9 pence a litre for diesel, up to 24 pence a litre more than in Ardrossan.

So we'll still be paying 19 pence a litre more than our Ayrshire cousins. And as for those poor folk in the far-flung north of the Shetlands, they are only paying 152.9, five pence less than us. How do you work that one out?

This scheme must be welcomed, but perhaps far more interesting will be the impact of RET on petrol sales on the island.

## Didn't they do well?

Caledonian MacBrayne pulled out all the stops in the face of Hurricane Katrina at the beginning of the week.

Both Arran ferries, and indeed much of the CalMac fleet up the west coast of Scotland, were storm bound for much of Monday and Tuesday.

But the company kept the travelling public up to scratch with the rapidly changing situation. The means of communication of disruptions in the ferry service have come on leaps and bounds in recent years.

The disruption telephone message line is updated regularly, as is the service status page on the CalMac website.

Any travellers with vehicle reservations now receive a text message on their mobile phone if there is any change to the regular service.

And, of course, folk can always log on to the Arran Banner website and see for themselves what the ferry is doing via the new updated Banner webcam pointing at the pier.

On Sunday the 7.20pm sailing was cancelled and the vessel remained in Brodick. On Monday she sailed at 8.20am and got into Ardrossan with some difficulty, bringing praise from passengers for the skipper's expertise.

On Tuesday she made just two return crossings. But passengers report that there was always an atmosphere of control and calm from the pier staff in Ardrossan and Brodick. The Lochranza ferry was similarly disrupted, but by Wednesday the sun shone on a beautiful September day and it was hard to believe the gales of the previous two days.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'And Jesus began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.'" (Matthew 5:9)

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# Letters to the Editor



## Farewell Miss Muir

Sir,  
At the beginning of the autumn term in the year 1937, in common with a bunch of local kids, I started school at Kilmory.

Our school was the original building, currently in process of re-structuring, and our teacher was one Margaret Muir, Miss Muir to us, of course.

Miss Muir was a good teacher, and made going to school a pleasure in those early years.

I was in her class until the first year of the war, when she was moved, maybe to Kildonan, and was replaced by an evacuee teacher. We resented this teacher, not because she did anything wrong, but she was not our Miss Muir.

In 1944 I had to leave Arran to go to secondary school, there being no High School on the island then. (One had been built, but was taken over by the Navy) I lost contact with Miss Muir.

In 2005 my wife and I started making regular visits to Rothesay to support an elderly relative.

I found out by chance that our erstwhile teacher, now Mrs Stein, was living in the town. From that time onwards I visited Mrs Stein in her house at Ardbeg, overlooking Rothesay Bay.

She was physically frail, but sharp and clear in her mind. She remembered many of the pupils of these early years, and knew more than I did of their subsequent histories.

She still had the alert intelligent mind of her youth, and I promised to come to her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

It was not to be. Mrs Stein died on 5<sup>th</sup> September by her. I was able to visit her in hospital a few days earlier, for a few minutes, and was pleased she knew me.

I know there are still a few of her early pupils who will be sad at the passing of a good teacher, and a nice lady.

Yours,  
**Lachlan MacKinnon**  
25 Shalford Road  
Braintree  
Essex

## Love one another

Sir,  
The wording of the title of your editorial of Saturday, 10 September, 'Let's move on from 9/11' is indeed laudable and it could be argued that there are positive signs of transition worthy of support.

There is however, little or no indication given of the way forward and in this connection the conclusion of the Leader 'the challenge is far from over' needs to be addressed.

I assume 'challenge' to be a collective singular referring to the current multiple challenges of terrorism, poverty, religious extremism, armaments, the arms trade and avarice in its many forms. If indeed we are to 'move on', presumably towards peaceful co-existence, each of these challenges has to be considered in a new way.

This new way lies in authentic meeting, interactive dialogue, mutual respect and genuine understanding where the outstretched arms of love replace the current extended arms of violence.

'Love one another' is a political force yet to be explored. It is the only force if we are to 'move on from 9/11'.

Yours,  
**John G Webster**  
Planetree  
Kingscross

## Power from the sun

Sir,  
As Managing Director of Solar and Wind Applications Ltd, I would like you to convey my thanks to the residents of Arran for being so hospitable towards my team and myself over the last six months.

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ments' feed-in-tariff incentive (the incentive is guaranteed 25 years.) That's £25,000 per year being claimed on Arran alone.

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Yours,  
**Rod Macneal**  
Managing Director  
Solar and Wind  
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Trabboch House  
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## Shiskine Valley progress

Sir,  
We would like through your pages to inform residents and visitors alike about recent developments within Shiskine Valley.

The Improvements Committee have just been awarded £22,518 from Sportscotland to put towards the upgrading of Blackwaterfoot Playing Field. We're obviously delighted about this but are aware that there will be associated running costs.

To this end we will be running several fundraising events each year, so if anyone has any suggestions they will be more than welcome.

We would also ask anyone who wishes to use the facility in the future to contact us, particularly if they're interested in developing youth sports facilities.

A superb family fun day was held last month, courtesy of the Kinloch Hotel who allowed their gardens to be turned into a mini fete for the day. This was run in conjunction with the raft race, raising over £900 towards commu-

nity funds. This will be used primarily for the Christmas tree ceremony and associated celebrations. Thanks go to all involved.

The Crazy Island Quiz which ran over the summer raised over £150 and attracted over 50 correct entries. The winning entry was drawn by Gillian Ingham in the Harbour Shop, and Morag Murchie of Balnacole was the lucky winner.

Correct answers to the quiz along with other community news can be viewed on our website [www.shiskinevalley.org.uk](http://www.shiskinevalley.org.uk)

Yours,  
**Sheila Gilmore**  
Secretary  
Shiskine Valley  
Improvements

## Castle tour in Gaelic

Sir,  
Na h-Arainnich (the Gaelic group on Arran) would like to thank Ken, Helenn and Christine for a very interesting tour of Brodick Castle. Not only were the artefacts labelled in Gaelic, but Helenn led us through about 20 rooms describing in Gaelic the history of the many items of beauty and interest.

We finished with a lunch and a Gaelic card game in the castle tearoom.

Everyone agreed that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Yours,  
**Margaret Godfrey**  
Creg-ny-Baa  
Shiskine

## Patterns sought

Sir,  
I was wondering if you would be so kind as to include my letter in your wonderful newspaper.

Has anyone got any toys and dolls clothes knitting or crochet patterns that they don't use anymore?

My daughter is learning to knit and crochet, and we are finding any of these patterns very difficult to come across. Many thanks.

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## Jive the night away in Whiting Bay

Monday nights will never be the same again as Le Roc comes to Arran.

Islanders now have the opportunity to learn Modern Jive at regular dance evenings in Whiting Bay Hall.

Peter McWilliams of 'Come Dance With Me' is holding sessions every Monday night from 7.30pm to 10pm. He is a professional dance teacher with an associate level qualification with the UKA and the Le Roc Modern Jive Federation.

