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Safety fears over rise in cycling accidents

'Making cycling safer will undoubtedly encourage more cycling on Arran'

REPORT

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The steady rise in cycling accidents on Arran's roads has prompted safety campaigners to demand warning signs be placed at accident hotspots.

A survey conducted at Arran War Memorial Hospital as part of the Share Arran Roads Safely campaign shows that 33 cycle crashes happened this summer alone.

The worst accidents happened on the Boguille but the southend also saw a number of serious incidents.

Sixteen cyclists claimed either to have hit a pothole, uneven road surface, gravel or puddle on road and one claimed to have been clipped by a car.

Of the 33 seen at the hospital five were transferred to Cross-house Hospital in Kilmarnock for further treatment.

It is probable that there were other cycle crash casualties who self-treated or waited until back on the mainland before seeking medical attention.

In a letter to the community council, Neil Gillies who is one of two paramedics that founded the Share Ar-

ran Roads Safely campaign, said: 'The main reason for the campaign was to reduce the number and seriousness of cycle crashes by providing safety advice and logging the details of how and where these crashes occur to find out the exact causes.'

'We have identified 33 cycle crashes on Arran from April 1 to September 1...these are only the cases that presented to the ambulance service or self-presented at Arran War Memorial Hospital and there will undoubtedly have been several others, albeit of a less serious nature'

'Now that we have evidence of where cycle crashes are most likely to occur, we write to ask if the Community Council would facilitate the placing of warning signs...as we are convinced that this would reduce cycle crashes.'

The signs, 10 in total, could be worded as simply 'Cyclists Take Care' on the Boguille, String, Ross and in Lagg and Kildonan.

Neil added: 'Making cycling safer will undoubtedly encourage more cycling on Arran - by visitors and locals alike - with all the health and economic benefits that this entails.'



Comedians raise laughs at Comedy Festival

Last Saturday night Whiting Bay Hall was packed to capacity for the island's first-ever comedy festival. Arran Events had organised the festival and four stand-up comedians entertained the crowd with witty banter and comic tales.

Comedians Michael Redmond, Susie McCabe, Scott Gibson and Phil Differ pictured in the dressing room at Whiting Bay Hall before the Comedy Festival on Saturday night. 02_b39com01

Faster train but longer wait at Ardrossan

Changes are being made to the train timetable to allow travellers more time to disembark the ferry at Ardrossan.

There have been complaints in the past that trains do not wait for passengers when the ferry is delayed.

New timetable

The new timetable means longer times between ferry and train connections to prevent this happening in the future.

Councillor John Bruce said: 'The changes to the timetable mean quicker journeys but a far longer waiting time in Ardrossan.'

'So as a result you'll probably get to Glasgow at around about the same time as before.'

Ardrossan Harbour trains to Glasgow Central will no longer stop at Milliken Park, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Glengarnock.

But on average passengers will now have to wait half an hour before the train leaves Ardrossan.

Community Councillors did however welcome the changes on Tuesday night as an essential improvement for Arran's older travellers.

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Arran women donate bras to Africa

Anne McConnell has collected an incredible 600 bras to be sent to women in Africa.

It was big brother Jack, the former first minister, who gave Anne the idea of collecting the ladies' lingerie when he became aware of how vital the garments were to the women of Senegal.

The bra collection is part of a drive by Oxfam to fund projects in Senegal, west Africa, where bras are expensive and sought-after and women are given the opportunity to improve their family's income by going into the used clothing business.

Livestock sales

United Auctions had forward 1,716 store cattle and cast cows, and 14,144 prime and store lambs and cast ewes at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last Wednesday.

Arran prices

Store cattle: Holstein cast cows £855, 115p Clachlands.

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Brodick Castle work for master thatcher

'We use long reeds from the River Tay'

A master thatcher from Castle Douglas is currently working on two projects at Brodick Castle.

Jem Cox has had 34 years experience of thatching roofs and has been commissioned by the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) to replace the thatch on the Heather House above the Walled Garden and to do the thatching work on the Bronze Age roundhouse taking shape in the country park.

Jem is originally from Gloucestershire where after a four-year apprenticeship of coppicing and thatching he learnt his trade and now works all over Scotland roofing private houses, summerhouses, gazebos and other old buildings.

He told the Banner that there are now only five or six thatchers working in the country.

For the roundhouse project he was being assisted by and training a group of volunteers



Thatcher Jem Cox with three of the volunteers, Astrid and Francesca from Belgium and Wendy from Aberdeenshire. 02_b39roof01

who are part of a week-long NTS Thistle Camp based at Shore Lodge.

Jem said: 'We use long reeds from the River Tay.

'They are cut in winter and range from three to six feet in length. I expect this job to take another week or so.'

Once completed, the roundhouse will give schoolchildren the opportunity to learn something of the island's rich heritage and archaeology. The roundhouse is based on an Early Bronze Age hut circle excavated at Tor Righ on the west coast of the island.

Right: Jem Cox with a bundle of roofing reeds. 02_b39roof02



Santa to sparkle in Lamlash again

Santa is going to sparkle again this year. And there are only 78 shopping days to Christmas.

