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Brodick Castle accredited as a top museum

'A fantastic achievement'

Brodick Castle has just been recognised as one of the top museums in the country.

The National Trust for Scotland's Brodick Castle has received an important accolade – it has been officially 'Accredited' by Museums Galleries Scotland and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA).

Property Manager Ken Thor-

REPORT
by HOWARD DRIVER
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burn said: 'This is a fantastic achievement for Brodick Castle which holds one of Scotland's most precious collections.'

'While we may not be what springs to mind when people think of a museum because

our items are displayed in the context of our fine interiors, we are proud to be meeting industry standards in this area.'

Brodick Castle is now officially recognised as meeting industry-wide guidelines on how it is run, how it looks after its collections and the services it provides for its visitors.

The castle, which was the ancient seat of the Dukes of Hamilton, has more than 700 years of history. The Lady Jean Fforde wrote the original guidebook in 1958 showing that the building was first commenced in the 13th century, probably by the Crown to defend against the Vikings.

Collection

It has a rich collection, boasting fine furniture, artwork and precious objects of the highest quality.

Lorraine Hesketh-Campbell, Collection Care Officer at Brodick said: 'Although the Castle is not a museum as seen in the traditional sense, the Accreditation Scheme is a formal recognition of the high standards of management and presentation of the collections achieved through Collections Care.'

'This is not only the base for preservation, but also underpins the varied education, access, and enjoyment



Brodick Castle, an Accredited Museum. 02_b38cas01



NTS Property Manager at Brodick, Ken Thorburn.

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activities within the castle. The only Ducal property in care of the National Trust for Scotland, the collections here are extremely rich in their quality and diversity with artefacts brought together by the Dukes of Hamilton, the Dukes of Montrose and William Beckford, one of England's greatest connoisseurs.

'The rooms, sumptuously decorated with intricately

carved woodwork, plaster ceilings and gilded furniture still retain an intimate and homely quality as created by the family of late Duchess of Montrose, daughter of the 12th Duke of Hamilton.'

Impressive

Andrew Motion, Chair of MLA, said: 'Being awarded Accreditation is an impressive achievement.'

'It recognises the high stand-

ard and service that Brodick Castle provides and acknowledges the hard work of the staff.'

The Castle joins seven other Trust properties, including Pollok House, in being accredited.

Brodick Castle celebrated 50 years of Trust ownership in 2008 and is open daily from 11am to 4pm until 31 October.



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Helicopter rescue of hill walker

A 49-year-old man fell on the ridge between Cir Mhor and the Coll last Saturday 17 September while out on an organised walk as part of the Arran Mountain Festival.

He injured his thigh, and due to the description of the injury and the pain involved, the search and rescue 177 Sea King helicopter was tasked with the extraction from the hill.

With the weather and cloud closing in, a full Mountain Rescue team callout was initiated, but stood down almost as soon as it was started when he was safely on board the helicopter.

The man was transferred to Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock.

Whiting Bay cat missing for more than a month

A ginger tomcat has been missing from his Whiting Bay home for over a month.

His owner Alma Graham says that he sometimes goes off for up to a week, but she fears that something may have happened to him since he was last seen on 21 August.

Alma lives in Montrose Terrace and would like anyone with information about her cat to phone her on 700395.



Katy Clark MP at the Houses of Parliament last week with Iain McKenzie MP for Inverclyde and Clyde Coastguard representatives Calum Murray, left, and Stuart Atkinson, right. b38katy01

Katy campaigns for Clyde Coastguard

Clyde Coastguard station at Greenock has been scheduled for closure by the UK government, but it's not too late.

That was the message from Katy Clark MP speaking in Brodick on Tuesday night.

She said: 'I had a useful meeting with Clyde Coastguard representatives at Westminster last Tuesday. They outlined the dangers of co-ordinating search and rescues at sea in the Clyde waters from a station in Aberdeen or Belfast.

'The lack of local knowledge could easily put lives at risk. October 6 is the cut-off date for consultation and I would urge constituents to make their feelings known.

'Particularly for Arran the closure of Clyde Coastguard

would be hugely concerning. 'Clyde covers an area of coast bigger than France. To do away with staff with expert local knowledge could have disastrous consequences.'

Katy Clark's fears were echoed by West of Scotland MSP Stuart McMillan SNP who said: 'It would be foolish to close the Greenock base with the loss of a wealth of local knowledge and 31 jobs.'

Under current plans, the Clyde station is expected to close by the end of 2012.

Local coastguards had a

busy spell two weeks ago, dealing with four cases of vessels adrift in Arran waters in high winds and heavy seas.

Belfast coastguard station may help to co-ordinate future call-outs in the Arran waters, but last week Greenock coastguards were called in to cover for staff illness in Belfast.

Wilful fire-raising

A 46-year-old Lamlash woman was arrested in Benlister Road, Lamlash on Wednesday 14 September and charged with wilful fire-raising and resisting arrest.

A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Arran on air this Sunday morning

Arran will feature on a BBC Radio Scotland programme this Sunday.

Three weeks ago The Banner reported on the visit to the island by freelance radio producer Paul Saunders.

He interviewed a number of local residents in the garden of Robbie and Marilyn Brown in Brathwic Terrace, Brodick with the theme of the special sense of community spirit found here on Arran.

Two Hours

The recordings will be broadcast on 'Sunday Mornings With Ricky Ross' which runs for two hours from 7.05am.

The programme is described as 'taking a faith and ethics based view at the world we live in today'.

Among those interviewed were Rev Angus Adamson, Trisha Martin, Morag Watson, Alastair Dobson, Howard Driver and Robbie and Marilyn.

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Radio producer Paul Saunders in Robbie and Marilyn Brown's garden. 02_b35gar01

Arran's hills could disappear under a carpet of bracken

The key product used to control the invasive spread of bracken on many upland areas in Arran has lost an appeal in Europe on Tuesday 20 September and will lose its approval for use.

Sales of the herbicide Asulam will cease on 31 December 2011 and stocks of the product must be used by 31 December 2012.

Reported

In August 2010 The Banner reported on public objections to the aerial spraying of Asulam on the north Arran hills.

At the time, operator Kenny

MacGillvray of PDG helicopters said: 'We have been spraying bracken in the north-east of the island for Managed Estates.

'It is virtually impossible to use a tractor-mounted sprayer because of the rough terrain and large areas affected.'

Large areas of upland Arran have become covered in bracken in recent years. Landowners have used Asulam because the spores of bracken are carcinogenic and it is poisonous to livestock.

Dense bracken makes it difficult to walk and is a haven

for ticks, which are carriers of Lyme Disease and louping-ill.

Easier

Spraying the bracken increases grazing for deer and sheep and makes it easier for hillwalkers to get about.

NFU Scotland president Nigel Miller said: 'This decision is a blow for hill farmers. The lack of alternative products means more of Scotland's hills run the risk of disappearing under a carpet of impenetrable bracken.'

'This whole exercise around a key product for Scottish hill

farmers has highlighted the huge flaws in the EU approval process for plant protection products.'

Asulam has been approved to control bracken and dockens in the UK for the past 40 years.

Importance

Such is the importance of Asulam to hill farmers that NFU Scotland will call on the UK Government to consider issuing a national emergency authorisation for Asulam. If successful, this may allow limited use of the product for a few months a year.

Lochranza whisky founder gets go-ahead for Lake District distillery

Plans for a new whisky distillery in Cumbria as recently featured in The Banner have now been passed.

This enterprise is being headed by Paul Currie, a former managing director of the Lochranza distillery.

Paul Currie was part of the original company of Arran

Distillers, set up 20 years ago by him along with brother Andrew and father Hal Currie.

The application by The Lakes Distillery Company for a Cumbrian distillery in derelict farm buildings near Cockermouth had originally been turned down by planners

on the grounds of extra traffic and congestion, but given the go-ahead last week after a site visit by local councillors.

Paul Currie said: 'If you look back at the history of Cumbria, it was a Celtic area and whisky was distilled illegally here until the late 19th century.'

A 10-year-old single malt is planned to be the flagship of the distillery, but until that is ready, the site will also make gin to generate cashflow.

James McTaggart, master distiller at Isle of Arran Distillers was keen to point out that there was no connection whatsoever with this new enterprise apart from the historical one with the Currie family. He confirmed that

Paul Currie had visited the Lochranza distillery recently and been extended hospitality for a couple of days.

The registered offices of The Lakes Distillery Company are in Mauchline, Ayrshire, as were the original offices of the Arran distillery.

Nursery table-top sale

Brodick Nursery Group is holding a table-top sale in the village hall this Saturday 24 September.

The event will run from 11am to 1pm and hopefully raise funds for the group.

Chair Dawn Ulivi said: 'It's a great opportunity to pick up some early Christmas gifts. There will be home baking and teas and coffees available.'