Peter said: 'Le Roc is a modern partner dance where people can enjoy socialising, keeping fit and dancing to all their favourite music.'

'The class structure is designed to make learning to dance an easy and fun experience where adults of all ages can mix and make friends.'

## Round the Rurals

### Kildonan WRI

The first meeting of the new session will be held in Kildonan Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20 September. The demonstration for the evening will be Soap Making by Christine McDonald and the competition is Autumn Tints.

New and past members are all most welcome so come along and enjoy the demonstration followed by a cup of tea and some friendly chat.

### Corrie and Sannox WRI

Corrie and Sannox WRI began the new season with a visit to the Rangers' Centre at Brodick Castle.

After greeting two new members we were entertained by head ranger Kate Sampson, who gave us an interesting informative and amusing talk on the work of the rangers and the flora and fauna of Arran.

The evening ended with refreshments and a good time was had by all.

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# Stolen Coat of Arms, and history of the Royal Bank in Brodick

Three weeks ago we published a request for information about a mysterious Coat of Arms that was found dumped behind the tennis courts in Brodick.

It was identified by Graeme Hall who said: 'It looks very like the Coat of Arms of The Royal Bank of Scotland on its bank notes.'

Former bank manager Derek Shand has confirmed this and suggested that it be donated to Arran Heritage Museum at Rosaburn.

Derek told the Banner: 'You may wonder where the mysterious Coat of Arms found behind the tennis courts in Brodick originated from, or maybe you actually know how they got there.'

'The Coat of Arms were correctly identified as being similar to the engraving on a

Royal Bank note. The Arms were granted to the Royal Bank in 1960 and were affixed to the Royal Bank at that time, proudly displayed at each office until 1969 when the Royal Bank of Scotland Limited merged with the National Commercial Bank of Scotland and the now familiar Daisy Wheel crest created as an artistic creation from a six by six matrix of coins.

'The Royal Bank's history in Brodick starts with an agent visiting the island on a regular basis to visit his clients, first with a hired horse and trap and them reputedly in an American Studebaker possibly hired to him by Colin Currie from Balnacoolie who as readers know had the first motor charabanc on Arran.

'Several local dignitaries



The mysterious Coat of Arms, stolen from the Royal Bank garage. 01\_b32arm01

including a Miss Currie of Curries fame and her friends were concerned that the current Bank of Scotland agent and the Island Factor were too close and wanted an alternative to the Bank of Scotland.

'They wrote to the Royal Bank and requested that they opened an office in Brodick; the Bank responded by confirming that if the ladies could gather together 50 potential customers then they would open an office; the ladies were

successful and in 1924 the new Royal Bank built in Ballochmyle Sandstone was duly commissioned and opened, to be followed by two further branches in Lochranza and Whiting Bay.

'Of the 50 original customers only one remains as an established and successful business on the island; they know who they are and are proud of the fact.'

'So what of the Coat of Arms? Late one night about 10 years ago, a mysteri-

ous thief intent on mischief crept into the Bank Garage in Brodick and stole the artefact, not knowing its historic and intrinsic value as a work of art and fine example of the enamellers' art. They know who they are and will carry the curse to their grave of being a thief!

'The motto on the Coat of Arms says proudly FIRM and its new home will be Arran Heritage Museum where you may see the artifact; remember not to touch it!'



Arran Highland Dancers with their medals and certificates. From left, rear; Charli McKillop, Amelia Kemp, teacher Anne-Marie McGarry, Heather Snowdon. Front; Yeshe Gautier.

## Highland Dancers rewarded

Some of the Arran Highland Dancers received their certificates and medals last weekend for the dancing exams at different levels they had taken back in June.

The awards were presented by dancing teacher Anne-Marie McGarry. Missing from the photo were Molly and Erin McNiven and Hannah Kemp.

Congratulations go to all the girls.

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Dog teams preparing to line out and continue the search. b38res03

# Search and in training

## ‘Without these ‘salts of the able to train, and for that

Three Search and Rescue Dogs and Handlers had a rigorous training exercise on Arran recently.

Darryl Urquhart-Dixon and his yellow Labrador Ruby, members of Arran’s Mountain Rescue Team (MRT), invited other dogs and handlers to come and train in the Arran Hills on Saturday and Sunday 21 and 22 August.

Training Officer Bill Jennison, latterly from Lomond MRT who has over 30 years experience working with Search and Rescue Dogs, Calum Black from Tayside MRT and his New Zealand Huntaway ‘Dochas’ (Gaelic for Hope), Rupert Bonham from Lomond MRT and his Munsterlander ‘Lewis’, joined Darryl and Ruby for the weekend.

They were assisted by local Arran MRT members, Neil Gillies, Alex Roberts, Alex Ulivi and Robbie Mallinson, who gave up their time to ‘body’ for them.

Darryl said: ‘Bodying requires the person to lay in concealed situations often in foul weather with only a bivi bag and a roll mat for protection; that said it’s a great opportunity to catch up on

**By Darryl Urquhart-Dixon (Arran Mountain Rescue Team, and SARDA Southern - Scotland)**

sleep, read, listen to the iPod, watch wildlife and just generally enjoy the peace and quiet of the outdoors.

‘When I first started training with SARDA Southern Scotland, I found myself laying out in some spectacular places. But the peace is usually shattered when a Rescue Dog comes in and sizes you up!’ ‘The Saturday saw training

on the hillside above Monyquil Farm, with two areas set up and two bodies, Neil and Alex Ulivi, in difficult places and other distractions such as heavy bracken, deer and sheep on the hill.

‘All three dogs and handlers worked the areas that created some real situations, but each dog was successful in finding both bodies.

‘In the afternoon they moved over to Bridge Farm to conduct a small three-dog line search looking for two bodies along the west flank of the 612m hill, Ard Bheinn.

‘Both bodies were found in difficult situations and a great day in glorious sunshine ended well.

‘On Sunday a more ambitious task was set up, with MRT members Neil, Alex Roberts and Robbie given rough areas to locate themselves.

‘The dogs and handlers carried out a big line search starting from the top of the

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Rupert Bonham and his Munsterland, Lewis, take five. b38res02

# Rescue Dogs on Arran

earth' we wouldn't be we are eternally grateful!

String Rd heading out north (ish) for two km's spanning an area from the top of the String to the Garbh Allt, back towards Glen Rosa, then down towards Glen Shurig and back to our start point, an area covering approximately six square kms.

'A vast area, but the three dogs worked extremely well in the warm sunshine, and with one overly difficult body all were found and again this added a modicum of reality to the training.

'We have already agreed and planned to train again on Arran next August, but this time for four days not two and we're already looking forward to it.

'Mountain Rescue and

Search Dog work is often a thankless task, totally voluntary, unpaid and often carried out in atrocious weather conditions and in a dangerous environment.

'Regardless of this it is im-



portant that we thank our wives/ husbands/partners and families, who support us through the time we spend

away from them, the land-owners who kindly give us permission to train, and the bodies who give up their time to lay out in ominous places, often in the wet and cold and sometimes buried by snow.

