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Arran parents rally to save children's outreach service

'We all know Nina and Sheila so well and it will be devastating to lose them'

REPORT

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A group of Arran parents are fighting to save the jobs of two of Arran's most central figures – Nina Hamilton and Sheila Gilmore.

Earlier this month the council agreed to the redesign of Children's Outreach and Library Services across the whole of North Ayrshire.

This redesign means there will no longer be a Children's Outreach officer based on Arran – forcing the two women to now work on the mainland.

Invaluable

The outreach service has proved invaluable over the past 20 years to families living on Arran.

Jo Totty and her four-year-old daughter have been using the services since Jemma was just six months old.

She told The Banner that when you live in some of Arran's more rural spots, the

services are absolutely essential.

She said: 'It's difficult to quantify all the different reasons why this service is so important.

'They have helped me in so many ways – not just in bonding with Jemma but also in helping me socially to meet other parents from across the island in a safe and friendly environment.'

She added: 'All the parents and children know Nina and Sheila so well and it will be devastating to lose them.'

Deprived

One reason that has been mooted for the change is that 'Arran is not considered a deprived area' so is no longer eligible for these services.

Jo also believes that it is ludicrous to suggest that Arran is not a deprived area: 'I would suggest that most Arran families are on very low wages and really feeling the pinch.'

Councillor Margie Currie has joined the fight to keep the service on the island.



Overflowing tables at Nursery table-top sale

Hiding underneath the tables at Brodick Nursery's Table-Top Sale on Saturday morning were Innes McNicol, Kieran Geraghty and Alfie Robinson. Despite the three of them playing with many of the items for sale, the nursery still raised an incredible £232 in two hours. There were lots of great toys and games for sale as well as some delicious homebaking and teas and coffees. All the money will go to the Brodick Nursery Group and will help to pay for future events such as the Halloween and Christmas parties. 01_b39nur01

'I haven't been able to overturn any decisions yet but we are not giving up,' she said. 'I am fighting to keep the jobs on the island, not just because of job creation but because we vitally need that local input to this service.'

Worked Well

She added: 'The Children's Outreach Service has worked so well alongside the other services on the island – in particular social services.

'I think it is okay for staff to do an occasional day on the mainland but they must be based here on Arran.'

Concerns

The nursery in Brodick has already been affected by the cancellation of Rhymetime there are fears that toddler groups, infant massage classes and summer activities could be next.

Many regard this as a lifeline service and it is doubtful that

it will be given up without a fight.

A spokesperson for North Ayrshire Council said: 'The people of Arran will benefit from the redesign – which will be based around play and capacity building, and children's literacy. We also aim to improve the skills of teachers, nursery staff, parents and carers. Among other things, the island will benefit from a wide range of experienced

staff who will contribute to priority areas.'

Activity Sessions

He added: 'The redesign will not mean the loss of children's activities, and we aim to maintain Bookbug, infant massage and other activity sessions as a core part of our service. Indeed, the Isle of Arran is the only North Ayrshire community that receives the infant massage service through Children's Services.'

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Petrol discount clarified

In last week's Banner we ran a story about the European Commission approving a scheme to allow a 5p per litre discount to be applied to fuel consumed on rural islands.

Local petrol station owners would like to point out that this scheme is at a very early stage and the 5p discount is unlikely to be applied for some time.

Cemetery space found

A little more space has been made available in the Sannox Cemetery.

Earlier this year it was marked as full, but council excavations have revealed an extra 30 plots.

However the council's local officer Gus MacLeod said that they were not looking at purchasing any new ground in Sannox.

Meanwhile, the cemetery in Lamlash is also rapidly filling up.

Mr MacLeod said that negotiations were underway with the Church of Scotland to buy some adjacent ground.

Misuse of ferry cards

There are growing concerns about the number of people misusing their concessionary ferry cards to buy cut-price tickets for other passengers.

CalMac said that in future all concessionary ticket holders will be asked to show their travel card before boarding the ferry.

Stolen Coat of Arms is donated to island museum

A mysterious Coat of Arms that was found dumped behind the tennis courts in Brodick is to be gifted to the Isle of Arran Heritage Museum.

The crest that was identified by Graeme Hall as the coat of arms of The Royal Bank of Scotland was returned to former bank manager Derek Shand on Monday.

He confirmed that it must have once hung inside the bank building and that he would be giving it 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.'

Mystery Thief

He added: 'Late one night about 10 years ago, a mysterious 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 coat of arms will now be presented to the Heritage Museum in Brodick.



The Royal Bank of Scotland's former manager, Derek Shand, came to claim the mysterious coat of arms this week. 01_b39rbs01

Anyone find a pocket diary?

A pocket diary for 2001 was lost somewhere between Kildonan and Brodick.

It contains some important telephone numbers and addresses and the owner would really like it back.

Please call 820391.

Drivers warned of more road closures

Arran's drivers are being advised of a number of road closures and diversions that will be in place across the island in the coming weeks.

Work to improve the vertical alignment of the A841 Ballarie Bridge, Lochranza will be carried out on 6 and 7 October under a road closure.

Service buses will be permitted to continue through the road closure under control.

The road will be closed in Catacol for essential work to improve the alignment at the approach to the small bridge between 10 and 15 October.

Work will also be carried out from around 31 October for approximately two weeks on the car park in Blackwaterfoot.

Island executive officer idea is scrapped

North Ayrshire Council has rejected a Community Council request for an executive officer to be appointed with overall responsibility for the island.

At a meeting of the council on Tuesday night, chairman John Inglis said he felt it was an oversight of North Ayrshire Council not to have an officer designated to island matters.

Effectively

Councillor Margie Currie explained that Gus MacLeod already effectively has that job in his role as local officer.

Councillor Currie said: 'As an island we have access to so many different areas of ex-

pertise in all the departments of the council.

'The island already has Gus MacLeod and four councillors - including myself. We are more than happy to help with any matters that arise.'

She added: 'There is nothing more that a designated executive officer could do than is already being done.'

Watch found at high school

A ladies pocket watch has been found on the grassy mound at Arran High School.

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John Sillars steps down as Arran Labour Party chairman

John Sillars retired as chairman of the Arran Branch of the Scottish Labour Party last week.

Local party activists gathered for an informal buffet party at Auchrannie on Tuesday night to mark the occasion.

John has had a long connection with the Labour Party, joining the local committee 51 years ago in 1960. He has held the position of chairman for the last 26 years and throughout that time been the figurehead of the Labour Party on Arran.

In April 1995 John enjoyed a convincing win at the ballot box to become the first Arran Councillor elected to the newly formed North Ayrshire Council. He was also the first Labour councillor to represent the island.

In May 1999 he was re-elected for a second term as North Ayrshire Councillor for

Arran and served for another four-year term.

Katy Clark MP was a special guest at the Auchrannie on Tuesday and she told the Banner: 'John has given tremendous service to the Labour Party both on Arran and North Ayrshire over many years.'

Advocate

'He is a powerful advocate on behalf of the island whether it is on fuel prices, the ferry or housing and puts the island case at its best.'

'His involvement in so many areas of island life over so many years has made a huge difference.'

'We wanted to mark John standing down as chair but I strongly suspect and hope that he will remain involved in the Labour Party as well as Arran Homes and his many other interests for a long time to come.'

Among John's special in-



John Sillars, flanked by his wife, Grace, and Katy Clark MP at the party in Auchrannie to mark his retirement as chairman of the Isle of Arran Labour Party. 01_b39john01

terests has been the perennial Arran issue of housing.

He said: 'One of the highlights was meeting with Kirkcaldy representatives in Cunninghame House in 1998. That led to us setting up the steering committee for Isle of Arran Homes.'

That in turn led to several successful housing devel-

opments on the island. He added: 'We established that if there was a demand for houses they should be built in the villages to maintain the social structure of the communities.'

Success Story

Another success story was in setting up the Red Cross hospital service in 2003. He

said: 'I held meetings with the Red Cross, SPT and North Ayrshire Council in Cunninghame House. At the time I lost the election, the service was about to be launched.'

John Sillars still holds the post of chairman for Isle of Arran Homes and intends to remain involved with the local Labour Party.

Community Council changes

Bill Calderwood of Brodick has been elected the new secretary of the Isle of Arran Community Council.

Bill has replaced Alison Prince who stood down last month after 10 years in the role.

Jim Henderson of Lamash has replaced Charles Currie as vice-chairman of the council.

So far only one replacement councillor has been found; John Lamont was co-opted as the new councillor for Whiting Bay.

Elections will be carried out in the next few weeks for the new Shiskine councillor.

Lottery award

Arran Youth Foundation has just benefited from an amazing grant from Awards For All Scotland.

The group was awarded £9,986 in the September lists of the Big Lottery Fund.

This funding will help to build a youth centre to provide 'a range of diversionary activities for young people living on the island'.

This grant will fund foundations, scaffolding and a kitchen.

VAT cut would boost tourism

Arran's MSP is calling on the UK Government to cut the rate of VAT in a bid to boost the island's tourism sector.

Kenneth Gibson believes Scotland would be keen to follow the Irish Government's lead in cutting VAT rates for the tourism and golf services industry.

The MSP believes that Westminster needs to address the 11 per cent disparity in VAT rates between Ireland and Scotland for tourists, which have now emerged.

Speaking after he raised the issue with the Tourism Minister in Holyrood, Mr Gibson said: 'Tourism makes a huge contribution to Arran's economy and golf tourism particularly, yet at the moment our hands are tied in improving Arran and Scotland's interna-

tionally competitive position and the UK Government is reluctant to act.