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Not exactly the legendary Pontypool front row, but RBS girls Lisa Percy, Karen Ward and Laura Hemming are scrumming down to support Scotland. 02_b38rug01

Bank girls show support for Scottish rugby

The Royal Bank of Scotland is right behind the Scotland rugby team at the 2011 World Cup in New Zealand.

Last December the RBS signed an agreement to become the principal partner of Scottish Rugby from the national side right down to grass roots level. This deal will run until May 2014.

At a local level, the staff in Brodick branch of the RBS

are getting behind the national side as well.

Last Friday we found three of the girls behind the counter sporting Scotland rugby shirts. They will no doubt be supporting the boys on Sunday when Scotland take on Argentina at 8.30am.

After narrow victories over Romania and Georgia they will definitely be upping their game against the Pumas.

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Banner reporter Howard Driver about to have an advanced driving test with Clive Scott, driving fleet trainer. 01_b38drv01

So you think you know how to drive?

Clive Scott, fleet trainer with the driver training company Drive Sense, was on the island last Thursday to see if Arran folk really did know how to drive safely and efficiently. This was part of an initiative by Energy Saving Scotland and Transport Scotland.

Clive manages to carry out about eight 50-minute tests a day, and in order to get a true insight into the tests, we enrolled for one of them.

And after just 50 minutes behind the wheel we were driving slightly faster but

actually using less fuel. The test car was a manual Toyota Auris two-litre turbo diesel, with a lot of extra dials and gadgets.

Before starting the engine we were told that efficient driving is achieved by being in as high a gear as possible without labouring the engine, by block gear changing rather than sequential changing and by using 'brakes to slow; gears to go'.

Cheaper

Clive said: 'If you slow down with your brakes, following drivers can see your brake lights, and brake discs are much cheaper to change than clutches.'

So off we set to Sannox.

After about six miles and another chat about driving efficiency we turned around and headed back to Brodick, try-

ing to be as attentive as possible. Back at the Co-op car park he gave out the results. The first half of the test had been driven at an average fuel consumption of 64.1mpg, but the second half at an amazing 73.1mpg, and in a minute less time at a slightly faster speed.

'Its all about a light right foot,' said Clive. 'Look as far ahead as possible to anticipate hazards and don't compromise control for safety. Drivers have to be more aware of their surroundings.'

'And you have just proved that you don't need to go slower to keep safe and be more efficient.'

We are now waiting for the certificate that will detail how much fuel can be saved in a year by more efficient driving.

Ladies made up with Eden Lodge make-up evening

The young ladies of Whiting Bay had a night of pampering at the Eden Lodge last Wednesday night.

Make-up specialist Fiona Corry spent a couple of hours showing and advising the ladies how to get the very best out of their appearance.

Twenty-eight-year-old Fiona and her family own one of the Torbeg chalets, and while she is based in Northern Ireland, she travels to London once a month to teach make-up at a college in the north east of the city.

She said: 'I lived on Arran for a year in 2009 while recovering from a seriously broken ankle sustained at the Kings Caves. I have been coming to stay in Blackwaterfoot since I was a young child and am a member of Shiskine Golf Club.'

'I also help out backstage at Lamlash Drama Club, especially for the Christmas panto.'

Fiona now does fashion shows and specialises in make-up evenings such as the Whiting Bay one.

Commitments

She has experience working with young mothers who are busy and limited by time and other commitments, and also young girls who just aren't sure what to do to get the best out of make-up.

Afterwards Fiona said: 'It was a great success and the ladies were all thrilled with the results.'

'They mentioned the possibility of doing something similar on a regular basis which would be fantastic for all the lovely ladies on the island!'



Make-up specialist Fiona Corry at the Eden Lodge last Wednesday evening. 02_b38mak01

Arran news from the archives of The Oban Times

As part of the 150th anniversary of the Oban Times we have been looking back at Arran news reports from as far back as 1861.

Arran - Lochranza pier - May 1888

The new pier at Lochranza was opened on Thursday last, when Captain Buchanan's steamer Scotia landed from Glasgow an excursion party of the Anderston Weavers' Society, who were greatly delighted with the picturesque scenery of this part of Arran.

The sail to Loch Ranza is sure to be a favourite excursion on the Clyde this summer. The Campbeltown steamers have called here for many years, but the landing

has hitherto been by ferry.

The pier has been built by the Duke of Hamilton, principally for the convenience of the fishermen in the Sound of Kilbrannan.

The structure is of greenheart wood, L shaped, and has two steamer berths, with waiting room, store and offices.

The engineers were Messrs D & F Stevenson, of Edinburgh, and Mr Maxwell, of Glasgow, was contracted.



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Saturday - Disco. T-Shirt Giveaway - 11pm
Sunday - Live Music Folk Country Rock - 9pm
Tuesday - Pop Music Quiz - 9pm
Wednesday - Live Country Music - 9pm
Thursday - General Knowledge Quiz - 9pm

Outdoor Centre to extend to all-year-round facility

Arran Outdoor Centre in Lamlash is going to become an all-year-round facility.

At North Ayrshire Council's Executive Meeting on Tuesday 13 September it was decided that the Council would invest a further £50,000 to enable the Arran Outdoor Centre to extend its use to an all-year-round facility.

The Centre will no longer mirror the school year. In future it will also operate during the school holidays and will welcome groups of all ages to the facility during those times.

Ardrossan and Arran Councillor Peter McNamara expressed his delight at the development of 'an exciting new tourism opportunity for the Island'.

Councillor McNamara commented: 'It was always

planned to extend the working year at the Arran Outdoor Centre after a bedding-in period. The Centre has been very successful in serving the youth of North Ayrshire and Arran.

'Now it is time to fully utilise the high quality facilities at the centre.

'We believe that we have a top-class operation on Arran, and there are good projections of demand for the type of activity break that the Outdoor Centre will provide.

'The extended use will also bring in much needed revenues. These will contribute to the running costs of the Centre and help to ensure its continuing financial stability in difficult times.'

It is hoped that the Centre can be operational early in 2012.



Arran Outdoor centre at Clauchlands, Lamlash. 02_b38out01

Community Council meeting

The Arran Community Council monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 27 September at 7.30pm in the Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick.

Included on the agenda will be Arran's roads, RET and a discussion of the NAC response to the community council's contribution to the Local Development Plan.

The Community Council needs new representatives from both Shiskine and Whiting Bay so willing contenders should make themselves known to their local committees and attend the meeting.

Arran people are also welcome to attend and make a contribution at the meeting by arrangement with the chair.

The website is up and running and will receive contributions on Arran matters through www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk

Chamber music at Kilmory September Weekend Fete

On Saturday 24 September Kilmory Hall Fete will be one of 20 venues to host a performance as part of National Chamber Music Day.

The event, co-ordinated by Enterprise Music Scotland, is aimed at introducing chamber music to new audiences who are not regularly in contact with live chamber music, and The Isle of Arran Music Society leapt at this opportunity to take chamber music to new ears and a new location as its 2011/2012 season of concerts, held in Brodick Hall

and the Community Theatre, Lamlash, has just started.

The group who are to play from 1pm at Kilmory Village Fete are Daniel's Beard, on this occasion featuring horn, piano and violin, and playing two trios, one by Brahms, and one by Arran's favourite contemporary composer, Eddie McGuire.

Equivalent

Andrew Saunders, creator of Daniel's Beard commented: 'Chamber Music is rooted in being the music of friends; it's the musical equivalent of

sitting down for a chat over coffee or a pint.

'People tend to dismiss it as the poor cousin of an orchestral spectacular or as old-fashioned and irrelevant, but they're wrong!

'It's music that challenges and inspires, music that is a personal journey for players and listeners alike. The National Chamber Music Day is about contacting new audiences and showing them that chamber music is relevant and exciting.

'Can you think of a better way to spend a day than a trip to Arran with your pals to play great music and have an adventure?'

Andy Saunders, horn player with Daniel's Beard, will be playing at Kilmory Fete on Saturday.

Photo: Tom Donald

World's Biggest Coffee Morning in Corrie

This year Macmillan Cancer Support celebrates its 100th birthday.

Friday 30 September is the date for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning 2011.

As part of this huge national fundraising event a Coffee Morning will be held in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall between 10am and 12pm.

This will be the 11th year that there has been a Macmillan Coffee Morning in Corrie. Once again senior pupils from Corrie Primary School will assist in hosting the event.

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Arran Mountain Festival celebrated as a success

This year's Arran Mountain Festival ran over four days and evenings last week and was deemed to be a major success.

Festival chair Corinna Goeckeritz said: 'The Festival truly has become an established Arran event with many repeat visitors, and with the increased local support received this year, we can be very positive about its future.'

David Lang of Lamlash particularly enjoyed a trek across the A'chir Ridge.