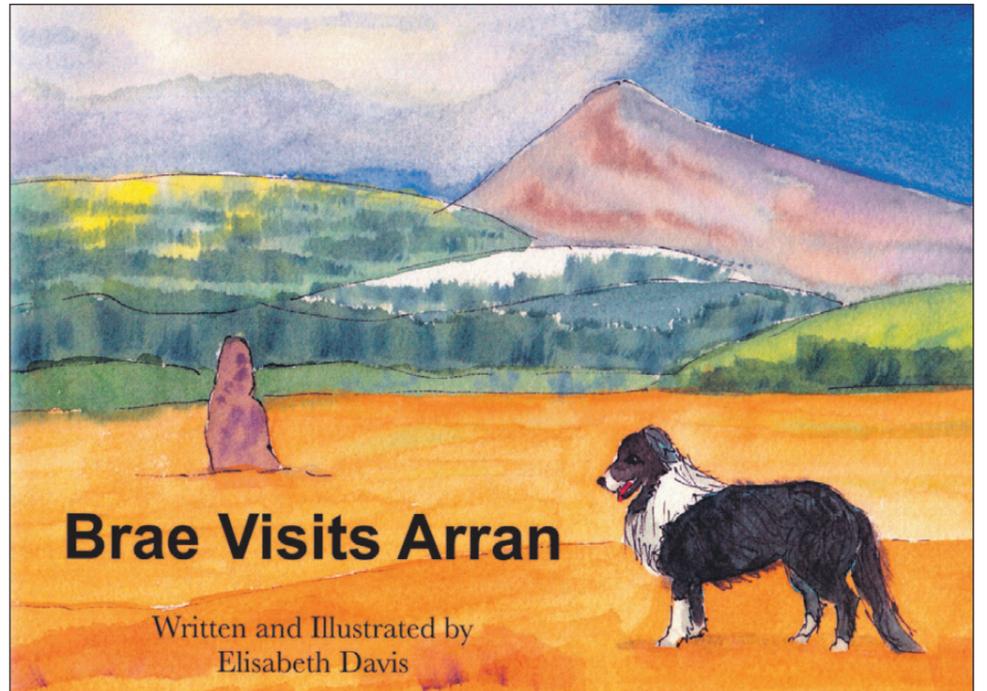
'Without these 'salts of the earth' we wouldn't be able to train, and for that, we are eternally grateful!'

If you would like to consider becoming a body for SARDA Southern Scotland, or would like any more information on Search Dogs or becoming a Search Dog Handler, please contact Darryl on 860552 or visit our website [www.sarda.org.uk](http://www.sarda.org.uk)

More about search and rescue dog training from Darryl next week.



The dog teams convene after a successful find of Neil Gillies by Ruby. b38res01



Front cover of Brae Visits Arran

## Brae Visits Arran

A new and fascinating little book about Arran has just been published by an American author.

*Brae Visits Arran* is part children's story, part travel guide, written and illustrated by Elisabeth Davis. Her grandmother Annie Mackie Cordiner was the last schoolmistress of Sliderry School and taught there from 1921 until the school closed in the late 1940s.

Elisabeth's mother Nan grew up in Sliderry and attended Glasgow University where she met her husband, an American born of Scottish parents from Lanarkshire.

The book tells the tale of a young border collie called Brae, adopted from a rescue centre by a young couple who take him on holiday to Arran.

The many sights on the island are seen through the pup's eyes, and it is illustrated with beautiful watercolours of Arran scenes. There is a charming twist at the end of the book, leaving the reader

with a warm glow. Although Elisabeth was born and lives in North Carolina, she has spent many happy holidays on Arran and was recently on the island in July with her husband.

After she retired from teaching, she began to dabble in watercolours, and the result is this charming little book.

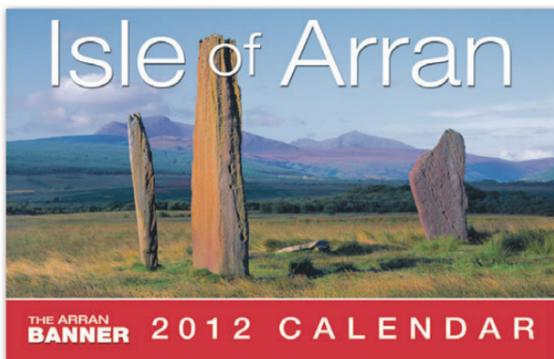
She told the Banner: 'I wanted to try to capture the beauty of Arran in a children's book. The paintings are all based

on photographs I have taken over the years.'

The American publicity for the book says: 'New from Grizzlie Books for Fall 2011! When a lovable border collie and his new family travel to a small Scottish island, adventure and mystery begin. The story takes place on the real Isle of Arran, off the southwest coast of Scotland.'

The book is available from Arran Graphics Pier Shop, Brodick.

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Highland Bay, A Green Sea in Summer, and Swirling Sky; some of Janet Inglis' paintings in Corrie Hall. 02\_b37art01

## 'Looking at Light - Seascapes' exhibition held in Corrie Hall

Janet Inglis of High Corrie held an exhibition of her paintings in Corrie Hall last weekend.

Some 15 large paintings adorned the walls of the village hall, all in the theme

of 'Looking at Light - Seascapes'.

Janet explained that most of them were of views from her house, with the weather and sea in differing moods. All the paintings were oils

on board and priced at £450, although she really paints for pleasure.

They are the product of a year's work and on Sunday she had sold a couple, with other notices of intent.

## Isle of Arran Elderly Forum hold annual general meeting

The Elderly Forum is holding its second annual general meeting next Wednesday 21 September.

This organisation was formed on 16 September 2009 to promote the general welfare of the elderly on the island by listening to, and then discussing the issues raised by the elderly.

The aim of the Forum is to co-ordinate and channel the

efforts being made by and on behalf of all senior citizens on Arran by working alongside those who can influence the future of those citizens.

### Regularly

Members meet regularly in the Ormidale Pavilion in Brodick and often have a speaker from an official body.

Chairperson Fiona Brown said: 'I am asking you to

please come along to the meeting next Wednesday.

'Firstly, we have a speaker, Jean Trench of the WRVS, and I am sure you will find her to be very interesting. Secondly, the Forum is involved with so many issues that we could do with some of our members becoming a little more active.'

The meeting runs from 11am to 1pm.

# Public help is sought for a raven study

The raven is our largest corvid, the family that includes both carrion and hooded crows and jackdaws, all of which are widespread on Arran.

Over the years its fortunes have fluctuated with man's attitudes to it.

Way back in earlier centuries it was a familiar bird throughout Britain as it scavenged around human habitations capitalising on the refuse and discarded food left lying and was even regarded as a asset since it helped to clean up the streets (it was a protected bird in Edinburgh around 1600).

On farmland it fed on the carcasses of dead animals left unburied and as such fulfilled a valuable role.

With improved agriculture and better hygiene in towns and villages it became less welcome and coupled with its reputation for killing lambs soon found itself on the bounty list and treated as vermin.