'Scotland's tourism and golf sectors are at a competitive disadvantage with Ireland just now because they have reduced their VAT rates and we have not.'

Reduced Rate

In the European Union, 23 of 27 member states have a reduced rate of VAT for their tourism and hospitality sectors.

Fergus Ewing MSP, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism said: 'I met the UK Minister for Tourism and Heritage just last week and

urged him to consider the measures taken in Ireland.

'I welcome the approach that Ireland and other EU states have taken, but they have Governments with the powers to act. Unfortunately, these powers are not devolved to Scotland and as yet we have seen no action from the UK Coalition Government.'

Mr Gibson added: 'All of these countries are benefiting from a VAT cut, so why can't Scotland do the same?'

'The UK Government must act soon or employment in tourism, Arran and Scotland's biggest industry, will undoubtedly suffer.'

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Chile guests welcomed by Rotary Club

The Isle of Arran Rotary Club has been hosting five guests from Chile as part of the organisation's Group Study Exchange Visit.

The programme provides travel grants for Rotary members to visit other countries and witness home and work life for themselves.

Jim Lees of the Arran Rotary Club was one of the five hosts that welcomed the Chileans to the island on Friday.

He said: 'The visit was very successful as they really were a fantastic bunch of people.'

'I think it was great for them to come to Arran as it is very similar in many ways to the region of Chile that they come from.'

'In some cases, the areas that they live in are like islands so I think they felt quite at home here.'

For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Enrique Runin was the team leader and a past president of the Rotary Club of Puerto Aysén, a town of 18,000 inhabitants.

He is a civil engineer and general manager of the Port of Chacabuco of which the main business is the salmon and fishing industry, min-

ing and tourism. He spent the day with Robbie Brown, CalMac's area manager at the pier in Brodick to see how ports are managed in this country.

Pablo Durán is a lawyer from Ancud, Chiloé who has worked mainly in the public sector.

He was given the opportunity to spend the day with the local police sergeant Bob MacKay to see how the justice system operates at grassroots level in this country.

Marcela Triviño lives in Temuco and is an architect in private practice, working in urban planning, urban renewal and social housing.

She spent the day at Isle of



The Isle of Arran Rotary Club welcomed the five guests from Chile as part of the organisation's Group Study Exchange Visit. 01_b39rot01

Arran Homes to see first hand how the problem of affordable housing on Arran is addressed.

Mauricio Hinostriza lives in Osorno and is a veterinarian responsible for registering, importing and selling feed

and supplements for dairy and beef cattle.

He was able to spend a day at Glenkiln Farm in Lamlash with fellow Rotarian Kenneth Bone.

Finally Rolando Schmidt lives in Puerto Aysén and is a

dentist in the Army with the rank of Captain.

A keen photographer he was treated to a day of sightseeing on the island where he was able to indulge his passion amongst the island's stunning scenery.



Margaret Kay with Whiskey, one of her pups, at Methven on the day he was going to his new home in Shetland. b39mar01

Margaret is regional puppy breeder advisor

Margaret Kay of Lamlash has just been appointed a Regional Breed Advisor by the Kennel Club.

She has bred Yorkshire Terriers for almost 30 years and was trained at Glasgow University School of Veterinary Medicine.

She is one of nine new Advisors making a total of 23 countrywide who will play a central role in maintaining the high standards of the Kennel Club Assured Breeder Scheme. Margaret's area will be Scotland and Northern Ireland.

She told The Banner: 'The Kennel Club is trying to distinguish between good dog

breeders and puppy farmers. The scheme is puppy welfare-based to give puppy buyers the confidence that they are getting a dog from a KC recommended breeder.'

'When doing visits I am looking at the breeder from a best practices viewpoint.'

Visiting Breeders

Margaret has just spent a week in Northern Ireland visiting breeders of German Shepherds, Tibetan Terriers, Shih Tzus and French Bulldogs.

'I came home all pupped out,' she laughed. 'It has been an interesting few months involved in training sessions at the Kennel Club in Piccadilly

and at Stoneleigh Park.'

'I had a very rigorous assessment on my own breeding practices by Bill Lambert, Health and Breeder Services manager at the KC.'

Bill said: 'Kennel Club Assured Breeders are trusted by the public to ensure that their puppies and breeding bitches are given the best possible care and socialisation.'

Margaret has been accredited by the Yorkshire Terrier Club of Scotland since 2004.

She added: 'It is very rewarding to be recognised by the Kennel Club who have now entrusted me to take all my experience and put it to good use.'

'There are dog breeders on Arran who would benefit from being accredited.'

SSPCA hold Animal Week collection

The Arran Branch of the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held a collection for Animal Week at Brodick Co-op on Saturday 24 September. The magnificent sum of £572.84 was collected.

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Saturday - Over 21's Disco - 10pm

Positive future for Arran Mountain Festival

The 2011 four-day Arran Mountain Festival took place from 16 to 19 September, and the organisers are now taking stock of the event.

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.'

'Photographs of happy Festival

walkers, wee stories from the Festival and any other comments or feedback are very welcome and can be sent to me via info@arranmountainfestival.co.uk. I will then upload them to the Festival blog at www.arranmountainfestival.blogspot.com.

'This year's main sponsor, the Arran Adventure Company, once again provided an excellent booking system and hub for the event and smoothly delivered transport



A group of Festival walkers look back down Glen Rosa towards Brodick and Holy Isle. b39fes01

to and from the walks. Numerous local businesses and individuals supported the festival by sponsoring walks or evening events, signing up as 'Festival Friends', helping with publicity and donating raffle prizes.

'A special mention is due to HF Holidays, Wooleys and The Shorehouse, who kindly sponsored the evening events, and to Colin Guthrie who made a significant cash donation.

'Additional funding was received from the National Lottery's Awards for All and the Co-operative Community Fund. Thanks also go to Arran Active and the Book and

Card Shop for selling tickets for the evening events.

'Without doubt, the biggest 'thank you' is due to our volunteer walk leaders. I can't say it enough - without you the festival would not be possible! All Festival walks are led by qualified Mountain Leaders, supported by experienced assistants. Many leaders have given their time and expertise for several years now, with a number taking time off work or coming across from the mainland to support the festival.

'The overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants once again shows that you are the people who make

the festival such a success.

'Last but not least, many thanks of course to everyone from the organising committee for their hard work, and everybody else who helped out along the way, again all volunteers, as the festival is currently run without a paid co-ordinator.

'Next year, the Festival will take place from 18 to 21 May to benefit from (supposedly!) better weather and longer daylight hours.

'Participants, sponsors and Festival volunteers, I hope we can count on your support again to deliver an even better Arran Mountain Festival in 2012.'

National Poetry Day on Arran

This year, National Poetry Day falls on the Thursday 6 October and an event is being organised on Arran to give local or visiting poets a chance to hear good poetry and to read their own work.

This year's Poetry Day theme is Games. However, those invited to read need not feel at all hide-bound by the theme and poems about anything and everything are welcomed.

Local artist, Tim Pomeroy, himself no stranger to rhyme and a self-confessed poetry-lover, is organising the event at The Douglas Hotel piano room, Brodick from 7.30pm on Thursday 6 October.

There will be two halves to the event and it is hoped, musical interludes to vary the flavour of the evening.

The 'open mike' sections of the event, where guests can take the floor and read their own poems, need to be organised and incorporated into the whole and Tim is calling for anyone who would like to read their own poems, to contact him so that their contribution can be neatly fitted into the overall scheme of things.

Phone on 600287 or emailpomeroyarts@supanet.com As many who want to read will be fitted in.

Arran is already known as a hotbed of creativity. This National Poetry Day will hopefully be yet another manifestation of this.

Please arrive 10 minutes early for a prompt start at 7.30pm. For more information call Tim on 600287.



On top of the world! Traversing the A'chir Ridge during the Festival. b39fes02

Affordability and sustainability key to new house designs

An award-winning architect from Inverness gave an informative and inspiring talk on rural house design, the speciality of his company at the September meeting of the Arran Civic Trust.

On Monday 19 September Neil Sutherland showed several examples of houses he had designed and built - mainly of wood - a material abundant in rural Scotland

Of particular interest was the speaker's philosophy of house building, that houses should be a pleasure to live in; capable of adaptation and extension; be constructed of locally sourced materials; be frugal in the consumption of power and appropriately sited within their surroundings.

He stressed the life-enhancing effect of good quality materials and their ultimate economy.

The speaker cited Scotland as having the lowest percentage of self-build in Europe as a result of planning rules not designed to facilitate this, the high cost of land and the pernicious practice of land-banking.

In helping the audience to come to terms with the 'shock of the new' in house design he pointed out that the style commonly described as the vernacular is inherited from enlightenment new towns initiated by aristocratic estate owners in the 18th century.

The implication was that they need not represent an inviolable standard by which new designs should be judged.

The presentation was followed by questions and expressions of approval and thanks for what had been fascinating and educative talk.

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Councillor calls for coastguard station to be saved

North Ayrshire Councillor Alex Gallagher called for the Greenock Coastguard Centre to remain open after he attended an emergency meeting in Greenock.

Inverclyde Council had called the meeting to get the support of all the neighbouring councils to a campaign of opposition to the Government's planned closure of the Greenock facility.

Calling for support for the campaign, Councillor Gallagher said: 'I will be recommending that NAC backs this campaign. It is not just an issue for Greenock or for commercial traffic on the river.'