He said: 'As a result of the great care taken by local mountain rescue guide Alistair Hume and visiting guide Mick Tighe, our intrepid group thoroughly enjoyed the adventure of walking on Arran's potentially dangerous A'chir Ridge last weekend.'

'Many of us had travelled a long way to be part of this year's Mountain Festival, including one from Australia!

'A few manoeuvres necessitated the indignity of an odd push from behind, however it was all worth it as we were able to 'boldly go where none of us had dared go before'.

Effectively

'I also attended the excellent film show and illustrated talks on the two previous nights, both effectively building up the excitement, while showing the fun and challenges to be had when exploring mountain areas.'

'Arran is blessed with superb and extensive hill walking routes that many visitors sadly miss, and the festival celebrated these, while also enabling a wide range of



The group at the top of A'chir Ridge with guides Ali Hume and Mick Tighe. b38fes01



A view from A'chir Ridge back down Glen Rosa, with Brodick and Holy Isle in the distance. b38fes02

abilities to access them in a safe way.

'The views from the top can best be described as 'awesome'!

'All those involved in its organisation should be very proud of this year's success and if I find out they are ever organising a trip up Everest then you can count me in, as I am confident it would be equally well planned!

'To be honest, I would still rather continue exploring Arran and am already looking forward to next year's festival.'



A'chir Ridge. b38fes03

It's Scottish Country Dance time again!

How lucky we are on Arran to have such a variety of things to do on winter evenings.

Keeping active is a positive and hugely enjoyable one, and while the fashionable workout activities come and go, the one constant is our unique Scottish Country Dancing.

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We can sing to many of the traditional songs and learn the new from the young lively bands everywhere, not just in Scotland.

We can welcome new and old friends worldwide and unite us on Arran as we start the dance season once more in Brodick Church hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27 September. RP

September weekend music treats

September weekend will see a wide variety of musical acts performing around the island.

In Lamlash the popular rock and blues band The Spitfires make a return visit to play at the Drift Inn on Saturday evening, with an open-air performance on Sunday afternoon, weather permitting.

On a different note, the group Daniel's Beard will be playing chamber music at the Kilmory village fete from 1pm.

New season for Kilmory SWRI

The opening meeting of the new session will be held in Kilmory Village Hall on Monday 3 October at 7.30pm.

There will be an illustrated talk by Jim Arnold on the changes in Arran over the last 100 years.

The competitions are for an old Arran photograph and gingerbread.

This will be an open meeting and everyone is very welcome, so do come along.

Final field trip for Antiquarians

The Arran Antiquarians are running their final field trip of the year, but with a difference.

They are being transported to various archaeological and historic sites in the north end of the island, so there will be less long distance walking than previously.

They will be picked up by bus at Brodick Hall at

10.30am on Friday morning, 30 September, and returned at approximately 3.30pm.

However, wear stout shoes and bring a packed lunch. If you wish to go on this novel field trip, please contact Harry (302036) or Margaret Bruce (700787) to book your place.

The guides will be Iain Hendry and David Aitcheson.

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Glen Sannox path repaired with visitor funding

The first project to receive funding from Arran Trust has finished work.

The grant from Arran Trust Donations was awarded to Arran Access Trust for neces-

sary upgrading works to the Glen Sannox path, which has fallen into disrepair.

It starts from the roadside in Sannox village and runs all the way through Glen Sannox over the pass known as The Saddle at 430 metres and into Glen Rosa and then into Brodick.

Popular Route

As such it is a popular route with hill walkers walking all the way through. In addition those wanting to get a taste of spectacular mountain scenery whilst keeping to level ground can walk in the glen.

Prior to 2005 the path, which follows the riverside,



Carrying out repair work using stone from the site. b38ste02



Stewart Lambie on the Glen Sannox path. b38ste01

was in a very poor state being boggy and peaty leading to an ever-widening trodden path. Not only was the path very unpleasant to follow but real damage was being done to the fragile vegetation of the glen which sits within a National Scenic Area and a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Much of the glen floor path was the subject of path restoration and improvement

works in 2005 having been identified as a priority for attention in a successful Arran Access Trust bid for funding by a number of partners.

However funds did not stretch to complete all of the damaged sections and there remained a missing link which when repaired now completes the route.

Malcolm Whitmore of The Access Trust said: 'We are hugely grateful to the visitor payback scheme for the injection of funds and matched the £3,000 with a similar amount

in order to undertake work on this remaining section.

'The project illustrates how the scheme can benefit the island with the money gifted being used to improve access for visitors and locals alike. Thanks also go to Stewart who carried out the work so capably.

'Sensitive work was undertaken using gravel and stone won from the site to create an all weather path with side drains and cross drains thereby preventing further damage and erosion.'

Arran Garden Club – August Meeting

The August meeting of Arran Garden Club was pleased to welcome Peter Baxter, curator of Benmore Botanic Gardens in Argyll.

Peter introduced us to all the gardens of the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh; Inverleith in Edinburgh, Logan, Dawyck and Benmore, gardens which complement each other in different parts of Scotland offering different conditions for growing trees and plants.

In a magnificent mountain-side setting on the Cowal Peninsula in Argyll, Benmore is an enchanting garden steeped in history and surrounded by dramatic scenery.

Peter showed slides illustrating the sectors of the garden devoted to trees and plants from Chile, Bhutan and Tasmania, together with the magnificent redwood avenue planted in 1863. In addition, photographs of the 18-month restoration project of the derelict Victorian fernery showed us a unique fernery, built into a hillside and ranging from single storey to three levels with a vaulted entrance, grotto and pool.

The plant of the month, presented by Jim Jack, was the *Heuchera*, a perennial plant of many varieties, with very diverse coloured leaves and flowers, most of which have

been developed over the last 10 years.

Jim had grown a number of plants from seed and members were encouraged to take a plant and try it in their garden.

The next meeting of the Arran Garden Club will be on Thursday 29 September at the Ranger Centre in Brodick Country Park. The evening's topic is 'Self Seeders', with a short presentation and discussion on plants which self-seed in the garden, followed by a seed exchange. Bring along any seeds you have saved from your garden, remembering to name the envelopes with the name of the plant!



Benmore Fernery. b38ben01

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Whiting Bay Thursday Club

It is time to remind all members that the Thursday Club restarts on Thursday 13 October with lunch at the Sannox Bay Hotel. Meet at 12.30pm for 1pm.

The usual list will appear in Bay News shop in early October. Don't forget to put your names down if you are going to attend.

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Some of Scotland's iconic brand names have been under threat in recent weeks.

The country's alternative national drink, Irn Bru, fell under the eagle eye of European bureaucrats two weeks ago.

Fortunately the European Union backed down on a proposal to reduce the maximum permitted level of the colourant Sunset Yellow, which gives Irn Bru its distinctive colour.

Scotland's favourite non-alcoholic drink has 20 mg per litre of the colourant and the EU was determined to cut that by half. Fears were raised that the reduced level would result in a pale imitation that might not taste the same nor be as effective as a hangover cure. But a U-turn by the European Commission agreed to accept the 20mg level, so Irn Bru was saved for Scotland.

Now another old favourite, McCowan's Highland Toffee, will be no more.

This time the demise is put down to a change in tastes with today's youngsters preferring modern chew bars and chocolates.

The company went into administration this week, putting a lot of folk out of work and raising a host of poignant memories among the older population. Highland Toffee, one of Scotland's oldest and best-loved sweets, may have been old fashioned, but it still sold 140 million bars a year.

But this is not enough to cope with rising costs, and it looks as though the company's other sweets such as Pan Drops, Bonbons and the Wham bar may also be consigned to history.

Another product under threat, although not made here, is the herbicide Asulam.

Asulam is the active ingredient for Asulox, a spray chemical widely used on upland areas of Scotland to control the invasive spread of bracken. It was originally brought out by May and Baker Ltd in the late 1960s and has been approved in the UK for 40 years for controlling dockens and bracken. In fact it was hailed as a wonder chemical, as no other product on the market had even touched these troublesome weeds.

As any hillwalker will tell you, the invasive spread of bracken on Arran's uplands has made some areas almost impenetrable in summer over the past few years. Add to this the fact that bracken spores are carcinogenic and it is poisonous to livestock. But on Tuesday this week, Asulam was banned by the European Union. It is right that over the years many outmoded agricultural chemicals have been taken off the market for health and safety reasons. But the loss of Asulox does not make sense.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Look to the Lord and be strong; at all times seek His presence." (Psalm 105:4)

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Letters to the Editor



Too soon to celebrate

Sir,
While welcoming the modest island discount of 5p per litre on island fuel prices let us remember that on Arran we have been paying £1.58p per litre for diesel for most of this year.

On occasional visits to the mainland in the same period it has not been difficult to find outlets selling the same product at 22 - 26p per litre less than the Arran price.

Even with the promised reduction we will still, with fluctuations, be paying the best part of 20p per litre more than the mainland or the more sobering 90p per gallon.