Gradually its range retreated to the uplands although even here it was in conflict with game rearers, grouse moor owners and hill farmers.

After years of persecution and in the face of rapidly reducing numbers it was given protection in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Like all the crow family it is intelligent and versatile. Ravens have been known to follow stalkers onto the hill in anticipation of feasting on the gralloch when a deer is shot.

It breeds as early as February on exposed crags and

### Bird Notes by Malcolm Whitmore

cliffs raising broods of up to five young birds when winter is still lingering in the hills.

Paired birds are faithful to their nest site throughout the year but their offspring and pairs without a territory form flocks which feed and roost together.

On Arran, as in many parts of Scotland, raven numbers have recovered after years of decline but increased numbers, especially of non-territorial birds, has brought them into conflict with man again.

Farmers here have experienced losses to livestock and are understandably keen to protect their animals from future attacks.

Over the last few years licences have been issued by the Scottish government to shoot limited numbers of birds.

In an effort to establish the

overall population of ravens on the island at different times of the year, study the impact licensed shooting has had and quantify the level of damage to livestock, Scottish Natural Heritage has commissioned a study and report which will run to June 2012.

Can you help?

Any sightings of groups of ravens heading for roost in the evening or leaving at first light would help to gain a better understanding of the birds and whilst many of the nest sites are of long standing and well known, all information on breeding locations is welcomed.

Please send Raven sightings with 'when and where' to Jim Cassels at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail him at james.cassels@virgin.net

He will forward these to me, Malcolm Whitmore. Alternatively contact me directly on 700367.



Like all the crow family the Raven is intelligent and versatile.

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## Preparations for Pirmill Primary School centenary celebrations

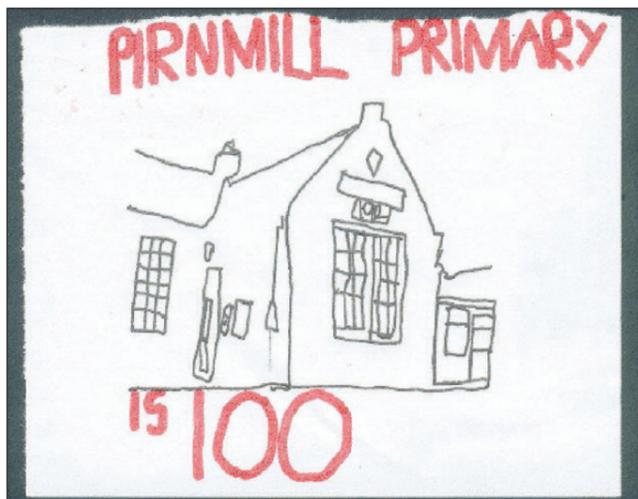
As part of the school's centenary celebrations, Pirmill Primary School has launched a special commemorative logo.

The pupils – past and present - teachers and staff will celebrate the school centenary year in 2012.

The pupils were asked to design a Centenary Logo and the winner was Ross Traill from Lochranza.

Watch out for this design and news updates on all their preparations!

The school is trying to gather contact details for former pupils - please get in touch with the school if you can help on 850226 or at pirmill@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk



The special centenary logo was designed by nine-year-old Ross Traill of Lochranza.

# Snapshots on a Journey

by Ian Saint-Yves

Ian Saint-Yves of Whiting Bay has just had an autobiography published.

Entitled 'Snapshots on a Journey' it details his life in the medical profession in a range of locations around the world before settling in Arran in 1996 with his wife Margot.

The book is a personal journey from India, via Scotland, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Solomon Islands, Saudi Arabia and back to Scotland.

It highlights his working and personal life as an obstetrician in a primitive society to the relatively sophisticated in Saudi Arabia before returning to Scotland.

Ian was born in India in 1936 and educated in India, Scotland and Australia. He graduated in medicine from Glasgow University in 1960 and followed this with a number of post-graduate qualifications.

After marriage in 1963, he held the posts of Obstetrician, District Medical Officer and Consultant in charge of

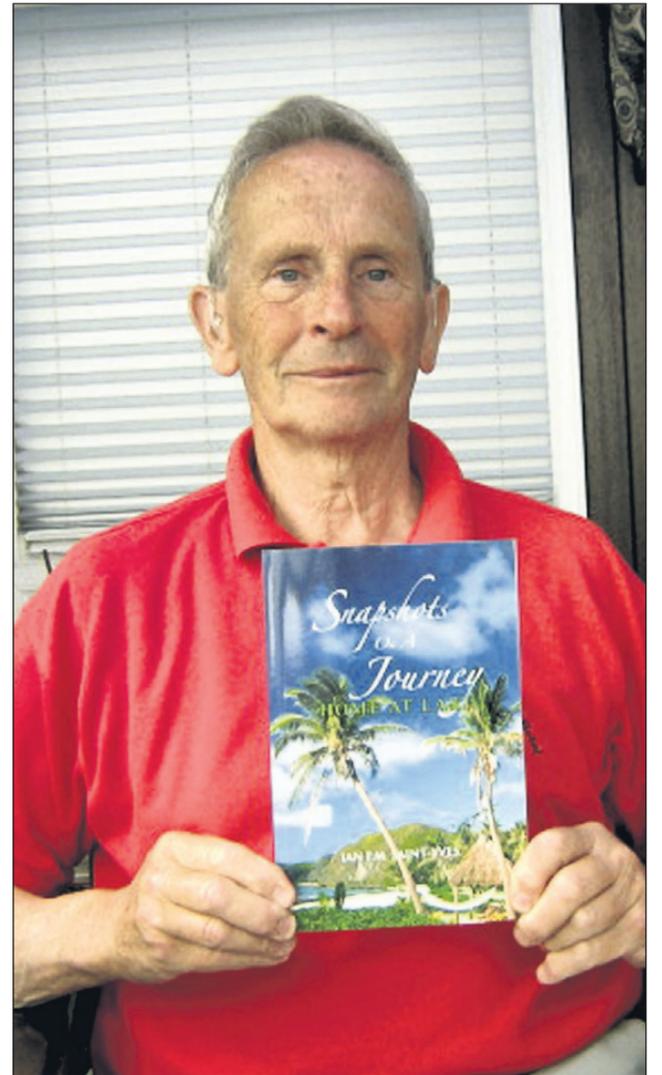
the Malaria Programme in the Territory of Papua New Guinea, where his son and daughter were born.

Ian returned to Australia in 1969 as the founding CO, Major, 1 Malaria Research Unit, RAAMC, but moved to the British Solomon Islands in 1973 as a WHO Malaria Epidemiologist, returning to Scotland in 1976 as a GP and unsuccessful SNP candidate. He returned to Australia in 1984 as the founding Director of the NT's Epidemiology and Assessment Unit in Darwin and later as the Community Health Physician for the Pilbara in Western Australia.

Between spells as Consultant in Saudi Arabia he was Head of the NHS Scottish Clinical Coding Centre based in Edinburgh.