Local Economy

'It affects the whole of the Clyde inshore waters, including Cumbrae and Arran, the ferries and the pleasure and sports sailing which uses our local waters and which is such an important part of the local economy.'

'The decision to close the Greenock Coastguard facility flies in the face of common sense and it has the potential to put lives at risk in our local waters.'

'If the closure is implemented there will be no manned Coastguard Station from north Wales, right up the west coast of England and Scotland all the way round to Aberdeen.'

'If the Greenock station is closed all local experience and expertise will be lost. Quite frankly it's madness.'



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A Miles Martinet aircraft like the one that crashed into the sea in 1944 off Corrie cravie. b39mar01

Mystery of memorial to two young airmen

On a grassy knoll at the southend of Arran there is a simple memorial to the lives of two young airmen killed in a crash on 18 January 1944.

This memorial was placed there by the pilot's sister in 1997 and most people will drive past, oblivious to its significance.

Bob Osborne, Emeritus Professor from Belfast, has taken the trouble to look into the background.

He said: 'My wife, Helen, and I found this spot last June and its poignant message to-

gether with the extreme youth of the airmen involved, set me off to discover more about the incident. So far my enquiries, via the Fleet Air Arm museum at Yeovilton, Somerset amongst other places, have revealed that the two airmen were attached to 722 squadron which was based at the time at HMS Landrail, better known today as Machrihanish, on Kintyre.

'The squadron was flying Martinet aircraft which were built by Miles near Reading. 'Martinet aircraft were

designed to tow drogues for target practice or gliders for airborne landings.

'The records reveal that the aircraft was drogue towing when it crashed in the sea just off Corrie cravie near the Iron Rock Ledges buoy. So far I have been unable to find out the reasons for the crash although it seems unlikely that it was from enemy action, but files held at the National Archives may reveal more.

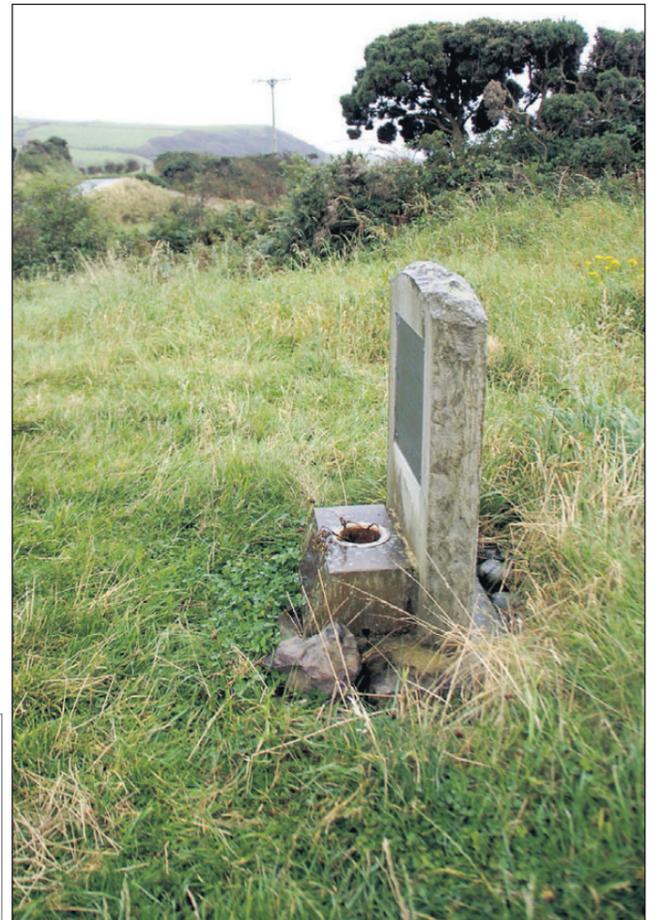
'Neither have I been able to find out more about the pilot's sister, Nancy. Please contact me if you can help on either of these matters.

The memorial reads: 'On 18 January 1944 Near Iron Rock Ledges Buoy (to be seen near the shore) Petty Officer Pilot James William Crow aged 19 of Perth and Leading Airman John William Martin aged 20 of Whithorn crashed and died.

In God's hands they lie

there still. Erected in Loving and Devoted Remembrance by the Pilot's sister, Nancy 1997.'

If you have any information please contact The Banner or Professor Osborne at rosborne794@btinternet.com



The memorial to two young Second World War airmen, on a grassy knoll at Corrie cravie. 01_b39mem01

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Kilmory Hall benefits from annual fete

Special thanks to everyone involved

The community of Kilmory and surrounding areas gathered in the village hall on Saturday afternoon for the village's annual September Fete.

People of all ages crowded into the hall to enjoy delicious homebaking, raffles, treasure hunt, tombola and many other fun and interesting activities.

Hall chairman Duncan Mulholland opened the fete with gusto and encouraged everyone to enjoy the day and have fun.

There was a special performance from a trio of classical musicians as part of National Chamber Music Day.

The event, co-ordinated by Enterprise Music Scotland, was 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.



Linda Wallwork mans the busy tombola stall. 01_b39ki03

The group Daniel's Beard, on this occasion featuring horn, piano and violin, played two trios, one by Brahms, and one by Arran's favourite contemporary composer, Eddie McGuire much to the delight of the audience in the hall.

Outside in the hall grounds the Isle of Arran Pipe Band entertained the crowds while they enjoyed the glorious sunshine.

Workings

Local Fire Brigade and Coastguard crews were also on hand to give kids, and adults, a closer look at the workings of the emergency services.

To top it all off there was a fabulous selection of teas and homebaking provided by the Kilmory Rural Ladies and

Duncan and Isobel Mulholland kept the barbecue fired up throughout the afternoon.

All of the proceeds raised during the day will go towards the Kilmory Village Hall Fund.

Thank

Jean Clark, Kilmory Hall's manager, said: 'The directors would like to thank everyone who came to our fete last Saturday and helped us raise over £750 for hall funds.

'A special thanks goes to everyone who donated to the raffles etc; to all the helpers



The group Daniel's Beard played two trios, one by Brahms, and one by Arran's favourite contemporary composer, Eddie McGuire much to the delight of the audience in the hall. 01_b39ki06



Kilmory Hall was packed with people for the annual September Fete. 01_b39ki01

on the day - we could not do it without you - and the musicians, Arran Pipe Band and Daniel's Beard.

'Thanks also to the local Fire Brigade, Coastguard and the ladies from the Northend First Respond unit for giving up their time to entertain and give out information.'

She added: 'We are trying to recruit First Responders for the Southend, so if you are interested please phone me at Kilmory Hall on 870345.

'We will be holding a meeting after the holidays to explain what you are required to do.'



There was plenty of fun and games for the youngsters outside in the sunshine. 01_b39ki04



Leigh Lloyd tucks in to a yummy Arran Dairies ice cream. 01_b39ki02



The violinist from the classical trio, Daniel's Beard. 01_b39ki05

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Annual Review

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Members of the public are welcome to come along to observe, listen to the meeting and ask questions at the end.

However, if you send us questions before the day we will send you a written response or, if there is time, you can ask your question on the day.

Please send your questions to: Margery Ferry, Programme Manager, FREEPOST, RRRZ-TYRA-LCGT, Patient and Community Relations, Eglinton House, Ailsa Hospital, Dalmellington Road, Ayr, KA6 6AB. Or email margery.ferry@aapct.scot.nhs.uk

Please send us your questions by Friday 14 October 2011.

Places are limited, so if you would like to attend please telephone 01292 885879 or email margery.ferry@aapct.scot.nhs.uk

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Addressing the important issues?

Are you able to name your village's representative on the Community Council?

Or better still, can you tell me what the role of a community council actually is?

Well in case you're not sure, I'll tell you.

A community council is defined in the dictionary as a public representative body to serve individual communities in Great Britain.

In Scotland and Wales they are statutory bodies. Scottish community councils were first created under the Local Government Act 1973, many years after Scottish parish councils were abolished in 1929.

In my mind community councils are groups of people who give time to, and have a genuine interest in, the well-being of their community.

Their chief role is representative, to consult the local community and to make known to North Ayrshire Council, and other public bodies, the views of residents on all matters that affect them.

The local authority, in return, has a duty to consult community councils on how services are delivered and other issues affecting their neighbourhoods.

The community council also has the right to be consulted on any planning applications in their areas and are also kept informed about licensing applications. On Arran we have 12 community councillors and it is their job to fight our corner, so to speak. They meet on the last Tuesday of every month and at these meetings important issues are discussed. In the four years I've been going along to 'observe' proceedings for The Banner the principle issues tend to be roads, ferries and policing.

In recent months there have been grumblings that the some members of the community council are no longer addressing the important issues affecting the island.

Ian McCallum actually resigned as Whiting Bay's councillor on this basis.

Even at the meeting on Tuesday night, I couldn't help but feel there are far more important issues to discuss than composting sites in villages and yet again complaining about North Ayrshire Council.

We are still very much in the grip of an economic recession. Families here are really starting to struggle to make ends meet as the cost of living on Arran is far more than on the mainland. We know now that we may soon lose the invaluable Children's Outreach Services, which do so much to help vulnerable families; yet this was not even mentioned. Do you feel that our Community Council may be somewhat out of touch with the real worries of Arran's people?

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



Save our service

Sir,
As some of you may or may not realise, North Ayrshire Council's Children's Outreach Services office on Arran shall cease to exist soon due to council cuts.