Perhaps it is just a little bit previous to be celebrating

Yours,
Neil Arthur
Blackwaterfoot

Harmonious community

Sir,
With reference to the letter concerning the unfortunate incident on the Whiting Bay bus (Banner 3 September), may I ask that you exercise a degree of editorial discretion in the publication of some letters.

I am sure I was not alone in finding the reference to the nationality of the bus driver both unnecessary and therefore offensive. Since the nationality (and indeed the identity) of both the perpetrator and correspondent were withheld, this made the inclusion of the nationality of the bus driver especially significant. In the context it is very difficult to interpret this as anything other than casual racism, which I hope none of us would want to encourage if we are to maintain a harmonious community.

Yours,
Antony Butterworth
Kilmichael

Is anyone there?

Sir,
Over the last few weeks I have written to the Banner voicing concern regarding the operation and timing of our ferry links to Ardrossan.

My concern regarded the 'inefficiency' of the current timetable and its effects on the potential of our young people.

The response was deafening!

Recently the Banner published pictures of Arran's 33 newly enrolled Primary One children at our seven village schools. As a demographic comparison, I wonder how many 50, 60 or 70 year-olds there are on Arran. At a guess there must be more than 33 in each group.

A recent and similar article in The Buteman declared the intake at St Andrew's Primary School as 12, North Bute PS as 11 and Rothesay PS as having two primary one classes with 16 children in each.

The differences in the numbers of children starting school on Bute to those starting on Arran begs the question as to whether a commuter-timed ferry encourages younger parents with disposable income to stay on Bute.

The presence of this group must secure the future of the schools and offer greater potential for local businesses.

Are we alone in the Clyde islands group to suffer a haemorrhaging of our young population and a consequent ageing of the remainder because of an inadequate ferry service and lack of appropriate representation with the ferry company?

Yours,
Ian McCallum
Whiting Bay

Well done May

Sir,
That's exactly what I wanted to say. I would just like to point out that Nick Bailey also came to see me to tell me of his plans, so where did you get your information from that none of the neighbours had been informed.

No-one from The Banner extended the same courtesy before writing an article that I consider to be not only inaccurate, but implies that the whole of Lochranza feels the same way. I don't believe this to be true.

Yours,
Vicki Hudson
Castlekirk, Lochranza

Paisley Fun Run

Sir,
On behalf of Alzheimer Scotland I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who supported by recent participation in the Paisley 10k Fun Run.

The amazing sum of £477.20 was raised.

I had never done anything like that before and was astounded so many people had faith in my ability to complete the course. The actual race day was cold and windy but the incentive of raising so much for this very worthy cause certainly kept me going.

Thank you all very much.

Yours,
Seona McLaren
Schoolhouse
Corrie

Delighted with book

Sir,
Thank you so much for your review of my new book about Arran (Brae Visits Arran).

Graham of Arran Graphics was good enough to take a photo of the article so I could see it, and I was very pleased.

I have even just heard by email from a former primary student of my grandmother's, and he is 'delighted' with the book, as I was to hear from him.

Since I never got to meet my grandmother from Arran (she passed away when I was very little), any contact like this from people who knew her is most gratifying.

Yours,
Elisabeth Davis
North Carolina

A selection of emails about the Arran Banner webcam being updated

Sir,
The new hardware update on your webcam site is nothing short of fabulous; congratulations.

Paul Lawless
37 Oaklands Avenue
Irvine

Sir,
Congratulations on the new webcam views; very enjoyable - making me homesick!

Joan Lewis
20 Panoramic Drive
Narangba

Queensland
Australia

Sir,
Just logged on to the Banner website and saw the new webcam position - very impressed.

Then I get a view of the bay, then passengers coming off the ferry. Excellent; well done. Like it a lot!

Kenny Brown
Ayr

Sir,
Just wanted to say how much I'm loving your new webcam! The new views are great and the picture seems so much sharper. I don't get to Arran as much as I used to, so really enjoying seeing what's happening. Thanks again, Arran Banner.

Karen Kelly
35 Highfield Crescent
Motherwell

Sir,
Love the webcam - it's great seeing the different views.

It is, however, feeding our addiction!

Janette Hinchliffe
42 Jagger Lane
Honley

Holmfirth

Sir,
We look at the webcam daily, and we think this new one is fantastic; great thanks.

Michelle Jones
6 Benlister Road
Lamlash

Sir,
Happened to go on to the webcam - where you must be uploading positions - brilliant pictures; thank you.

Mary Bucks
4 Chaffinch Way
Lee on the Solent
Hants

Sir,
Thanks for re-locating the webcam - the tree has survived and will blossom and we can see Gordon the Gangplank again plus other views. Looking forward to our annual holiday on Arran in October and taking advantage of the webcam to communicate with friends in the UK and abroad.

Brian Laycock
Sowerby Bridge
Halifax

Sir,
We really love your new webcam; it is a small consolation for not being able to see it for ourselves and will be visiting it every day to check on the weather which looks a bit wet today.

Stuart, Judith and Shep
Crewe

Sir,
Could the time be a little bit shorter on each scene or the panning shots?

Roger Russell
Enschede
Netherlands

Sir,
Just to say I love the new webcam. I look several times a day to see the weather, watch the ferries etc. All happy reminders of my holiday times on the island.

Lynne Murray
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MP welcomes Island Fuel Duty discount for Arran

Member of Parliament for North Ayrshire and Arran Katy Clark has welcomed the recent decision by the European Commission to approve a scheme to allow a 5p per litre discount to be applied to fuel consumed on rural islands.

The Government required European Union approval for the proposal which aims to reduce the price of petrol on rural islands, which traditionally have much higher petrol prices than on the mainland.

The local MP campaigned earlier this year to have Arran included in the pilot.

Speaking on the subject Ms Clark said: 'I am delighted that the European Commission have decided to approve the island fuel duty discount pilot.'

'This is something I have been campaigning on for some time and am delighted that some relief will finally be given to islanders struggling with high prices.'

'There are still important

questions on how this scheme is to be implemented which need to be answered. A workable agreement must now be found between retailers and distributors and I urge the Government to do everything it can to ensure that this scheme is implemented as soon as possible.'

'The price of fuel on Arran is of course far more than 5p per litre more expensive and more needs to be done but this is a welcome development.'



Pirnmill Primary School's Centenary Flag held by Ben Innes, left, and Ross Traill, right. b38pir01

Centenary Flag for Pirnmill Primary School

As part of Pirnmill Primary School's centenary celebrations, the children were asked

to design a special flag. Young Ben Innes of P7 came up with the design as shown on the flag in the photograph.

The first Centenary Coffee and Chat event is being held on Monday 3 October from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

Members of the community are invited to share memories of their time at Pirnmill Primary. This first session will be for the 'grandparents' age group, with another two before the end of the year for younger former pupils.



Some of the country music fans stepping out at the Kinloch. b38line01

Country music at the Kinloch

The inaugural Country Music weekend at the Kinloch Hotel seems to have been a great success.

Joan Dobbie, sister of Jean Fitzpatrick of Slidery, brought around 60 country music fans to the island from Paisley and they were joined by local enthusiasts.

Jean said: 'It was a good weekend with live music and dancing (not all line dancing!).'

'The good weather was also a bonus with most of the folks being on Arran for the first time. On Saturday during the

day some of the men enjoyed a game of golf while the womenfolk went shopping to Brodick, including a visit to Arran Aromatics.

'Everyone agreed that the hotel location and the attentive and friendly staff made it one of the most memorable events they have had.'

'It was a great success, and many have already booked for a three-day event next year.'

The raffle on Saturday night raised £100 for the Beatson Breast Cancer 2000 fund and £100 for ArCaS.

Classic Rhythm concert for Music Society

The first concert of the winter season for Isle of Arran Music Society was Classic Rhythm, a three-piece chamber music group, with all three graduates of the Royal Academy of Music.

The trio with Helen O'Connell on flute and piccolo, Chris Brannick on percussion and Adrian Sutcliffe on piano and keyboards, entertained a good-sized audience in Brodick Hall last Saturday night.

They have played throughout the UK as well as broadcasting on Classic FM and BBC Radio.

Reviewer Harry Ross said:

'The quote from their programme saying that they are 'brilliantly woven into a sparkling evening's entertainment' is absolutely right. They performed with humour, dexterity and unity.'

'Adrian Sutcliffe revealed himself to be a multi-talented performer with whom I was able to discuss the music in some depth afterwards.'

'The trio's repertoire was remarkably wide and the sound they produced was more redolent of a full symphony orchestra. Great entertainment and a first class start to the season for the Music Society.'