Ian and Margot moved to Arran in 1996 and he continued to work as an occasional locum General Practitioner until retirement in 1998.

'Snapshots on a Journey' will soon be available on the shelves of Brodick Library.



Ian Saint-Yves with his autobiography 'Snapshots on a Journey'.

## Arran news from the archives of The Oban Times

As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Oban Times* we have been looking back at Arran news reports from as far back as 1861.

### Arran vessel runs ashore - September 1885

About 3am on Saturday last, it was seen that a vessel had been driven ashore on the rocks below Kildonan Castle.

The night was pitch dark, and there was a furious gale with blinding rain at the time.

The rocket brigade were summoned by the signal gun and were on the spot with-

out much loss of time.

The vessel turned out to be the Mariner, from Belfast to Irvine with a light cargo of Indian corn.

She was driven pretty close to the shore, but as there was a tremendous sea it was impossible to launch a boat.

The rocket apparatus was therefore speedily set in order, and by means of it the crew of four men were safely landed.

### The King of Saxony on Arran - July 1887

The King of Saxony arrived at Brodick on Thursday last by the steamer Ivanhoe, hav-

ing travelled from Edinburgh by way of Helensburgh.

There was a large gathering of people at the pier a considerable time before the Ivanhoe was due, but were disappointed, as His Majesty and suited gentry landed at the Duke of Hamilton's private pier, just in front of the Castle, where he was received by Mr P Murray, factor of the estate and party.

The King afterwards partook of luncheon at the Castle, and then surveyed the outlying grounds so far as time would permit, and expressed himself highly delighted with the magnifi-



cent scenery of Arran. The weather was delightful.

His Majesty returned to Edinburgh in the evening, and having dined in the Alexandra Hotel, left for London by the 10.40am train from Waverly Station.

He was loudly cheered as he departed.

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## Farmers' Society dinner dance in the Kinloch Hotel

The dinner dance organised by Arran Farmers Society in recognition of a successful 175<sup>th</sup> Arran Show and royal visit by HRH The Princess Royal will be held in the Kinloch Hotel on Saturday 26 November.

Tickets, priced at £30, will be restricted to Society members until the end of September. If there are any spaces available after that date, they will be offered on open sale.

Contact Show secretary Christine McBride on 820291 to reserve tickets.

## Phil Campbell performs at the Douglas

Phil Campbell, Glasgow-born singer/songwriter will be performing in the Whisky Bar at the Douglas Hotel this Saturday night.

His style of music is described as Americana/rock and he has two record deals with EMI.

Phil has appeared with David Gray and Jools Holland and will be playing from 9pm on Saturday.

## Library talk postponed

The talk by Alistair Moffat due to be held in Brodick Library last Tuesday 13 September was postponed because of the inclement weather and ferry not sailing.

The talk, entitled 'The Scots: A Genetic Journey', will be rearranged for a future date.

# New tourism campaign to promote autumn and winter in Arran

A national tourism seasonal campaign, Surprise Yourself, aims to highlight the more surprising aspects of Arran in the quieter seasons.

This will be promoted by a new direct mail campaign, created by VisitScotland in partnership with North Ayrshire Council. It will be delivered in mid September to around 95,000 households who have previously shown an interest in the island. The aim is to encourage those who may already be familiar with Arran to discover more of what the island has to offer during the autumn.

The glossy, four-page promotional insert will be part of the national Surprise Yourself direct mail campaign that suggests 10 of the island's surprises with imagery selected from around Arran.

Pictures and information include the Giants' Graves above Whiting Bay, Standing Stones at Machrie Moor, Shiskine Golf Course and sea kayaking in Brodick Bay.

The mail shot also details Arran's impressive wildlife featuring dolphin and seal

spotting as well as great local produce with ice cream, beer and cheese all made on the island and local history and heritage to be discovered at the likes of Lochranza Castle.

The campaign hopes to encourage repeat visits from those who already may be familiar with the region as well as attract new visitors, generating requests for the area's VisitScotland visitor guides.

Annie Armstrong, regional director of VisitScotland, said: 'Arran is a fantastic island to visit at any time of the year and we are encouraging more visitors to come this autumn and winter and enjoy the island's beautiful landscape at this time and the array of things to see and



Visitors admire the ruins of Lochranza Castle. 02\_b37loc01

do here.

'The quirky and more unusual facts about the island are being strongly promoted in our seasonal campaign, Surprise Yourself.'

North Ayrshire Council's Deputy Leader, Councillor John Reid, said: 'We are delighted to work in partnership with VisitScotland to profile the Isle of Arran to around

90,000 households throughout the UK, encouraging them to return or visit the island for the first time and highlighting the surprises they will find here.'

## Arran's Knit a Square Project for children in South Africa

Fiona Doubleday of Whiting Bay has thoroughly enjoyed being part of an Arran project to provide knitted blankets for deprived children in South Africa.

She said: 'Sometimes a project takes flight with wings all of its own.'

'Project knitting squares was one of those. A chance encounter with an Internet site coupled with a desire to learn to knit led me to www.knit-a-square.com and a journey began.'

'A journey that began with a ball of wool and a pair of knitting needles.'

'A journey that starts with a knitted square on the Isle of Arran and ends in a warm blanket for an AIDS orphan in need of comfort and warmth.'

'Thus began a beautiful partnership between our island and a charity in South Africa. As with all things 'Arran' news of the project spread quickly and before long a dozen or more local ladies were busy knitting square after square.'

'Despite all being in our own homes the sense of community was palpable and the realisation that these squares would make a difference to a child's life kept the needles clicking.'

The project collects in the squares and then local women in South Africa knit

them together to make blankets ready to give to the children. No two blankets are the same and the individuality they achieve through this approach is an important part of the project.

Fiona added: 'After a few months we collected in the squares and discovered that we had knitted more than 200.'



A bundle of Arran knitted squares bound for children in South Africa. b37knt01

With significant pride we parcelled them up and sent them to the project in South Africa. Some time later we received an e-mail thanking us for what we had produced.

'A vital part of our contact with the children is in being able to encourage them to realise that each of them is special and unique and important to South Africa's future.'

'We believe it important to lift their spirits with words as well as gifts, and to inspire hope in their hearts, since so many live in sad and difficult circumstances, and most live in abject poverty.'

'Knowing that people all over the world are thinking of them really helps and keeps us mindful of the fact that we would not be able to sustain this project, or to deliver our message, without the kind support of people such as yourselves ... may you each be greatly blessed in the giving.'

Fiona added that it was an honour and a privilege to work on this project and that the thought of the warm blanket wrapped round a special child is reward enough.

'Thank you ladies for all your hard work,' she said. 'We made a difference.'

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### Yellow lines imminent

Double yellow lines – love them or loathe them – will be painted along the shoreside of the road in Brodick soon.

A decision has been taken by the roads department to recommend this, and depending on the number of objections, it could be sooner rather than later.

Despite some controversy about these plans, there's no denying parking in Brodick is atrocious.

Drivers seem to lose all sense when parking in the village, with cars often abandoned in the most unusual places.