The service shall be provided from the mainland and staff here will lose their jobs. Already the nursery has been affected by the cancellation of Rhyme Time which I feel may only be the tip of the iceberg for our service and many others on the island like us, including toddler groups, infant massage classes, vulnerable families, summer activities, organisation of the Burns competition and many, many more.

Over the years Sheila and Nina have always been there for every group here providing help at any opportunity, perhaps now is the time to support them and to at least try to save this valuable service on the island.

We may not be classed as a 'deprived area' but there are many children, families and groups on the island who deserve the service so readily given in other areas.

I believe the plan is to operate the service from the mainland but how can this possibly equate to what we have at the moment?

Once this service is gone what are the chances that we will never get it back?

Please write to Audrey Sutton, Head of Services, Cunningham House, IRVINE, KA12 8EE to express your concerns.

Yours,
Zabdi Keen
Strathwhillan Farm
Brodick

Drowned at sea

Sir,
Ninety-five years ago, the body of Private Patrick Boland of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment was found on the shore opposite 'Cromla', Corrie.

Dr Fullarton examined the body and the Procurator Fiscal declared that he had drowned. The date was recorded as 21 December 1916.

His remains were interred at

Sannox Old Churchyard but, for some reason, his headstone was engraved with the date 16 May 1916.

However, records show that Private Boland had been seen alive by his cousin in Ayr on 16 November 1916.

He was on the last days of medical leave and expressed the intention of going to Glasgow to see comrades from the general hospital.

Received wisdom has it that he fell into the harbour at Ayr.

As there are concerns over the date on Boland's headstone and about the circumstances of his death, I have been researching this matter on a pro bono basis for Private Boland's relatives in Canada.

As a result, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has agreed to accept my evidence and to replace Boland's headstone 'some-time within the next 18 to 20 months'.

I hope to organise an appropriate ceremony at the gravesite to mark this occasion.

In the meantime, I am trying to find any surviving records, such as newspaper clippings, archives, church notices, or the like, that might shed some more light on the matter.

In particular, I would dearly love to know the state of the remains to give us an idea of how long Private Boland had been in the water.

North Ayrshire Council has informed us that all legal records are long destroyed.

Does anyone on Arran have anything relevant or any suggestions as to where we might find more?

Some good folk in Corrie have told me that it would be unusual for a body going to the sea at Ayr to wash up so far north.

Any more local knowledge on this would also be very welcome.

In those days, would Boland have gone up to Glasgow by train or, being a ship's steward to trade, could he have looked to beg coastal passage on a steamer?

The Boland family and I would be most grateful to your readers for any help.

I am willing to travel to Arran to meet with people personally or to view documents and we would be happy to share the outcome of this sad story with your readers in due course. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours,
Antony Kozlowski
Glasgow

Thank you

Sir,
I would like to say thank you to the person who found my handbag in a trolley outside the Co-op and it handed it to a staff member.

My grateful thanks.

Yours,
M Craig
Thurlestane
Corrie

Island Fuel Duty

Sir,
I note your headline re our current MP's welcome to an island fuel discount of a modest 5p per litre. (*Banner 24th Sept.*)

Welcome, indeed. However, I consider Ms Clark's apparent 'Damascene conversion', with or without a bright light prelude, warrants some careful examination.

A little research would reveal that at no time has Ms Clark campaigned on this issue. Indeed, her past record was one of continued support for the many tax

hikes on fuel imposed by the last Labour Government at Westminster. Ms Clark voted for every one of them.

Again, at the 2010 Arran Hustings, those present will remember that Ms Clark volubly opposed a derogation on 'environmental grounds'.

Banner readers may also recall that our MSP Kenny Gibson's motion in the Scottish parliament (Oct 11, 2010)* received no support from Labour, Conservatives or Liberal Democrats.

*'That the Parliament commends the UK Government for its plans to introduce a pilot island fuel discount scheme; expresses concern at the exclusion of Arran from this scheme, despite petrol costs on the island being among the highest in Scotland; believes this to have been an oversight rather than a deliberate omission, and therefore urges the UK Government to include Arran in the pilot.'

The conversion of Paul of Tarsus, on his way to persecute the Christians in Damascus, was undoubtedly dramatic.

As reported, he was led away by the hand and was without sight for three days and did neither eat nor drink.

Now that's what I would call a conversion.

Yours,
John Bruce
Corrie

Photo competition mix-up

Last week we featured a selection of entries to the 2011 Banner photo competition in the run up to announcing the winners in two weeks time.

There was an error in the caption for one of the photos on page 11. The scene of Lochranza distillery taken from the Narachan hillside opposite was wrongly attributed to Mrs J Nichol of Lochranza. It was actually submitted by Maurice Greenaway of Faringdon, Oxfordshire but got mixed up among the deluge of entries. Our apologies to Mr Greenaway and Mrs Nichol.

Excellent Selection

Mrs Nichol herself sent in an excellent selection of views including two of deer, one of a heron, two sunsets and one of a red squirrel. Mr Greenaway also sent in two photos of red squirrels and one of a peacock, as well as his view of Lochranza distillery.

Mr Greenaway said: 'Today we received the latest Banner and what a surprise we had when opening the centre pages to view photographs for the competition to find that one was identical to one taken during our holiday in June. While sending this email I would like to send our appreciation of the service we get each year when we visit your office.'

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Restaurant manager Sheila Bannatyne with service staff Elaine and Luisa, and chefs Iain and Lewis. b39auc01

Best Breakfast Award for Auchrannie

Auchrannie House Hotel has been announced as the winner of the 'Laterooms.com Best Breakfast Award 2011'.

The team at Auchrannie's flagship restaurant, Eighteen69 beat off stiff competition from hotels all over the UK, from Cornwall in the south to the Scottish Highlands in the north.

Auchrannie was initially shortlisted after what the 'laterooms.com' judging panel described as "incredible feedback" from the guests.

According to the judging panel: 'The Auchrannie House Hotel is a clear winner for Best Breakfast.

'Not only does it look delicious (and tastes it by all accounts) but the elegant surroundings really complete the breakfast experience.'

Eighteen69 is more usually known for its evening dinner service and is a holder of the

prestigious Eat Scotland Silver Award.

Accepting the award on behalf of the Eighteen69 team, restaurants manager Sheila Bannatyne said: 'This award is great recognition for the whole team who work tirelessly to ensure that the quality of food and level of service we deliver in Eighteen69 is second to none.'

First Class

Richard Small, general manager added: 'This national award for our breakfast highlights Auchrannie's continuing ability to provide a first class product to our guests.

'We are extremely excited to add this fantastic award to the ever growing number of accolades we have won in recent years.'

News of this award comes just days after Auchrannie was shortlisted for two Ayrshire Business Awards and a Scottish Licensed Trade News award.

Last minute preparations for Isla's charity auction

A charity auction to raise money for three-year-old Isla Duncan will take place at Brodick Golf Club at 7pm on Saturday night.

Due to the large number of items very kindly given for auction the event will be split into three sections.

Firstly all the items will be auctioned in the normal way by Robbie Wilson who for many years was the auctioneer at the Arran livestock market in Brodick.

Robbie will no doubt conduct the auction in his unique and entertaining way and will inevitably encourage you to bid just a wee bit more than intended!

Other items will be featured in a Silent Auction. Depending on their size and type they will either be on display in the clubhouse or photographs/descriptions will indicate what is on offer.

Beside each item will be a sheet of paper on which you can place the initial bid if none has been made, or you can bid higher if an amount has already been posted.

In both auctions the starting bid on the day will have to top the highest bid placed during the online auction.

Other items will be offered by way of a raffle. No tickets will be sold but

envelopes will be provided on the night. To enter the raffle you will be asked to put your name and contact details on the outside of the envelope and £5 on the inside and place it in the box provided.

The money will be removed from the envelopes which will then be used as the equivalent of your raffle ticket. (You can obviously put £5 in as many envelopes as you like!)

Due to time restraints, the draw will be made away from the auction room and winners' names will be made available as soon as possible during the evening.



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'One man and his dog at North Newton' Janette Hinchcliffe, Holmfirth. b39pic08



'Getting ready for the water' Mark Brown, Lamlash. b39pic01



'The cottage at Laggan' Kevin Goddard, by e-mail. b39pic12



'Keeping to the path! Eriskay Ponies on Holy Isle' Lucy Cartledge, Lamlash. b39pic09

A selection of the many entries

'This week we have once again brought you a selection of pictures that were highly acclaimed by our judging panel'

The Banner's annual photographic competition has been running now for more than 30 years, and it is as popular as ever.

We have been inundated with entries once again this year from all over the world proving that this competition is as competitive as when it first began.

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

In next week's Banner we will be announcing who those lucky winners are – but this week we have once again brought you a selection of pictures that were highly acclaimed by our judging panel.

Arran is one of the most picturesque and beautiful places in the world and each year through our photography challenge we ask readers to capture the perfect island scene on camera.

We may say it every year but the standard of entries continues to impress us, proving that photography has become a very enjoyable hobby for many of you.

It has been very difficult to choose just four winners this year as we had some stunning shots to choose from.

Thank you for all your entries.