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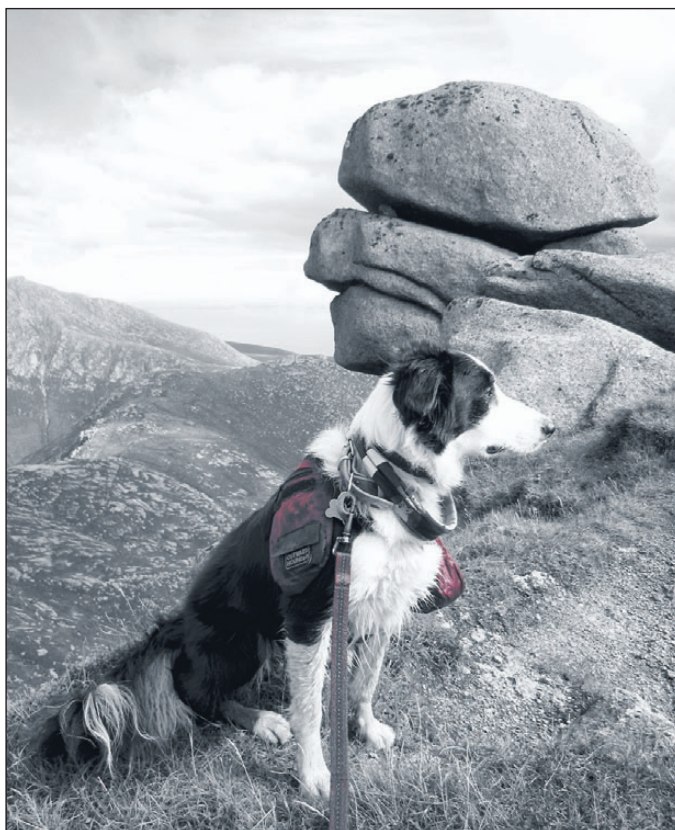
What fence? Andrew Perrie, Lamlash. b38phot08



Sunset over Catacol. Dave Platt, The Craggs, Catacol. b38phot05



Sea L taxi. Hulbert and Tyree families, Sheffield. b38phot11



Flo is thinking- where is the auld man? Jillian Plenderleith, Brodick. b38phot06

A selection of the many entries

The 31st annual Arran Banner photo competition has come to a close.

There was a last minute flurry of entries all last week, and our judges have been given a difficult task to filter through them all.

The winners in both categories this year will once again receive a super hamper of island goodies kindly supplied by the Isle of Arran Cheese Company at Home Farm, Brodick.

This week we are publishing a selection of the entries that took the eye and almost made it – better luck next year.

However, we feel that it is quite pleasing for readers to show off some of their own photographs in the Banner, be they holiday snapshots, scenic landscapes or perfect portraits.

We intend to publish another selection next week and announce the winners in the Banner on Friday 7 October.



Wow, it's the life for me! Christina Brown, Ayr. b38phot01

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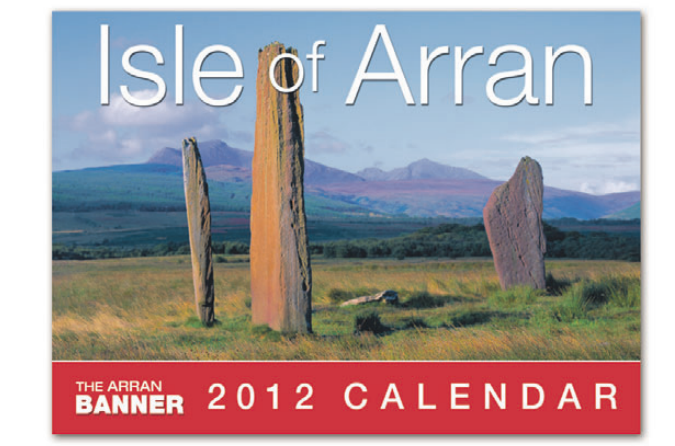
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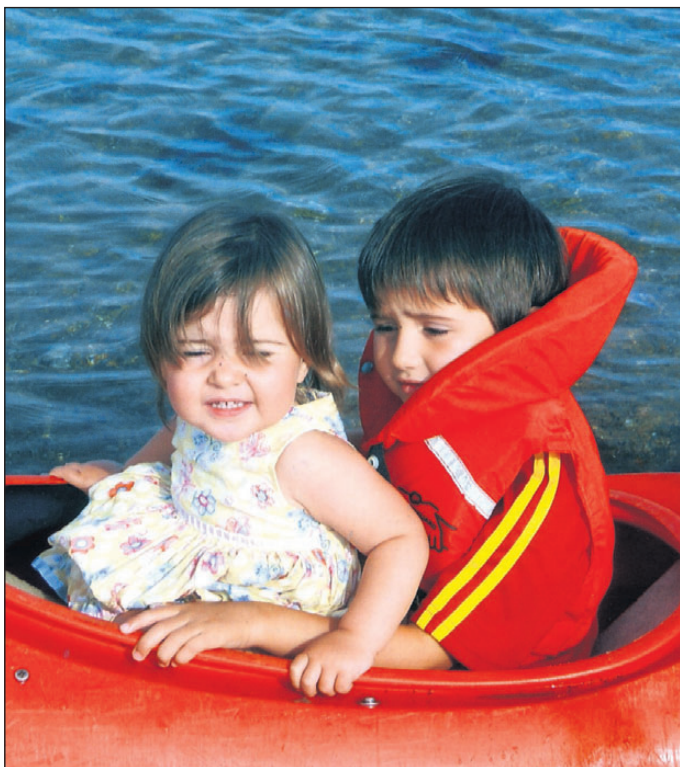
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Beau the Beagle clears the jumps. Graham Scott, Glasgow. b38phot10



A view to delight. Mrs J Nichol, Lochranza. b38phot03



How come he gets the lifejacket? Hannah Mutch, Dunfermline. b38phot02



Just swanning around. Jane Hunter, Penicuik. b38phot04



Off to Pladda. Robin Cairns, Glasgow. b38phot09



The massive granite in Catacol burn. Birgitte Jorgensen, Denmark. b38phot07

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A search and rescue dog being stock-tested among a flock of sheep. b38res02

The training of a Search and Rescue dog and handler

Darryl Urquhart-Dixon and his yellow Labrador Ruby are an integral part of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

Darryl explained the intensive work involved in training a Search and Rescue dog to find missing people on Ar-

ran's extensive range of hills. He said: 'To sum up the diverse work of a Search Dog Team (dog and handler) is usually done in books of many hundreds of pages, however in a nutshell, SARDA is an organisation originally set up

in 1965 by the well-known Scottish mountaineer, rescuer and stretcher maker Hamish MacInnes.

'Having seen specialist Avalanche Dogs working and saving lives in the Alps, Hamish brought the concept home to Scotland, and started training his German Shepherd Dog for rescue work in the Scottish mountains. Now some 40 years on, the Search and Rescue Dog Association (SARDA) is a National Organisation, and there are approximately 100 graded Search and Rescue Dogs and Handlers at the Police's disposal across the UK.

'As with Mountain Rescue Teams, we're a voluntary organisation. We give up our own time and expense to train ourselves and our dogs, to be able to commit to help others in difficulty.

'The role of a Search Dog is vast; not only are they used for finding people lost in mountainous areas, they are commonly used in searching for missing vulnerable and/or despondent individuals, and patients gone walkabout from nursing homes.

'Search Dogs can also be trained for specialist collapsed building work to assist in disasters such as earthquakes, to find and indicate on articles of

clothing. They can be trained as trailing and tracking dogs, and as water scenting dogs where the dog can be trained to indicate the scent of a body that is submerged. SARDA Dogs are also 'Stock Tested' once a year and assessed by a shepherd to ensure that our dogs will not chase or distress sheep and other livestock.

'The dog is trained to find the source of the scent, then return to the Handler and indicate, usually by barking. The dog is rewarded with play. This is called the 'find sequence'. SARDA Southern Scotland's find sequence is a silent find. When the dog locates the scent source, it just returns back to the Handler then 'indicates' and leads the Handler into what it has found.

'Regardless of the find sequence it's all about saving lives, and given the actual level of the task (which the dog is oblivious to), it's simply a big game to the dog.

The animal doesn't realise how important the job is that it actually carries out; man's best friend, most certainly!

'We train as an organisation for a weekend once a month, focussing on many aspects of Search Dog work, mainly on open hillside, but also gullies and gorges and woodland



Darryl and his Search and Rescue dog Ruby b38res01



Calum Black's New Zealand Huntaway dog 'Dochas' finds a body in a simulated avalanche. b38res03



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on urban fringes. We try as much as possible to replicate real situations, but more often real time searches take place at night and when the wind and rain is omni-directional. 'Training takes place all over Scotland, and in winter we do as much work in the snow as possible to simulate avalanche situations. Where possible and available we train using SAR helicopters.

'Once the Dog Team has graded and is placed on the callout list, they are available 24 hours a day to assist the Police and MRTs.