### Man of Arran

Donald McNiven died at midnight on Thursday night at his Brodick home.

Although not born on the island, Donald who was 82 had spent his entire life working for the good of Arran and few people might have better earned the title 'Man of Arran'.

Brought up in Argyllshire, as a young man he decided to emigrate to New Zealand but got as far as Arran and never left.

Donald McNiven was a true Man of Arran and will be sadly missed.

### Alright on the night

The night is the tonight, Friday, when the Arran theatre and Arts Trust will stage its first performance in St George's Church, Lamlash.

And yet on Wednesday, just 52 hours before the performance, the interior of the church was far from ready.

Of course there is no pretence that it is finished – rather it is a policy of getting it into use so that people keep faith in the project and carry on with the work.

### Fares fair

Arran Coaches have been inadvertently overcharging pensioners for four months.

The company did not realise it. The drivers did not realise it. Even the pensioners did not realise it.

But a new ruling by Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive in April had not been applied.

People receiving concessionary travel should pay a maximum of 25p but they have been paying 75p.

### Extra parking

MP Brian Wilson has written to Colin Paterson the chief executive of CalMac to ask him to consider additional parking spaces for cars waiting to board the Claonaig ferry in Lochranza.

This is in response to concerns of villagers that the queuing arrangements are unsatisfactory.

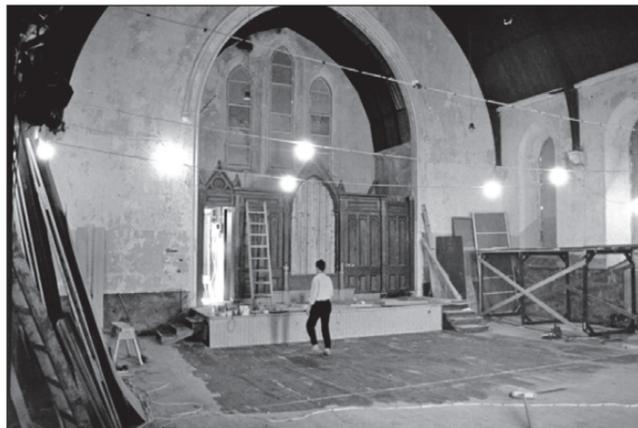
Mr Wilson was told that queuing cars frequently overflow their allotted spaces and block the entrances to houses.



Local postie Alice Lennox stops for lunch with Peter and Peggy Anderson while on her daily round. b37twe04



Jean Stone and Sandra Hall dressed up as St Trinian schoolgirls at a charity hockey match on Saturday that raised valuable funds for Arran War Memorial Hospital. The money will be used to buy much needed defibrillators. b37twe01



The first performance may be tonight but just 72 hours ago St George's Church in Lamlash was far from ready. b37twe02



Leah Turner with a small sculpture of a humpback whale by Peter Close. The young woman who is teaching geography at the Lochranza Filed Centre organised the exhibition to raise money for whale and dolphin conservation. b37twe05



Cars, buses and off-road vehicles in Brodick this week waiting for yellow lines. b37twe03

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Last week Archie was sitting on the track at the entrance to the Scottish Salmon Company fish farm on the Kings Cross road. First correct answer came from Charlotte in Prestwick. This week he is in front of a large red sandstone building, but where do you think it is?



If you think you know then post your answer on the website [www.arranbanner.co.uk](http://www.arranbanner.co.uk)  
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9am - dusk  
Rosaburn Brodict, 10.30am - 4.30pm

## SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

Karate  
Family Games  
Fun In The Pool  
Over 21's Disco  
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)  
Rink Game  
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Classic Rhythm  
Country Music Weekend  
Teddy Bears Picnic  
Kilmory Farmers & Craft Market  
Kids Family Quiz  
Phil Campbell Live  
Bingo Night  
Illustrated Talk and Ceilidh - Arran Mountain Festival

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm  
Auchrannie Spa Pool 4pm - 5pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 2.30pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club 2pm  
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm  
Kinloch Hotel, 8pm  
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm  
Kilmory Hall, 10.30am - 2pm  
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm  
Douglas Hotel, 9pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm  
Corrie Hall, 8pm

## SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Quiz  
Live Music Folk / Rock / Blues  
Family Games  
Fun In The Pool  
Teddy Bears Picnic

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm  
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall 3pm - 4pm  
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm

## MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Over 50's Badminton  
Badminton  
Weight Wise  
Ladies Netball  
Citizens Advice  
BreathWalk Class  
Table Tennis  
Hatha Yoga  
Summer Bridge  
Rink Game  
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Zumba Fitness  
Activity Time

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm  
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm  
Arran High School, 6pm - 7.30pm  
High School Cafe, 6.30pm  
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.30pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 6.30pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club 6.30pm  
Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm  
The Playbarn, Auchrannie 1pm - 2pm (toddlers) 5pm - 6pm (school kids)



Arran Civic Trust - An Illustrated Talk by Neil Sutherland  
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Come Dance with Me - LeRoc Modern Jive

Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30pm  
Brodict Hall, 2pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm

## TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Lochranza Swimming Club  
Army Cadets  
Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Citizens Advice  
Youth Club  
Rotary Club  
Junior Hockey Club  
Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up  
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up  
Youth Club  
Rink Game  
Motocross  
Zumba Fitness Class

Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10am - 2pm  
Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
Ormidale Pavillion, 6pm-7pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm  
Brodict Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm  
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm  
Southbank Track, 6pm (weather permitting)  
Arran High School, 8pm - 9pm

## WEDNESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Hockey  
Tae Kwon Do  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Selt Making Class  
Yoga for Every Body  
Senior Badminton  
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service  
Yogalates  
Rink Game  
Coffee Morning  
Rink Game  
Rink Game  
Live Country Music  
Aquafizz  
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
Kids Games  
Elderly Persons Forum AGM  
Friends of Brodict Castle "1938 Empire Exhibition"

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall  
KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm  
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm  
10am - 11.30am  
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio  
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm and 6.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm  
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 6.30pm  
Lamlash Bowling Club 6.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am  
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am  
Castle Tearoom, 7.30pm

## THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

General Knowledge Quiz  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Coffee Morning  
Youth Club  
General Knowledge Quiz  
Zumba Fitness Class  
Brodict Embroidery Club  
Brodict Bridge Club  
Arran Music & Drama AGM

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Hall, 2pm  
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm  
Kinloch Bar, 9pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm  
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm

## FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

Quiz  
Aquafizz  
Yogalates  
Rock Disco  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Kildonan Market  
Kids Party Games

Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am to 10.30am  
Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Church Hall, Brodict, 7pm - 9pm  
Village Hall, 11am - 3.30pm  
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5 - 6pm