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'The Cat and the Mouse' Evelyn Cowan, Catacol. b39pic11



'Top of Our World! (Well, on the way anyway!)' Eric Milton and Andrea Hammond, Corriegills. b39pic03



'Drumadoon View' Hamish Bannatyne, Blackwaterfoot. b39pic06



'Pathway to heaven' James Fleming, Kilmory. b39pic05

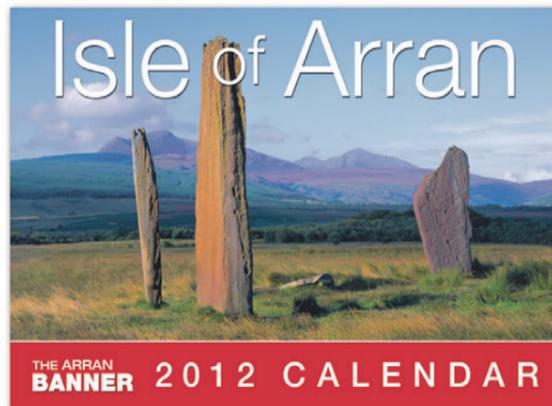


'Is that Archie coming?' Margaret Jarvis, Lochwinnoch. b39pic02



'Old barking shed and sheep in the fields at Catacol' Jill Bain, Catacol and Glasgow. b39pic04

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Colin McCort and Alan Milligan with the new collection box in the Brodick pier office. b39leg01

New Legion collection box at Brodick pier

Colin McCort the Port Manager of Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd Brodick, and Alan Milligan, Chairman of the Arran Branch of the Royal British Legion dug deep in their pockets in order to commission a new charity collection point in the foyer of the Brodick Pier offices.

Members of the Arran Branch would wish to thank Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd for their generous siting of the box and also wish to thank the general public for their continued support.

Money collected throughout the year will be part of the Arran branch's annual dona-

tions to their main Charities Combat Stress at Hollybush House in Ayr, Erskine Hospital in Bishopton and the Gurkhas Welfare Trust.

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Round the Rurals

Shiskine SWRI
Shiskine WRI will be holding their first meet of the new season 2011/2012 at Shiskine Village Hall on Wednesday 5 October at 7.30pm with guest speaker Passla Gautier talking about Tibetan Life. Competition is three chocolate eclairs and the exhibition is a foreign holiday souvenir. Also there will be a display of the 2011 Show Entries. A warm welcome is made to past, present and new members. An extra note; Shiskine

WRI Sale of Work back in July made a grand total of £805.42p. Thanks to everyone who supported.

Lamlash WRI
The first meeting of the new season will be held at Lamlash Fire Station at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 October.

We have arranged a talk on the Ranger Service by Jo Totty.

The competition is a spray of autumn leaves in a small jug and the exhibit is an 'in-

teresting pebble'.

A warm welcome is extended to past, present and new members. Please come along and join us.

Kildonan WRI
The first meeting of the new session of Kildonan WRI took place on Tuesday, 20 September.

A most enjoyable and entertaining demonstration was given by Christine McDonald who described the making of her 'Farmer's Wife' soaps.

Christine talked us through the various steps and allowed us to choose from a variety of essential oils to produce our very own brand of scented soap.

Christine was warmly thanked by Gillian Lythgoe.

After a cup of tea and home baking, provided by Mamie and Cate, the raffle was drawn and the competition for Autumn Tints judged by Christine.

First was Margaret Stewart, second Thelma Meldrum.

Cycling to the Eiffel Tower for Marie Curie

Chris Stirland of Lamlash has just cycled to Paris to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Along with two of his pals, Chris Rawston and Andrew Lawrie from the Midlands, he set off from Solihull, south of Birmingham at 7.30am on Thursday 15 September.

They were three of 65 participants to cycle the 325 miles to Paris, arriving on Sunday 18 September at the Eiffel Tower at 4.45pm.

The event was a huge success and to date a fantastic £144,000 has been raised.

Chris and his wife Karen said: 'We would like to thank all those people on Arran who have sponsored, supported and donated to this very worthy cause.'

'Your generosity has been truly outstanding. Thanks again.'

Chris Stirland, left with his two pals Chris Rawston and Andrew Lawrie arriving at the Eiffel Tower. b39chris01



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Lochranza Sheepdog trials – October 1913

The tenth annual trials for sheep dogs took place at the Glen Farm, Lochranza, on the 26th ult, in fields kindly granted for the occasion by Mr MacMillan, of Ballarie.

The site is one which can hardly be excelled anywhere for the carrying out of such trials, every part of the ground being so easily seen both by judges and spectators. The weather was everything

that could be desired, and the attendance was a large one, every part of the island being well represented. There were thirty-one entries, twenty-eight actually competing.

The judges were – Messrs Morton, Machrie; Davidson, Brodick; MacMillan, Lochranza.

Though better penning has been seen at these trials, the work as a whole was quite of a good standard, making the task of the judges a difficult one.

The prizes, as follows, were presented by Mrs McKay, of the Glen. First prize and silver cup, John C Thomson, Auchincarr, dog Dash; 2nd prize, John Craig,

Imacher, dog Coshie; 3rd prize, Neil MacKechnie, Glenree, dog Laddie; 4th prize, W Kay, Benlesher, dog Yarrow; 5th prize W MacK- elvie, Aucharioch; 6th prize, John Mackechnie, Glenree, dog Lassie; 7th A Robertson, Balvicken, dog Tyne.

The special prize given by Mrs Kerr, Auchnamara, for the quickest worker, was awarded to A MacMillan, Altholach. Mr John Craig, Imacher, the youngest prizewinner, and A Craig, Machrie, the youngest competitor, were also winners of special prizes, given by Mrs MacKinnon, Catacol, and one of the judges. In the evening the committee



and friends to the number of about twenty dined together at Tigh-na-mara the purveying being in the capable hands of the misses Green.

After the usual toasts had been given, the company sat down to an excellent programme of songs and recitations by Messrs Kerr, Narachan, Davidson, Brodick and MacMillan, Brodick etc.

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Village and footpaths autumn clean week – 9 to 16 October



Banner dog Archie in front of one of the beautiful floral boat displays in the village this summer. 02_b17arc01

Whiting Bay and District Improvements Association have had a great summer with a most successful Fun Week. Many people have commented that the village has been looking beautiful.

We are now planning another clean-up exercise in and around the village and footpaths, during the week Sunday 9 to Sunday 16 October.

The wet summer weather has led to terrific bramble growth, so some cutting back, wearing gardening gloves is required.

Invited

Also we will be picking up any rubbish in and around the village on the beach and paths. Parents with young children are invited to organise a work party to clean and clear the adventure playground in the park prior to reapplication of new bark chippings.

Anyone who would like to help in any way is invited



The recently upgraded Shaw's Road path. b39path01

to a meeting on Sunday 2 October at 4pm in the village hall. We will then agree who is doing which area. On Sunday 9 October at 10.30am black bin bags and 'picker-upper's' will be available on loan from the

putting green shed. Everyone is asked to bring their own gardening gloves and secateurs if they have some.

If you cannot come on either of these Sunday's, just let us know which path you are planning to work on. Phone Jan

on 700 249 or Liz on 700552. This will be a fun event and everyone including children will be very welcome.

Soup will be provided at the putting green on Sunday 9 October after the work parties have finished.

Golf competition aims to raise valuable funds for Isla

A 'not very serious' golf competition is being held at Brodick Golf Club this Saturday to raise valuable funds for little Isla Duncan.

The competition has been designed to encourage as many people as possible to

play whether or not they have official handicaps!

Players without official handicaps will given their last handicap and those who have never had one will be given 36 for ladies and 24 for men with the clear understanding

that obvious bandits will be deducted severely either before or after the competition!

Each team consists of two players of any sex playing with another team of two players making each game four people playing together.

Booked

Times should be booked through the professional's shop for any time during the day until 3pm.

This will allow all players to be finished by 6pm so that the prizegiving can take place before the auction.

On the day you will be asked to pay the entry fee of £20 per pair in the professional's shop before starting your round.

This covers both the golf and buffet meal when you finish your round.

The competition will be played as a Greensome. This means that each player drives at every hole and after that you select one ball with which to play the rest of the hole with each player hitting alternate shots.

The person whose drive is not selected plays the second shot. For simplicity, handicaps will be half the combined of both players.

Men to play from the yellow tees throughout. Ladies to play from yellow or red tees, using whichever is nearest the green being played to.



Everest feat completed before 40th birthdays

When they were just young boys and members of the island's Junior Mountain Rescue Team, Alan McNicol and David Cameron vowed to climb Everest before they turned 40!

Well Alan will be the first to reach that milestone this weekend and the pair can celebrate in style knowing that their dream came true.

The pair are pictured with their Banner at Everest Base Camp on Tuesday May 3 this year.

The boys took two weeks to trek to Base Camp to get used to the altitude and took just a week to come back down.

Well done to them both!