'The Dog and Handler's standard is continually over-

seen by an experienced Training Officer and there are two formal, three-day assessments twice a year which involve Assessors from other SARDA organisations.

'If a graded Dog Team doesn't meet the criteria then it is removed from the Callout List until it passes. This is in addition to our own individual dog training, and our usual MRT's training commitments, but that aside it's our choice to do it and the pleasure of working our dogs is immense.

'If the dog makes one find that counts in its career, then I guess that's all that matters?'



Arran youngsters receiving their Duke Of Edinburgh section certificates.



Luke Cannon received his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award from Jim McHarg of NAC.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Night

An Arran Duke of Edinburgh Social Evening and Award Night was held in Whiting Bay Hall last Friday 9 September.

There were several entertainments including a team building activity which involved building a tower out of newspaper.

The prize was given to the team that could make the highest and strongest tower.

Julie Cannon said afterwards: 'Thanks to everyone who came along to the evening and to those that contributed by way of pro-

viding entertainment.

'Also thanks to everyone who kindly donated a raffle prize and a contribution towards the splendid buffet too.'

Some of the participants were awarded with section certificates.

Luke Cannon was presented with his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award by Jim McHarg, Learning Manager, Community Learning and Development, North Ayrshire Council.

Well done Luke.



The team-building activity to create the tallest tower out of newspapers.

Sale of Arran livestock at Stirling

United Auctions had forward 1,586 store cattle, cast cows and 28,092 breeding, prime and store sheep last week at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last Wednesday.

Arran prices:

Charolais cross bullocks £1,110/199p/kg Auchenhew, £890/195p/kg Hawthorn, £800/184p/kg Craighdu.

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The Hugh McKerrell Memorial Lecture

Each year Arran Antiquarians invite a speaker to deliver the Hugh McKerrell Memorial Lecture.

Hugh died in 2003. He was a founder member of the Antiquarians, and due to become its Chairman in the year he died. Those who knew Hugh will remember with a smile his humour and unconventional character. Many were the times we joined him in his stravaiging over moor and mire to visit some archaeological site.

This year, the 5th Annual Lecture was delivered by Jim Cassels, one of our members and the Arran Bird Recorder. His subject was 'Birds in Archaeology'. Before coming to Arran Jim was headmaster of Bellahouston Academy for 18 years.

The lecture was fascinating, well researched and full of

humour. Consequently, no-one succumbed to the urge to take a post-prandial nap!

There are 10,000 bird species on earth today, and evidence of birds in archaeology pre-dates evidence of human life by many millions of years. There are records of the first birds from the Jurassic period 195 million years ago. Birds evolved to become either runners such as ostriches, or flyers.

Evolved

When man evolved he used bird bones to make tools, needles, fish hooks and flute-like musical instruments. Traces of eggshells show that eggs were a great source of food, and eggs were often placed at or in burial sites. Ancient peoples, Aztecs, Incas, native American Indians, etc, used feathers and skins widely in headdresses and

garments denoting status or ritual use. Feathers have been used for fletching arrows for 40,000 years. Quill pens date from the 6th century.

Goose down and eiderdown is still harvested and used today for our bedding. More recently, the RSPB was founded to combat the overuse of feathers in the fashion industry. Local economies like the remote island of St Kilda depended almost entirely on the fulmar for food and the oil and feathers for export.

Eventually man began to catch and rear birds for food, the migrating geese, mallards and eventually chickens. There are estimated to be 24 billion chickens on earth in almost every country in the world. They evolved from the red jungle fowls of Asia and India. The Romans brought them to Britain. They spread

to Africa via Egypt and there is evidence of their presence in Polynesia 4,000 years ago.

The Romans used chicken livers to forecast the omens, and both Romans and Greeks held cockfights. From the Bronze age man has used birds for hunting as evidenced by findings at Hittite and Egyptian sites.

Reverence

Nowadays, many people keep birds for company and pleasure. Indeed, a 17th century parrot skeleton was found in Norwich. Evidence of man's reverence for birds can be found on tombs, cave paintings, wall paintings and totems from Egypt to the lands of the Vikings.

Birds have done much for man, but sadly man has not always been a true friend to birds. The Dodo was extinct by 16th century and the Great



Christine McKerrell presenting Jim Cassels with the Hugh McKerrell Memorial Lecture Quaich. b38ant01

Auk by the 19th century. In America the passenger pigeon became extinct in just 11 years through hunting, and in our own country the eagle, sea eagle, capercaillie and black grouse populations have been decimated by hunting.

Sadly, thousands of tiny birds are trapped every year in France, Italy and Malta for the table.

We were left with the searching question; how will the archaeologists of the future judge us? Will our attitude to birds be found wanting?

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- on holiday . . .



Left: Jennifer Macdonald, daughter of Mrs May Macdonald of Cnockanreoch Farm, Kilmory took her Arran Banner on holiday to Alice Springs in the 'Red Centre' of Australia.



Right: Sannox Cricket Club's chairman Eric Dunn caught up with all of Arran's news while at the first Ashes Test at The Gabba in Brisbane.

Since 'The Banner on Holiday' feature started almost three years ago, we have been absolutely overwhelmed by the number of fantastic photographs of our readers that have come through the doors.

Arran residents and holidaymakers are still making sure that they pack their copy of the Banner to keep up with local issues when they go on holiday.

This week we have two photos from Australia.

Don't forget to pack your copy of the Banner if you are going on holiday.

It could be from Dumfries or Dunkirk, it really doesn't matter; we would love to see your photographs.

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The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, September 21, 1991

Creamery may close

If funding of £300,000 cannot be raised soon, Torrylinn Creamery, the home of Arran Cheese, may have to close. Efforts are being made by Scottish Pride to raise the money and a decision on the creamery's future should be taken at a board meeting of the company next month.

Joan of Arc in St George's Church

St George's Church, Lamlash was filled to capacity last Friday night for a one-woman show of Joan of Arc by Peri Aston. It was an auspicious event and clear proof that the Arran Festival Theatre will one day be a reality.

Runrig planned for North Sannox

Moves are being made to



Alleyn Dinwoodie retired from the Royal Bank of Scotland.

bring Gaelic rock band Runrig to play at North Sannox Farm. Andy MacDonald and Dave Ashcroft who have brought several groups to Arran recently are in negotiation. Farmer James McKinnon said he thought the choice of his farm would be a suitable highland setting.

after 30 years service with The Royal Bank of Scotland.

Heads at Auchrannie

Artist John Connolly has a new set of local heads on exhibition at the Auchrannie pool bar. They are Christine Macleod, Orr Lindsay, Bob McCallum, Alan W Little and Ashley Paton.

Donald McNiven

Donald McNiven who died last week lived on Arran for 61 years.

Perhaps the two achievements of which he was most proud were his 50 years as a Church Elder and his 40 years on the Wool Board.

Among his other posts were chairman of Arran District Council, president of the local Conservative and Unionist Association and the committees of Arran Farmers Society, CalMac Consultative Committee and the Home Guard.

Property for sale

Farm for sale: Blairvoyach Farm, East Bennan is offered for sale by A & J Wilson & Co Ltd.

The land extends to 60 acres or thereby of generally ploughable land with a small trout lake. The five-apartment house is modernised to a high degree of comfort.

Business for sale: the Pantry Restaurant with owner's accommodation in Whiting Bay, established restaurant with a fine culinary reputation.

Owner's accommodation comprises lounge, three bedrooms, kitchen and shower.



Arran ladies hockey team beat Craigholme in their first match of season. b38twe01



Alex Brown of East Lothian in Brodick with his penny-farthing bike. b38twe04

Bill Greatorex

Bill Greatorex of Whiting Bay died in hospital on Thursday morning.

Bill was a real character with his rustic appearance and distinctive Blackburn accent. He was 74 and did a number of jobs, but his main interest was the grocery shop and tea-room. He worked hard on the village improvements committee and conducted a personal crusade against mink.

Banker retires

Alleyn Dinwoodie is the longest-serving banker at managerial level on the island.