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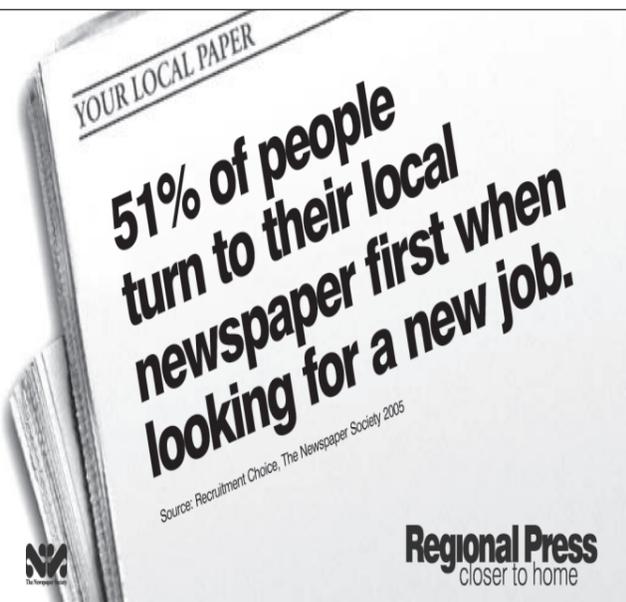
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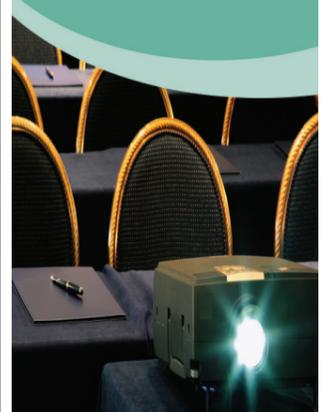
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2008 REGULATION 20(1)**

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development  
11/00607/PP; Tighbeg, Blackwaterfoot, Brodict; Erection of two storey extensions to rear and side of detached dwelling house.

Elma Murray  
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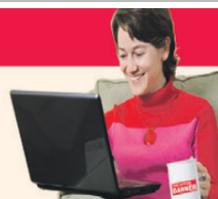
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# Arran runners in the Great Scottish Run

Gary Duncan, Shona Murchie and Hamilton Reekie all took part in the Great Scottish Run on Sunday 4 September.

All the sponsor money that they raised will go to 'The Isla Fund'.

Three-year-old Isla Duncan, granddaughter of Robbie and Elaine, is relying upon 'Proton Therapy' which is only available in America. While the NHS is prepared to fund the treatment, and even contribute towards the cost of travel and accommodation, the cost for the family remains enormous because mum and dad Debs and Kerr need to travel with Isla, together with their new baby.

You can help by participating in the Auction for Isla. Click on this website to find out all about it. [www.vision-unlimited.co.uk/auction](http://www.vision-unlimited.co.uk/auction).



Gary Duncan, Shona Murchie and Hamilton Reekie after completing the Great Scottish Run. b37run01no

## CHURCH NOTICES

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 Sunday 18 September  
 Shiskine, 11am  
 Sunday School in the Church Hall  
 (Church is between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)  
 Brodick 7pm  
 Alastair Swanson  
 All welcome

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 (in full communion with the Church of England)  
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.  
 Sunday 18 September  
 Holy Communion, 11.30am.  
 John Roberts  
 "Building the Vision" – meeting with Diocesan representatives over working lunch after service. (PLEASE NOTE LATER TIME!).  
 Wednesday, 21st September:  
 Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.  
 ALL WELCOME

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 (SCO15072)  
 Kilmory linked with Lamlash  
 "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"  
 Sunday 18 September  
 Rev. Gillian Maclean  
 Kilmory 10am  
 Lamlash 11.30am  
 In both churches  
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**ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)**  
 Sunday 18 September  
 Morning Service 11am  
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick  
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 Prayer Meeting  
 Wednesday 21st 7pm  
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**Parish Asst**  
 Mrs Jean Hunter.  
 Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited - Families, young people and children welcome  
 Sunday 18 September  
 Brodick Church, 10.30am  
 Corrie Church, 12pm  
 Lochranza, 9.30am  
 Pirrmill, 10.45am  
 Shiskine Church, 12pm.  
 A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

## WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(SC014005)  
 Sunday 18 September  
 Worship will be conducted by the Worship Group at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept immediately after the service and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and other items. Please stay and enjoy more fellowship.  
 Everyone most welcome.

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Vigil Mass 7.30pm  
 Morning Masses 9.30am and 11am

**ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Sunday 18 September  
 Ormidale Pavilion  
 Brodick  
 11.00 am – Morning Worship  
 Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm.  
 Everyone very welcome

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)**  
 Sunday 18 September  
 11am  
 11 Glen Estate, Brodick  
 Enquiries to Jeny 302779

## DEATHS

**HARWOOD DAVID THOMAS**  
 Died peacefully at home in Pirrmill on 9th September after a long illness.  
 Interment will be at Lochranza cemetery on Friday 16th at noon.  
 Many thanks to Doctors Krystyna, Greg and Faye, to Nurse Kate Jenks and her team, and to friends for their generous support.  
 Those who attend the ceremony are invited to join the family for lunch at the Catalcol Bay Hotel afterwards.

**LIDDELL – BUNTY**  
 Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Saturday 10th September 2011, Bunty Liddell, dear wife of the late Rae Liddell, much-loved mother of Alison, Ian and Alistair, granny of Scott, Neil and Stewart and great-granny to Jenni and Emily.  
 Funeral service at St Molios Church Shiskine on Tuesday 20th September at 11.30am and thereafter to Clachan Cemetery, Shiskine to which all are invited. Family flowers only.

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## PERSONAL NOTICES



**Calum Dundas and Diana Mackay of Glasgow were married at St. Molios Church, Shiskine, on Saturday, 3rd September last.**  
**Calum is the younger son of Scott and Marion Dundas of Wishaw, and Diana is the younger daughter of Donald and Lesley Mackay of Edinburgh and Lamlash**



**Married at Greenview Evangelical Church Glasgow on 3rd September 2011 followed by a reception at Pollockshaws Burgh Hall**  
**Miss Louise Marr and Mr Colin Wyllie**  
 The couple will live in Glasgow

Mrs Ella McKechnie would very much like to thank the local ambulance service, the air ambulance service, Crosshouse Hospital, Dr Greg Hamill and all the staff at Arran War Memorial Hospital and all my friends who sent cards and visited. Pleased to say I am now back home and making good progress.

**Happy 21st Steven**  
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## Brodick Bridge Club welcomes winter

With the dark and cold winter evenings fast approaching Brodick Bridge Club can offer a very pleasant evening within Brodick Golf Clubhouse, complete with open fire!  
 Members and visitors please note that Winter Bridge commences on Thursday 29 September at 7pm for 7.15pm start.  
 For further information please contact club president Mrs Janette McBride on 600603.

## Lamlash Bridge Club

Lamlash Bridge Club will resume after the summer break on Monday, 3 October in the Golf Clubhouse.  
 As we would like to hold our AGM on that night, it would be appreciated if all members could be there by 7pm.  
 As always, new members would be made most welcome. Anyone requiring information about the club should contact Jean Barclay on 600232 or Margaret McGill on 600312.