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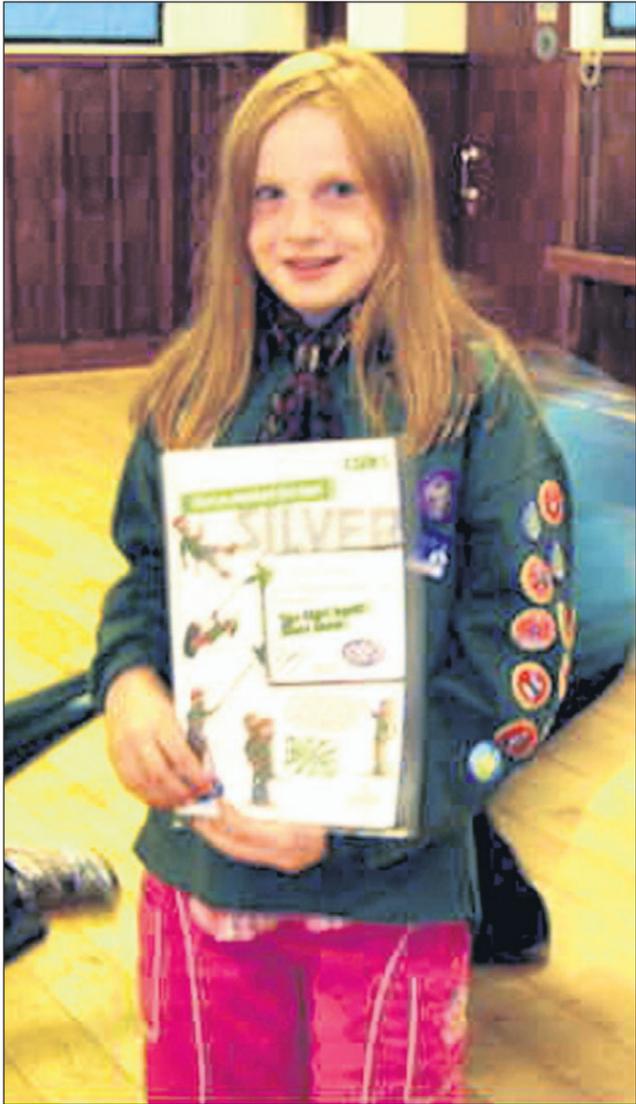
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Top award for Cub Scout Kirsty

Kirsty Kerr, aged 10, of the 10th Ayrshire Shiskine Scout Group has been awarded the Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest award possible for a Cub Scout.

To gain this award Kirsty had to complete six challenge badges all of which had several components to them.

Kirsty will soon be moving up to the Scout Troop and everyone in Cubs would like to wish her well.

Ninja warriors make new movie on Arran

Eight young people have just spent a week on the island, filming scenes for an amateur movie.

Dan Ward, Ruth Wallace, Rachael Richardson, Ruth Hilton, Louise Rayne, Lizzie Atkins, Jenny Cooke and Ed Cooke visited the usual tourist sites, but created a bit of a stir with their antics at film-making.

Dan said: 'We have just returned home, having spent a week on Arran. We've done some of the touristy things like climbing Goat Fell and buying Arran cheeses, but we've also spent a lot of our time on the island recording

an amateur film - an amateur ninja film, to be precise.

'And we thought we'd write to you about it, for three reasons.

'Firstly, to say what a glorious setting Arran has been. From the mist-covered mountaintop of Goat Fell to the haunting ruins of Lochranza Castle, filming on Arran has given our film an atmosphere that this bunch of city-dwellers would be hard-pressed to find at home.

Cheerfully

'Secondly, to thank the people of Arran. We encountered a kindly elderly couple who cheerfully waited out-

side King's Cave so that we could finish filming the Dark Lord's imprisonment.

'There was an amiable backpack-wearing gentleman who was very insistent on not entering the courtyard of Lochranza Castle until he was sure that we had finished filming our ninja temple acolyte being given her quest.

'Best of all there was the bemused-seeming couple who first of all turned a corner halfway up Goat Fell to find a sunglasses-and-bandana-clad member of our party declaiming with great enthusiasm from atop a high rock whilst her cloak

billowed in the wind, then two days later ambled up to King's Cave to find what we think from memory was the death scene of a purple-wigged minion being carried on outside.

Discussing

'Thirdly, well, the simple truth of the matter is that all week we've been discussing ways to get ourselves into the Arran Banner, and we're wondering whether this might do the trick?'

This Arran-based film by Monachylebeg Productions will be posted on Youtube and Dan said he will send us a link to it.

House sharing, with spiders...

Nature notes by Jo Totty

Okay, spiders in the garden are one thing, but why oh why do they insist on being in our homes?!

With spiders found perched on our ceilings, hiding in dark corners, lurking in the attic, skittering about in the bath or making a dash for it across the lounge floor, they do make most of us quake and shudder.

In a world where arachnophobia is a common condition, finding a spider anywhere is creepy enough, but somehow in your own home the feeling is intensified.

But, before you jump on that next unsuspecting spider, STOP!

They are beneficial creatures, so give them a chance!

Spiders play an important role by catching many annoying and harmful insects - but given the reputation spiders unwittingly gain through films and books of being vengeful, on the attack and dangerous, it's no wonder that most of us will quickly crush a spider, suck it up the Hoover

or smash it with a newspaper without hesitation!

Contrary to popular belief, spiders don't seek us out.

They're just going about their business, eating insects in their own world!

As a part of their feeding process all spiders deliver a venomous bite to their prey once they've caught it.

This venom then liquefies the prey allowing the spider to eat it.

Generally (and certainly in the UK) spiders have such a tiny amount of venom that it doesn't affect humans. So nothing to fear there then!

The common house or cobweb spider is the famous 'scary' one and is one of the biggest spiders found around the house.

They are generally seen at night and in the autumn when the males often actively search for the females.

Both sexes are of a similar size, with their body getting

up to 1.8cm in size and their leg span up to six centimetres!

We've got one that looks like it's got boots on as it goes clomping across our lounge floor each night, but we just leave him alone as after a few minutes he'll be gone.

There might only be one type of orb-web spider that lives in the house, but there's a lot of them on the walls and windows in my house!

They are nocturnal, during the day they sit in a retreat (a crack in the wall or an opening between the wall and window) and stay there, even when the web gets destroyed.

Just look at the number of midgies that get caught in the rounded web overnight. Well worth not getting the feather duster out too often.

But the one to hang on to

is the daddy longlegs spider (not to be confused with the daddy longlegs crane fly).

They have very long spindly legs and a small body and when they are disturbed, or come under attack, they start vibrating in their web to scare off and discourage prey. During the winter, once they've killed almost all surviving insects and other spiders (including the much larger house spider), they can then start on themselves!

In this way these spiders regulate the population of bugs and beasts (including their own) in your house.

So keep the spider!

They might be a bit creepy, their cobwebs might be a bit annoying and sticky, but just think how beneficial spiders they are as clear up slaters and flies whilst going about their day to day business.

Any excuse to let them stay, and not to do the housework!

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The speed limit is 15mph.

Forestry staff will be onhand to give advice and help.

There will be a charge of £2 per car.

Hope you enjoy the drive.



As feared as they are, spiders regulate the population of bugs and beasts in your house.

The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, September 28, 1991

Travelling treasures

Concerns have been raised this week that the treasures of Brodick Castle could suffer irreparable damage if they were to be moved off the island for storage.

But in reply, the NTS told us that items will not be moved and will in fact be left inside the castle while repairs are carried out.

While rewiring work is done to the building, the bulk of the Castle's treasures will remain in place.

However, many of the paintings will be taken into storage on the mainland.

Strained mussels

Bad weather hit the ferry service this week, the first sign of the uncertainty of winter travelling.

The storms early in the week forced the ferry to miss sailings on Monday then sail to Gourrock. Passengers travelling to the island on Monday evening finally arrived at midnight.

On Tuesday the windy weather continued but on top of that the pump that uses seawater to cool the engines was found to be clogged with mussels.

Ready for winter

Arran's coastline is now ready to face the



Derrick Warner thinks that a very rare fern may have been discovered in the gardens at Brodick Castle. b39twe02

winter, according to the council. Repair work around the island necessitated by strong winds and high tides in January this year, has finally been completed.

Roads engineer, Geoff Norris, said: 'I'm as happy as I can be. We are as prepared as we can be.'

Dangerous job

Roadman Eddie Cannon landed in hospital while doing nothing more dangerous than his job this week.

Working on the road between Lamlash and Brodick, he was actually in the roadside ditch when a passing car came so close it hit him on the posterior.

He is now recovering well.

Lamlash fire

Fire brigades from Lamlash and Brodick were called to fire at Cuilabhaila, Lamlash on Thursday afternoon.

The fire was the result of a grill being left on in the kitchen but the occupiers of the house had extinguished it by the time the fire brigade arrived.

Benefit bus to visit

The 'Benefit Bus' is to visit Arran next week to advise islanders on pensions, benefits and national insurance enquiries.

The custom built vehicle, complete with waiting room and sound-proofed consulting room will be manned by two officers and will travel right around the island.



There was no sex discrimination at the youth rugby meeting run by Steve Evans and Alastair Dobson in Lamlash last Sunday. Here Judy Keir of Brodick gets the ball and shows the boys how it's done. b39twe03



The most professional advisers at the High School Careers convention were those representing the armed forces. b39twe01



Graeme Kerr of Shiskine, who left Arran High School 21 years ago, advises pupils on their possible future paths at the careers convention last Tuesday. b39twe04

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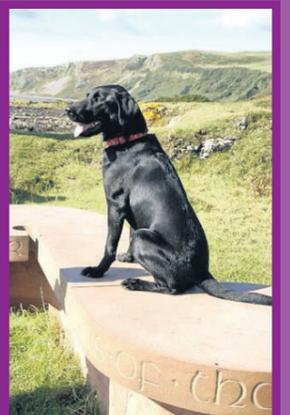
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Last week must have been a tricky one as we didn't receive a single correct answer. Archie was preparing to tee-off at Machrie Bay Golf Club, one of his favourite spots on Arran's west coast. This week he's contemplating the view, but where exactly is that bridge behind him?



If you think you know then post your answer on the website www.arranbanner.co.uk
Or email us at: editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Arran livestock at Stirling

United Auctions had forward 16,762 store and prime sheep for their sale at Stirling Agricultural Centre last week.