This week he retires



The late Donald McNiven MBE showing sheep at the Arran Show in 1984. b38twe02

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2pm
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9am - dusk
Rosaburn Brodict, 10.30am - 4.30pm

SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

Karate
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Game
Country Music Weekend
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Annual Fete & Table Top Sale
T In the Hall
RNLI Shop Open
Kildonan Craft Market
Red Cross Coffee Morning
Zumba Fitness

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
Kinloch Hotel, 8pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
Kildonan Hall, 11am - 3.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 10.30am
Arran High School, 2pm - 3pm

SUNDAY 25th 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 26th SEPTEMBER

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

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



Zumba Fitness
Activity Time
Come Dance with Me - LeRoc Modern Jive

Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie 1pm - 2pm (toddlers) 5pm - 6pm (school kids)
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm

TUESDAY 27th 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
Scottish Country Dancing
Zumba Fitness
Community Council Meeting

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)
Brodict Hall, 8pm - 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Yoga for Every Body
Senior Badminton
Museum, Archives & Genealogy Service
Yogalates
Rink Game
Rink Game
Rink Game
Live Country Music
AquaFizz
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Kids Games
Ladies Darts AGM

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall
KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
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
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
Drift Inn, Lamlash, 7.30pm

THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Coffee Morning
Youth Club
General Knowledge Quiz
Zumba Fitness Class
Brodict Embroidery Club
Brodict Bridge Club

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

FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

Quiz
AquaFizz
Yogalates
Rock Disco
Arran Youth Foundations
Kids Party Games
Coffee Morning

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
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5 - 6pm
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall, From 10.30am

SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER

Coffee Morning
Auction in aid of Isla Duncan fund & Clic Sergeant
Closing Day

Whiting Bay Curch Hall, 10.30am - 12pm
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Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm

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INVERCULAN, 24 MURRAY CRESCENT, LAMLASH FIXED PRICE £179,500

Attractive detached bungalow on the outskirts of Lamlash within the Murray Estate with accommodation extending to entrance vestibule, central hallway, lounge, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and conservatory. The property benefits from double glazing throughout and has electric central heating. The gardens are easily maintained being flat with gravel beds, shrubs and a Palm tree. There is a car port, large garden shed and the rear garden is secluded with high fencing and mature hedging. The property has recently been fully renovated by the present owners, including installation of a new kitchen and bathroom, full internal redecoration, door replacement, new guttering, upgrading of the electrical equipment and installation of a new conservatory.



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COLHAVEN, WHITING BAY GUIDE PRICE £330,000

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Characterful stone built detached villa in unique elevated location at Corriegills enjoying a spectacular open aspect across the Firth of Clyde. Accommodation comprises sun lounge, kitchen, lounge, sitting room, dining room, conservatory and on the upper floor 4 bedrooms, bathroom and en-suite bathroom. Beautifully maintained gardens with gravel driveway and parking, attractive lawns, mature trees, summer house, workshop and prominent flagpole. A very attractive property in unique location with unrivalled views.



WHITEHILL, CORRIEGILLS, BRODICK GUIDE PRICE £445,000

Substantial Victorian sandstone villa in elevated location enjoying spectacular views over Clauchlands Hills, Firth of Clyde and beyond. Accommodation comprises rear entrance porch to utility room and kitchen, 3 ground floor public rooms with spacious hallway and front entrance porch. On the upper floor are 5 bedrooms, boxroom and bathroom. Beautiful mature spacious grounds with adequate parking facilities. A most attractive family home in beautiful rural location within a short distance of Brodick.



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Elma Murray
 Chief Executive
 Cunninghame House
 IRVINE KA12 8EE



MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

Marine Construction: Installation of a single mooring, Lochranza
 Notice is hereby given that LOCHRANZA & CATACOL SEA SOCIETY CIC has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of installation of a single mooring at:

Description Location	Latitude Co-ordinates	Longitude Co-ordinates
Lochranza	55° 42.55'N	05° 17.90'W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at The Field Centre, Lochranza, Isle of Arran. KA27 8HL

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email: MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference: FKB/J148

[Applicant] Julia V. Graham, Secretary,
 Lochranza and Catacol Sea Society cic

[Address] The Field Centre, Lochranza, Isle of Arran. KA27 8HL

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CHURCH NOTICES

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 25 September
 Shiskine, 11am
 Sunday School in the Church Hall
 (Church is between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)
 Brodick 7pm
 Rev Angus Howatt
 All welcome

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 25 September
 Holy Communion, 11.30am.
 John Roberts
 Wednesday, 28th 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 25 September
 Rev. Gillean Maclean
 Kilmory 10am
 Lamlash 11.30am
 In both churches
 Harvest Thanksgiving: Family Service
 Donations welcome for Glasgow City Mission and Tear fund
 All welcome, including families; children's area.

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (continuing)
Sunday 25 September
 Morning Service 11am
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
 Evening Service 7pm
 13 Glen Avenue, Brodick
 Prayer Meeting
 Wednesday 28th 7pm
 All welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.
Independent but working together.
Minister
 Rev Angus Adamson.
Parish Asst
 Mrs Jean Hunter.
 Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited - Families, young people and children welcome
Sunday 25 September
 Brodick Church, 10.30am
 Corrie Church, 12pm
 Lochranza, 9.30am
 Pirmill, 10.45am
 Shiskine Church, 12pm.
 All of the above - Back to Church & Harvest Thanksgiving
 A Service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 (SC014005)
Sunday 25 September
 Worship for Harvest Thanksgiving will be conducted by Mrs Liz Clarke at 10.30am. All welcome. After the service, there will be a harvest lunch and all proceeds will go to the charity Release International (Charity No. 280577) who work to support the persecuted Church. Everyone most welcome.

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

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday 25 September
 Ormidale Pavilion Brodick
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 Daily remembered, Christina and family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 Maureen Moore and family wish to express sincere thanks for the wonderful support of friends and neighbours. The care given to John by all staff at the Lamlash Medical Centre and the Arran War Memorial Hospital was exceptional. The sum of £645 will be donated to the Hospital Supporters.
 Especial thanks to Angus Adamson for his care and support, and the moving tribute. To the captain and crew of Cal-Mac ferry for the send off to John on his last voyage many thanks.

Personal best for race winner David

David Black of Whiting Bay has just run the race of his life.

A regular member of Arran Runners, David travelled to Strathclyde Park near Motherwell last Saturday to take part in the MAF Running the Race 10kilometres.

Over 150 runners took part, but it was David who crossed the finish line in first place, over a minute ahead of the second place runner.

He told the Banner: 'The



David Black b38race01

race started at 1pm with mild and breezy weather, and there were between 150 and 200 runners.

'By halfway I was in the lead, but at three-quarter distance I looked around and was surprised to see another runner close behind me.

'I ran out the rest of the race flat out, hoping he wouldn't catch me, but with much relief I crossed the line first and won.

'Then it turned out he was just a jogger who wasn't actually in the race and had just appeared!'

'My winning time was 38minutes 15seconds, a personal best.'

MAF is the Mission Aviation Fellowship which operates light aircraft in developing countries, taking essential aid and spiritual sustenance to inhospitable places.

Running the Race is their biggest event of the year in Scotland.



All the prizewinners at Brodick Golf Club

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Fixtures: Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 Corrie Open, course closed both days. Late entries accepted, sponsored holes both days. Sunday 2 October Captain's Prize, shotgun start. Monday 3 October Jerry Pot and Monday Cup, start 12noon.

Draw for Corrie Open: Saturday 24 September: 8.10am D Crawford, W O'Connor, 8.20am B Rooney, J McGovern, M Elliott, 8.30am P McKinnon, J Smith, F Sillars, 8.40am A Pattison, J Armit, I Sillars, 8.50am E Evans, C McEachern, D McKinnie, 9am G Hendry, E McKinnon, 10.10am P Moran, E

Cannon, 1pm R Logan, A McDonald, 1.10pm A Smith, J Milesi, 2pm L Dutton, W Currie, 2.10pm C Richardson, N Young, 3pm G Andrews, J O'Sullivan.

Sunday 25 September: 8am B O'Connor, E Cannon, 8.10am B Rooney, J McGovern, M Elliott, 8.20am J Smith, P McKinnon, F Sillars, 8.30am A Pattison, J Armit, I Sillars, 8.50am E Evans, C McEachern, D McKinnie, 9am G Hendry, E McKinnon, 1.30pm A Smith, J Milesi, 2pm L Dutton, W Currie, 2.10pm C Richardson, N Young. Late entries will be accepted; phone 810223 or 600205.

LAMLASH BOWLING CLUB CLOSING DAY SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER 2011 at 2pm

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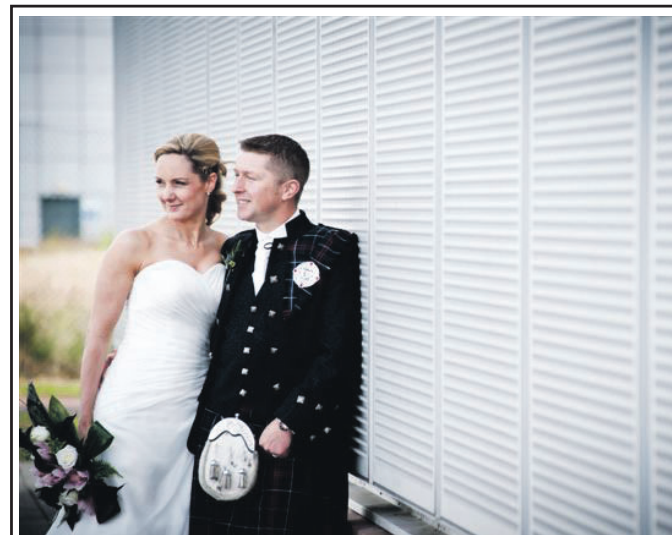
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The position requires some flexibility as the business goes through changes.