## Summer Bridge

Results of Summer Bridge played on Monday 12 September:  
 N/S 1 Douglas and Margaret Bruce, 2 Jean Murchie and Peter Thomson, 3 R Thompson and E McNiven.  
 E/W 1 Janie Maclure and Anne McKelvie, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Jean Barclay, 3 Jan Beattie and Janette McBride.

**Lamlash Golf Club**  
**SEPTEMBER WEEK-END**  
**Friday 23rd – Seniors' Open Competition**  
 Men - 55years +  
 Entry fee –£10  
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# Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

# David and Hamish win AGA Grouse Foursomes

This year's competition took place on Saturday 10 September over Lamlash Golf Course.

The conditions didn't look great due to the heavy rain so tee off was delayed for half an hour but the rain settled and the course dried up although a strong wind made things very tricky for the players.

### Withdrawals

Sadly there were one or two withdrawals due mainly to the weather and not being able to get the buggies out on the slippery course.

### Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 7 September, 10 brave(?) souls faced some daunting conditions for this years Bannatyne Cup. As expected the CSS rose to 65 as the wet and blustery conditions made scoring difficult. Bob Hastings (15)63, Danny Head (7)66, Nicol Auld (1)68. Nicol Auld won scratch with 69.

The Cooper Angus Par three competition was rained off on the 11th and will now be played on the 25th with a rolling start from 9.45am to 10.20am.

Fixtures - Saturday 17 September, Kilbride Challenge at Whiting Bay from 11.15am. Sunday 18 September, Kilbride Challenge at Lamlash. Check Notice Board for teams. Wednesday 21 September, Final Round of the Summer Trophy.

### Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday 8 September, Ladies 12 Hole Medal Winners, 8 played. 1 S Hill 61-16=45, 2 A Anderson 57-9=48, 3 and scratch F Crawford 55-5=50. Congratulations Alice on winning the one for the winners!

### Brodick Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 7 September, Summer Cup, 24 played, CSS 64. 1 B Smith (13) 62, 2 I MacDonald (8) 63, 3 R McCrae (7) 64. Scratch E McKinnon 66.

There were eight twos, Iain Sillars got two.

Bad weather caused a poor turnout for the last night of the Summer Cup.

Overall results: Scratch Jug - winner Ewan McKinnon 317, runner up Jimmy Armit 337. Summer Cup - winner Gordon Hendry 313, runner up Greg McCrae 313. Ecclectic Trophy - winner Gordon Hendry 48, runner up Terry Raeside 49. Jinty Trophy (twos) - winner Greg McCrae 16, runner up Jimmy Armit 12.

Sunday 11 September, Brandon Final. Appalling weather caused the postponement of the medal final. The Brandon Final will now be played on Sunday 18 September, from 12noon, existing draw will stand. If unable to play, please notify the match secretary.

Fixtures: The season 2011/2012 Gents Winter Cup will start on Wednesday 21 September; draw at 12noon sharp. Play off yellow tees.

Thanks go to Lamlash and especially Lee for stepping in and running the competition due to Dougie's daughter's birthday bash!

Results: First place and winners of the Grouse trophy, David Jeffrey and Hamish Bannatyne, 77 less eight, 69.

Runners up Lee Girbow and Drew Wales, 75 less five, 70. Lee and Drew also had the best scratch score, there were two magic twos from Ian Macdonald and Jimmy Armit at the 4th and from Alan Napier and David Hender-

son at the 17th. Next up for the Association is the Seniors Handicap at Brodick Golf Club Saturday 17 September from 1pm. Qualifying age is 55, from yellow tees.

### Entry Fee

During this year's Autumn Handicap at Corrie there were one or two people who did not pay the £5 entry fee.

Could everyone be aware this is an entry fee and not optional, in future failure to pay the entry fee will result in exclusion from the competition.

### Corrie Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 7 September Wednesday Medal, only nine holes were played due to the very wet weather.

Eleven played; sweep 1 D Crawford 38-7=31, 2 S Beardsley 37-4=33.

Winner of Summer Ecclectic John McGovern, runner up Steven Beardsley.

Winner of Marvin Elliott Trophy, Bob Rooney.

Fixtures: Saturday 17 September, no medal as AGA Seniors is being played at Brodick.

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September Corrie Open, notice at all clubs.

### Lamlash Golf Club

Results: Thursday 8 September, Thursday Medal, 19 played CSS 64.

1 Todd Jameson 66-6=60, 2 Alan Smith 73-10=63, 3 Ian Bremner 67-7=60. Best scratch Todd Jameson 66. Twos Crawford Duncan at 5<sup>th</sup>, Alan Smith at 16<sup>th</sup>, Jim Young at 16<sup>th</sup>, Alan Winship at 14<sup>th</sup>, Stuart Campbell at 5<sup>th</sup>.

Fixtures: Saturday 17 September, 11.15am Kilbride Challenge Trophy at Whiting Bay, W/Bay v Lamlash (team game, four scores).

Sunday 18 September, 11.15am Kilbride Challenge Trophy at Lamlash, Lamlash v Whiting Bay (team game, four ball, better ball). Thursday 22 September Stableford - make up own groups. Friday 23 September, Seniors Open Competition (men 55 years and over). See starter for times.

### Machrie Bay Golf Club

Congratulations to Hamish Bannatyne and David Jeffrey on winning the Arran Grouse at Lamlash. There was no sweep again this week due to inclement weather!

Fixtures: Tuesday 20 September Sweep tee off 12.30pm. Tuesday 27 September SGLU medal and sweep 12.30pm tee off.

The Lochranza Hotel Cup due to be played on October 1 has been cancelled to allow people to play in the Isla Duncan Fundraiser Greensome at Brodick. The Lochranza Cup will now be played on Saturday 8 October tee off 12noon.



David Jeffrey and Hamish Bannatyne, winners of the AGA Grouse trophy. b37grs01

## A game of two halves for Arran rugby boys

Arran's Rugby Club's season got off to a competitive start last Saturday.

The club travelled to Giffnock to take on Braidholm in their first league fixture for two years, and narrowly lost by just three points in a game of two halves.

After two call-offs, firstly by Moffat in a cup game, then by Renfrew who pulled out of the league, it was a relief to get a full-contact match.

Club president Murray Boal said: 'We are absolutely delighted to get the first game under our belt.'

'It is very encouraging to see six or seven of last year's Under-18s coming through to the senior team. We've got a good balance of youth and experience.'

The final result was a defeat by 30 points to 27, but the Arran boys had been 27-10 up in the first half.

Murray said: 'We were leading by 17 points at half time, then Braidholm pulled on some quite good players. Let's just say that they were very experienced.'

Try scorers for Arran were Jack Barbour, Niall McMaster, Gregor Adamson, Martin Ross and Liam Boal.

Lachlan Jones kicked the other points.

'He missed a couple of kicks,' joked Murray. 'The grass was too long, it was windy, and apparently we had taken the wrong tee!'

The next league match is away to Bishopton this Saturday 17 September. There will be room on the bus for any spectators. 'Just turn up,' said Murray. 'Its great to have some support.'

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