Suffolk cross lambs: Drumnaghinier £65, South Feorline £64, Sheddock 63.50.

Texel cross lambs: Cosyden £66, Bridge £62.50, Ballarie and Sheddock £60.50, Glenree £60, Bellevue £59.50.

Cheviot lambs: Cosyden £62, Scarrabus £58.50.

Mule lambs: Balgowan £58.50.

Meatlink cross lambs: Ceither Gaoithe £54.

Blackface lambs: Balgowan and Ballarie £49, Glenree £46 and £45, Altgolath £41.50, West Glensheraig £38.

Suffolk cross ewe lambs: Creagraineach £92, TexX ewes: Bellevue £79.50, Blackface ewes: West Glensheraig £37.50.



Janice Christison has raised more than £900 for The Valdete Trust through her sponsored silence.

Janice's day of silence raises valuable funds for Valdete

Janice Christison of Whiting Bay achieved what most of her friends thought would be impossible – a whole day without speaking a single word!

The feat began at 7am on Sunday morning and ended 24 hours later at 7am on Monday.

It was all part of fundraising efforts to help the work of The Valdete Trust, which

is working closely with disabled people in Albania.

To help her communicate urgent information Janice had a writing pad and pencil and a small bell to summon the umpires on the day, friend Sue Crane and husband David.

Afterwards, Janice told The Banner: 'The slogan for the day was 'Nil by Mouth'.

'The first few hours weren't too bad but it got steadily

more difficult as time went by.

'I'm so glad I didn't fail all my friends on the island and elsewhere who were supporting me and I want to say a big thank you to them all.'

David Christison, her husband, added: 'I've never had such a peaceful day!'

The final total from sponsorships of Janice's day is expected to exceed £900.



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Results: Wednesday 21 September, 12 played in the final round of this year's Summer Trophy on a wet and windy day.

The round was a non-counter due to work on the greens, although scores were tidy. 1 Allan MacLeod (14)59, 2 Dave Hackett (14)61, 3 Ronnie Mann (11)62.

Nicol Auld won scratch with 66 and there were magic twos from Ronnie Mann and Nicol Auld. Overall winner of the Summer Trophy was Malcolm Pennycott with a best six-round score of five under par, with Nicol Auld in second place at three under par.

Sunday 25 September, 18 took part in this rearranged fixture. Many thanks go to Jim Meehan of Cooper Angus Caravan Park who provided such generous hospitality and prizes.

Last year Jim offered a crisp £100 note to the first player scoring an ace on this shortened course, but there were no takers.

He will have to look out a new note next year because Nicol Auld's hole in one at the shortened third scooped the prize!

All 18 holes had different tees from usual, making it a real challenge and even allowing only two-thirds handicaps there were some very low scores.

1st class winner Nicol Auld 55-1=54, 2nd class winner John Pennycott 67-8=59, 3rd class winner Tam Young 73-16=57. £100 Magic 1 - Nicol Auld at 3rd!

Overall winner Nicol Auld 54, overall 2nd Tam Young 57,

overall 3rd Jamie MacPherson 59(bih).

Fixtures: Saturday 1 October, Mixed Fours Salver at 11am. Sunday 2 October Gents Medal.

Lochranna Golf Course

Summer Greensome Competition.

This competition which has been running since the beginning of June finished on Thursday 29 September. Thirty-three male, female and junior golfers took part. The individual winner will be announced in October. Scores during the past weekend were as follows: Thursday 22 September, Alan Mitchell/John Begg 16pts, Betty Buchanan/Archie Cumming 13pts. Saturday 24 September, David Gibson/Tony Baboolal 17pts, Betty Buchanan/Ian Buchanan 11pts. Sunday 25 September, John Hartley/Peter McKinnon 15pts, Tony Baboolal/John Begg 13pts.

Brodick Golf Club

Results: Sunday 25 September, Sweep, 12 played. 1 A Hume(10)65, 2 G Hendry(7)66, 3 T Raeside(6)67. Scratch G Hendry 73. The monsoon in the afternoon washed most of the field off the course, but the hardy ones played speed golf and got round in under two and a half hours. Not bad scoring considering the conditions.

Fixtures: Sat 1st Oct, charity greensomes in aid of Isla Duncan, followed by buffet, entertainment and auction in the clubhouse at night.

Sunday 2nd Oct, Brandon and 1st round of Winter Cup, open draws at 8.30am and 1pm.

Brodick Ladies Golf. Thistle Brooch 27 September CSS 69, 1 Gege Kroner (24) 67

2 Pat Adamson (18) 72 bih, 3 Lesley Murray (25) 72 bih. Scratch Brenda Livingstone 83. Twos, Marjorie Brown, Gege Kroner, Elizabeth Sinclair.

Shiskine Golf Club

Results: Ladies 12 Hole Medal, 22 September, 16 played. CSS 45. Silver 1 S Brookes 57-12=45, 2 E Ross 57-11=46. Scratch C Maxton 55. Bronze 1 L Murray 62-14=48, 2 P Johnston 64-15=49. Well done Sally and Piet also!

Gents 12 Hole Medal 25 September, seven played. 1 and scratch S Black 49-5=44, 2 Q Oliver 60-14=46, 3 D Robertson 56-9=47(bih).

Fixtures: Ladies Arran Challenge started on Friday. It is open to all ladies with a current handicap. So if you are a member of another club please give us a phone; it's a great competition with super prizes. Play three rounds and the best two count.

Corrie Golf Club

Corrie Open, Saturday 24 September. 38 played in the first round, but the second round was abandoned on Sunday. After waiting for an hour in the afternoon, the committee decided that the first round would count for the result.

Sweep 28 played. Magic twos R Jeffries 2, A Napier 2, I Bremner, N Stewart, C McEachern, J Innes, E McKinnon, D Crawford.

First class 1 E McKinnon 58+1=59, 2 I Bremner 67-6=61(bih), 3 S Beardsley 67-6=61(bih), 4C McEachern 69-8=61, scratch E McKinnon.

Second class 1 S Sillars 76-14=62, 2 W Currie 78-14=64, 3 P Moran 85-20=65, 4 E Cannon 84-18=66.

Nearest pins: 1 B Rooney, 2 N Young, 3 J Armit, 4 A Pattison, 5 A Napier, 6 N Stewart, 7 A Pattison, 8 M Elliott, 9 N Stewart.

Open decided on first round. Overall 1 Ewan McKinnon net 59, 2 Ian Bremner net 61(bih), 3 Stephen Beardsley net 61(bih), 4 Craig McEachern net 61.

Thanks to Pablo for excellent condition of the course and to

all who played. Nearest pin prizes for second round will be held over to next year. Second round money sweep was put into first round results.

Fixtures: Captain's Prize Sunday 2 October 1pm. Shotgun start 1pm, one tee off time only. Registration 12.45pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Results: Thursday 22 September. 4-hole Cross-Country Competition, 1 Dougie Macfarlane 28(bih), 2 Willie Currie 28. Yellow Medal CSS 60 par 61, 1 James Stewart 72-15=57, 2 Colin Richardson 74-15=59. Twos Drew Wales at 4th, 5th and 16th, Neil Mitchell at 5th. Friday 23 September, Seniors

Open Comp CSS 61 par 61, 1 Colin Richardson 38 points, 2 David Brookes 38 points, 3 James Stewart 38 points. Scratch winner Ian Bremner 66.

Saturday 24 September, Ken Western Texas Scramble 1 Iain Murchie, Stevie Heaney, Val Crawford, Alistair Crawford 54-5.2=48.8, 2 Ann Ferrier, Alistair Ferrier, Alexander Ferrier, Gregor McFarlane 66-11.7=54.3

Sunday Medal 9.30am & 1pm starts.

Fixtures, Sunday 2 October Glenburn Cup 9.30am & 1pm starts Thursday 6th October Front 9 Competition, make up own groups.



Nicol scoops Cooper Angus Trophy and a crisp £100 note

Nicol Auld won the Cooper Angus Trophy at Whiting Bay Golf Club last Sunday and picked up a crisp £100 note from sponsor Jim Meehan for a hole in one at the third. Pictured - Jim Meehan handing the Cooper Angus Par Three Trophy and £100 note to winner Nicol Auld. b39whb02

Brodick Bowling Club results

Members of Brodick Bowling Club are advised that the club's annual dinner and prizegiving will be held in Brodick Golf Clubhouse at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7 December.

The recent results from Brodick Bowling Club are as follows.

Monday 22 August: Charlie Weir, John lauder and Kevin Dewar (+9).

Wednesday 24 August: Colin Haggarty, Lavinia Hendry and Charlie Weir (+11).

Monday 29 August: Colin Haggarty and Charles Hendry (+7).

Wednesday 31 August: Tony Wooden, Robert Crawford and Charlie Weir (+15).

Monday 5 September: Lavinia Hendry and Tony Wooden (+3).

Wednesday 14 September: Charlie Weir, John lauder and Tony wooden (+7).

Saturday 17 September: Tony Wooden, Kevin Dewar and Lavinia Hendry (+14).

Saturday 24 September: Lavinia Hendry and Kevin Dewar (+15).

Summer Bridge

The results of the tournament on Monday 26 September were as follows: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Alison Bilsland, 2 Jean Murchie and Peter Thomson, 3 Jan Beattie and Janette McBride.

E/W 1 Helen Boyd and Liz Paul, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Morag Gardner, 3 Jennifer Wales and Linda Trickett.