Please apply in writing with CV to Lorna Mansfield.
lorna@oldbyre.co.uk

WEDDING



Married on 16th July at the Crowne Plaza, Glasgow.
Jamie, eldest son of Rob Brass, Blackwaterfoot and Linny Scott of Corrie, to Jess MacDonald, Pirmill.
 Jamie and Jess were both brought up on Arran and will make their new home in Milngavie.
They are heading of to Mexico for their honeymoon in September.
Family and friends wish them both the time of their lives.

PERSONALS

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Bobby wins AGA Seniors Handicap

This year's Arran Golfers Association Seniors handicap competition took place at Brodick Golf Club on Saturday 17 September. The weather was pretty good with only one or two showers later in the afternoon although very wet underfoot. Thanks to Brodick for hosting and to Keith and his guys for the condition of the course.

Result: 1 Bobby McCrae

66-7-59, 2 Jimmy Armit 67-5-62, 3 Rab Logan 70-5-65. Best scratch Bobby with 66.

There were five magic twos; Rab Logan had two, Jimmy Armit, Ian McDermid and Bob Rooney all had one each.

Congratulations to Bobby for a superb score to take this year's Cup. That's it for this year's competitions until the Winter League/Duncan

Trophy in November. At the Autumn Handicap £50 was raised from entry fees. This along with money raised at the first round games of the Duncan Trophy at Lamlash will be donated to the Isla Duncan fund so could everyone present that day please dig deep; anyone wanting to donate before can phone Dougie on 600038 to arrange collection.

Lamlash Golf Club

Results: Thursday 15 September Captain's Prize, 20 played. CSS 64 (36 points to Stableford). 1 Scott Campbell 41pts, 2 James Stewart 38pts, 3 Crawford Duncan 37pts. Twos, Todd Jameson at 4 and 16, Graeme Andrew at 12, Drew Wales at 4, Neil Young at 5, Iain Murchie at 13.

Seniors Captain's Prize, yellow tees CSS 60. 1 Ian Heron 76-19=57, 2 Hamish McArthur 76-18=58.

Fixtures: Saturday 24 September Texas Scramble; make up own fours, see starter for times. Sunday 25 September Medal 9.30am and 1pm starts. Thursday 29 September Thursday Medal, make up own groups.

Kilbride Challenge Trophy. Saturday 17 September (Foursomes) Lamlash 3.5 W/Bay 2.5. Sunday 18 September (four ball - better ball) Lamlash 5 W/Bay 1. Winners were Lamlash with a total score of 8.5 to 3.5. Sweet revenge for last year's 10-2 drubbing!

Lamlash Ladies Golf

Results: Wednesday 14 September, Medal nine and Breakthrough Brooch 10 played. CSS 67.1 Jean Barclay 83-16=67, 2 Brenda Livingstone 81-10=71, 3 Jenny Pattenden 102-30=72. Scratch Brenda Livingstone 81.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

No competitions due to bad weather.

Fixtures: Tuesday 27 September SGLU medal and sweep 12.30pm tee off. Saturday 1 October, Lochranza Hotel Cup cancelled to allow players to compete in the Isla Duncan Fundraiser Greensome at Brodick. The Lochranza Hotel Cup will now be played on Saturday 8 October, tee off 12noon.

Brodick Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 14 September, Flag Competition, 34 played.

It was a decent turnout for the last summer competition. Gordon Sillars was out early, and set a good target, just short of the second burn at the first. For a long time

it looked good enough to win, but the two amigos Henry Tait and Jimmy Armit arrived back at the first tee with Henry having four shots to spare, compared to Jimmy's two. The thought of winning proved too much for Henry, who duffed his tee shot into the burn. Two sound shots from Jimmy took him past the flag position set by Gordon, as well as Henry's fourth shot, and almost up to the green. It proved good enough to win a very fat brown envelope.

The Flag competition was followed by a superb buffet supper (thanks to Trish and her helpers) and annual prizegiving.

Sunday 18 September, Brandon Cup. Winner Matt Keir (6)63, runner up Jimmy Armit (5)65. Matt also won the scratch with 69.

Fixtures: Sunday 25 September, Sweep; open draws at 8.30am and 1pm.

Sunday 2 October, Brandon and start of Winter Cup.

Brodick Ladies Golf

Results: Sweep Competition Tuesday 20 September (non-counting) Silver 1 Carole Stewart (17)62, 2 Brenda Livingstone (10)73 (bih), 3 Pat Reid (16)73

Bronze 1 Kay Kitson (21)70, 2 Gege Kroner (24)71, 3 Lesley Murray (25)74.

Scratch Carole Stewart 83(bih) Twos, Lesley Murray had the only two.

Lochranza Golf Course

Summer Greensome Competition. Latest scores, September 1 Alan Mitchell/Tony Baboolal 6pts, Ben Innes/John Begg 13pts. September 19 Jack Ewing/Ben Innes 9pts, Alastair Innes/Ian Buchanan 15pts, Douglas Coulter/Archie Cumming 12pts, Catherine Cumming/John Begg 12pts. The Competition is due for completion in two weeks time. There are just a few members still to play the minimum six game total.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 14 September. 18 played in Summer Trophy, with only one more round to go. Scoring was tricky with

one notable exception! Jamie MacPherson (5)58, Malcolm Pennycoot (0)67, Eddie Hope (12)67. Jamie MacPherson won scratch with 63 and there were magic twos from Jamie and Wolfi Kroner.

The weekend Kilbride Challenge fixture with Lamlash finished with a decisive 8.5 -3.5 victory to Lamlash. The result puts pressure on the team captain to get pairings sorted out for the upcoming Winter League, with some players preserving remarkable 100percent records.

Fixtures: Sunday 25 September, Cooper Angus Par 3 Competition, rolling start from 9.45am to 10.20am. Wednesday 28 September, Medal.

Whiting Bay Ladies Golf

Sunday 18 September saw ladies take part in the SLGA Thistle Brooch competition. It was great weather with beautiful sunshine. Winner was Viv Parks 64(17), second was Ge Ge Kroner 69(24).

Fixtures: Easdale Final is being played between Margaret Auld and Lesley Wood 11ish on Sunday 25 September, so no other ladies competition arranged for this day.

Shiskine Golf Club

Results: Gents 18 Hole Medal Sunday 18 September, nine played.

1 and scratch C Allison 71-6=65, 2 R Robertson 77-11=66, 3 Q Oliver 92-25=67.

Only magic two was from Colin Muir at the 11th.

Fixtures: Gents 12 Hole Medal - Sunday 25 September 1pm tee off.

Ladies Arran Challenge starts on Friday 30 September and runs till Sunday 16 October. Play three rounds and best two count. Great prizes and open to any ladies with a current handicap.

Corrie Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 14 September, Wednesday Medal. Winner takes all sweep pot, 18 played CSS 64. Winner Marvin Elliott 75-14=61. Magic twos, Drew Crawford won 'take all twos' pot.

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Sannox and Sunday Times cricketers at the Sannox Oval last Sunday. b38crk01

Sannox end season with narrow defeat to Sunday Times

Sannox Cricket Club played their final competitive match of the season last Sunday.

They lost by just 11 runs in a 40-over friendly match against The Sunday Times Occasionals.

The Occasionals, comprising journalists, designers and West Country landowners flew up to Glasgow from

London on Sunday morning for the first stage of a Western Isles tour. This was the first time they had played at the Sannox Oval, and the following day they were scheduled to travel to Islay for a game against a combined Islay and Jura side. Sannox club secretary Tim Pomeroy said: 'Unfortunately we lost by 11 runs

in the lengthening shadows of the season. Ian Holmes of Lochranza did well for us with the bat, but the match was restricted to 30 overs.'

Sannox await the outcome of a re-arranged match this Sunday between Carradale and Oban which could determine whether Oban or Sannox are 2011 league champions.

First league victory for Arran rugby boys

Arran Rugby Club celebrated their first league victory of the season with a 33 points to nil defeat of Bishopton.

After two call-offs by opponents and a narrow defeat to Braidholm, Arran travelled to the village of Bishopton in Renfrewshire last Saturday.

Try scorers were Lachlan Jones and George Mendonca, each with two, and Gregor Adamson with one.

Lachlan kicked four conversions to seal a 33 point win and send club president Murray Boal home with a smile on his face.

Danny Head was named man of the match.

Arran's next fixture in the

RBS West Regional League Division Four is a home match at Ormidale Park against Strathclyde Police on Saturday 1 October.

Lachlan Jones scored two tries and four conversions in Arran's first league win of the season.

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