That is the last tournament for this year, as Brodick and Lamlash clubs are starting their winter season.

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Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Zumba Fitness
Coffee Morning
Auction in aid of Isla Duncan fund & Cllr Sergeant
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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
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm - 3pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
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Whiting Bay Church Hall, 10.30am - 12pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm
Arran Library, Brodict 1pm-2pm
Ormidale Park, 2pm

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER

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 3rd OCTOBER

Over 50's Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Citizens Advice
BreathWalk Class
Table Tennis
Hatha Yoga
Summer Bridge
Rink Game
Zumba Fitness
Activity Time
Come Dance with Me - LeRoc Modern Jive
Scottish Country Dancing for Beginners and Improvers
Kilmory WRI

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
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 6.30pm
Arran High School, 6pm - 7pm
The Playbarn, Auchrannie 1pm - 2pm (toddlers) 5pm - 6pm (school kids)
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Village Hall, 7.30pm

TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER

Lochranza Swimming Club
Army Cadets
Pop Quiz
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Youth Club
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Zumba Fitness

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

WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Selt Making Class
Yoga for Every Body
Senior Badminton
Museum, Archives & Geneology Service
Yogalates
Rink Game
Live Country Music
Aquafizz
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Kids Games
Coffee Morning
Lamlash WRI
Shiskine WRI
Lochranza Hall Open Day

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
Whiting Bay Bowling Club 6.30pm
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am
The Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm - 6pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 7.30pm
Shiskine Village Hall, 7.30pm
11.30am - 2pm

THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER

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

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
Whiting Bay Hall, 11.45am - 1.30pm

FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER

Quiz
Aquafizz
Yogalates
Rock Disco
Arran Youth Foundations
Kids Party Games
Senior Badminton

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
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 2pm

SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER

Coffee Morning
Motocross

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Councillor Peter McNamara (Ward 5 - Ardrossan Et Arran) will not be available for consultation on Saturday 1 October 2011 in the Ormidale Sports Centre, Brodick, Isle of Arran. Councillor McNamara will next consult on Saturday 5 November 2011 in the Ormidale Sports Centre, Brodick, Isle of Arran, between 11am - 12noon.



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Corporate Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine*, between 9am - 4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk *and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

Written representations may be made to the Solicitor to the Council (Corporate Services) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 21.10.11. Any representations received will be open to public view.

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

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
11/00634/PP; Site to East of Morven, Whiting Bay; Erection of detached dwelling house

PUBLICATION OF STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2010/2011

The Local Government Act 1992 requires Councils to publish each year, performance information for selected services. The figures for the year ended 31 March 2011 will be available from the 30 September 2011 via our website www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/northayrshireperforms.

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Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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MacBRIDE, ALASTAIR N H

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ARRAN RUGBY CLUB AGM

An AGM of the Club will be held in the Sports Pavilion on Wednesday next, 5th October at 6-45 pm. This is timed for 15 minutes before the start of training and it is hoped that as many players as possible will attend. The meeting should not last for more than 10 minutes.

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 Brodick 7pm
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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 2 October
 Holy Communion, 11.00am.
 Mrs Janis Gallagher
 Wednesday, 5th October
 Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
 ALL WELCOME

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Sunday 2 October
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 13 Glen Avenue, Brodick
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Sunday 2 October
 Brodick Church, 10.30am
 Corrie Church, 12pm
 Lochranza, 9.30am
 Pirmill, 10.45am
 Shiskine Church, 12pm.
 A service of worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm.

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 (SCO14005)

Sunday 2 October
 Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service. All welcome.
 There will be a service in Cooriedoon at 2.30pm and in Craigielea at 3.15pm

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

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday 2 October
 Ormidale Pavilion Brodick
 11.00 am - Morning Worship including Communion
 Home Fellowship Group meets on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm.
 Everyone very welcome

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)
Sunday 2 October
 11am
 Bheinn Ard, N. Newton, Lochranza.
 Enquiries to Tessa 830622.

DEATH

BAIRD - ALEXANDER
 Peacefully at Montrose House on Thursday 22nd September 2011.
 Alex, aged 92, beloved husband of Margaret. Cremation took place on Thursday 29th September. Margaret wished to thank staff at Montrose House for their care of Alex during his stay.

BONE
 In loving memory of Cathie, who died 27th September 2010.
 Dearly loved and sadly missed by Jim, Janice, Kenneth, Doreen and families.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

JOHN C. M. MACLEAN
 Sheila Maclean and family wish to express their sincere thanks to friends and neighbours in Corrie and Sannox for their constant support To Arran War Memorial Hospital staff for their exceptional professional and personal care shown to John and to Sheila, to Claire Hendry for smooth funeral arrangements and to Sannox Bay Hotel for a splendid lunch.
 Grateful thanks to the Rev. Angus Adamson for his excellent tribute and sustaining pastoral care.

Heart-Felt Thanks
 I would like to express my heart - felt gratitude to everyone who sent cards, messages and gifts on the occasion of my recent retirement. The kindness and generosity of the thoughts and words were truly touching and humbling and I will treasure them always. It made me appreciate how lucky and privileged I have been to teach on this island working with such special young people.
Thank you all very much indeed. Heather Gough



Congratulations on your Ruby Wedding Anniversary
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Gemma Jane MacDonald of Brodick graduated MA first class honours in English Language at Glasgow University. Congratulations from Mum, Helen and brothers Chris and Stuart. Gemma is studying Masters in Linguistics at Leeds University.

Congratulations!

To Sal Bannatyne who became a great, great grandmother for the second time. Logan Connor MacKay was born on Wednesday September 21, 2011. A wee brother for Isla

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Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

Young Arran side go down to Uddingston

Uddingston 17 Arran 7

Arran's senior rugby players took on a team two leagues above them on Saturday and played with real passion and guts despite the task ahead.

The boys took on Uddingston RFC who are a much more mature team and Arran can take enormous credit from a 17-7 defeat.

On a sunny day with the pitch in remarkably good condition after all the recent rains, Arran showed real guts and determination and great rugby skills to be leading 7-

5 at half time by an excellent Lachie Jones try which he also converted.

Uddingston had opened the scoring with an unconverted try.

Golden Opportunity

Arran should have scored again from another Lachie break which saw him facing only the fullback and with a man outside him; unfortunately his pass couldn't be taken and a golden opportunity was lost.

A team spokesman said: 'Particularly pleasing was the

energy and speed with which the Arran forwards were consistently first to the breakdown and providing a plentiful supply of good ball.'

He added: 'Also the precise functioning of the half back partnership, which has improved with every game, was superb. Iain Keen did a remarkable job in maintaining the quality of his service at the rear of a frequently re-treating tight scrum.'

With five 16 year olds in the squad it was inevitable that Arran would tire in the second half and would no longer rule the breakdown.

Although the lineout work improved with the introduction of Ian Bayne at half time as chief jumper.

The inevitable result was that Uddingston scored two more tries and deservedly progressed to the next round.

Man of the match: Lachlan Jones

Arran will play their first home game of the season against Strathclyde Police this Saturday at the Ormidale Park.

Kick off is at 2pm, please come along and support the team.



Uddingston were always going to be a tough challenge for Arran RFC being two leagues above them.



Winner of the Easdale Trophy, Lesley Wood, right, with losing finalist Margaret Auld and Lynn Walker. Photo Richard Fletcher.

Lesley lifts Easdale Trophy

Last Sunday 25 September, Lesley Wood and Margaret Auld battled it out in the final for the Match Play, Easdale Trophy.

With threatening skies and breezy conditions, the first half was firmly held by Lesley as Margaret (by her own admission) was just not able to play to the standard she so often does.

The action was all to come and by the end of the 13th, Lesley continued her lead by being four up. As the holes gradually came and went, they finished the 15th at Dormy 3. Undeterred, Margaret fought back and went on to win the 16th and 17th resulting in Lesley being one up

playing down the 18th.

The pressure was mounting and both drives were superb. Shot for shot to the green, everyone thought that perhaps they would be walking up the first again.

However, Lesley was closer to the pin and whilst Margaret just didn't quite make it -

Lesley won the hole resulting in a win by two holes.

Well done to both ladies; as a spectator it was a joy to watch and very exciting.

Thanks go to the green staff for the course conditions, which were super especially after the amount of rain there has been.

Auchranie winter bowling

Winter bowling resumes at Auchranie on Tuesday 11 October and will continue on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7pm until the end of March.

The cost per game will be the same as last year. All bowlers and non-bowlers are

welcome. Auchranie has a few sets of bowls for hire

Appoint

Before the start of the first game it will be necessary to appoint a bowler to organise the running of the games, to keep the books and to pay Auchranie each night.

Pool league

The 2011/2012 Arran Pool League season should be starting after the October holidays.

An annual general meeting will be held in the PHT Lamlash at 2pm on Sunday 9 October. All teams must be represented at this meeting.

A good turnout is requested as a number of rule changes will be up for discussion.

Motocross professional to visit Arran

Motocross professional Jamie Law will be on the island next weekend to offer first hand tuition and guidance to all budding bikers on Arran.

He will be at the track at Southbank Farm, East Bannan on Saturday 8 October from about 1pm onwards and on Sunday morning to offer motocross teaching.

If you have always fancied having a go at the motocross then come along - all safety equipment and bikes will be provided.

Badminton at Auchranie

Seniors badminton will restart in Auchranie Sports Hall at 2pm on Friday 7 October.

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