For the second year running, Geoffrey Dallamore and Timothy Billings at the Glenisle Hotel are busy organising the novel event dubbed 'Santa's Sparkle'.

Despite very windy weather, last year's Sparkle was a considerable success and will once again be held on the front green in Lamlash and within the hotel itself.

Contact

There will be a marquee on the green for trade exhibitors, but with limited space, businesses are asked to contact the hotel and book a spot as soon as possible.

Among the entertainments already lined up will be performances by The Jazz Café Band, Matt Johnston, Cordon Bleu, Fish'n'Ships, and Ain't Misbehavin', plus magician Carl Royle, and of course, a visit from Santa.

Geoffrey said: 'The event will be on Saturday and Sunday 24 and 25 November. With luck, things will go more smoothly this year.'

'Certainly, we are better prepared given that this is year two. Now we just need the weather to co-operate.'

Last year's Sparkle had over 20 Arran craft and produce exhibitors.

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Pirnmill Primary global curim cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances Pirnmill Primary School have had to cancel the global centenary curim.

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'Meteors' sighted in skies above Arran

People from across the island have reported seeing bright objects in the night sky, thought to be meteors or 'space junk' on Friday night.

Experts said the sightings could be satellite debris, burning up on entry to the atmosphere.

The lights have also been reported in the Midlands, parts of north-east England and in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Craig McCartney wrote on our Facebook page at 11pm on Friday night: 'Did any of the Arranites just see that?!

'No idea what it was, for want of a better description it was like a collection of fireworks streaking across the sky westwards over the south of Arran (I'm in Whiting Bay).

'At first I thought it was a series of meteors but seemed to low / close and too bright for that.'

Cams Campbell then wrote: 'Yep, I was driving from Kilmory towards Kildonan and saw it swooping over the sea. I stopped the car in the middle of the road and just stared at it. It was the most amazing thing I have ever seen!'



Southend First Responders receiving a cheque from the youngsters of Kilmory Youth Club. 02_b39fr01

The 1934 Club takes shape

The exciting developments for a licensed social club in Kilmory Hall are moving ahead.

A list of prospective club members in the hall foyer already has more than 30 names on it.

Suggested

Originally called Kilmory Social Club, the proposal is now to change the name to the 1934 Club, as suggested in last week's Banner.

There are also proposals to allow junior members aged 16 and 17 'and living in the

Operating Area of Kilmory Hall'. As well as Ordinary Membership with voting rights for village residents, there is a proposal that 'associate membership shall be confined to any individual proposed and seconded by two Ordinary Members of the Club'. This would apply to any other island residents outwith Kilmory.

The planning application for change of use to licensed premises is pending consideration by North Ayrshire Council.

Car park for standing stones visitors

Plans for a visitor car park for people wanting to walk to Machrie Moor Standing Stones are pending consideration by North Ayrshire Council. This visitor car park is shown as being sited on the landward side of the road at Tormore, just below the private drive to Balnagore.

The development would be a significant improvement on the current arrangements for parking at this location.

Kilmory youngsters help new medical response team

On Saturday, the youngsters of Kilmory Youth Club presented a cheque for £100 to Arran's newest medical asset, the Southend First Responders.

They had raised the funds at club nights and were pleased to help this new group.

Southend First Responders were formed just three weeks ago after much behind the scenes support, training and

paperwork. They will be potentially the first on scene at any medical emergency and able to provide professional assistance to a casualty before the ambulance service or doctors arrive.

The group trains every sec-

ond Monday of the month at 7pm in Kilmory Hall. They are keen to welcome new members so if you'd like to find out more, call co-ordinators Morven Buckby on 870576 or Kirsten Millar on 870312.

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Waxwing on hawthorn. Photo Brian Couper

Birds, gardens and berries in winter

If you are into gardens and into birds, then you could take part in the Birds and Gardens Berries Study starting this Sunday 30 September.

The study is being co-ordinated by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and looks at berry availability throughout the winter, how quickly berries are removed from plants and which birds take berries.

Arran's bird recorder Jim Cassels said: 'Many birds

take advantage of the berries that form part of nature's autumn bounty.

'With your help we can increase our understanding of how birds use garden berries and answer key questions to deliver better advice on which berry-producing plants to use in our gardens.

'If you would like to take part in the study or find out more about the project, then please email the BTO at gbw@bto.org.'

Rotary club's battle to eradicate polio continues

Those passengers who travelled on MV Caledonian Isles on Saturday 21 September are very likely to have contributed to the 'End Polio Now' campaign which is currently being fought by Rotary Clubs worldwide.

Delighted

After 25 years of this eradication process, Rotary and partners are delighted to find that only two cases per day were estimated to be di-

agnosed in 2011 instead of 1,000 per day in 1985 when Rotary launched the global fight against polio which is now 99 percent won.

Globally 1.2 million Rotarians have worked together to stop this awful disease once and for all. When this happens, polio will be only the second disease in history after smallpox to be eradicated worldwide.

Arran Rotarian Gillean Bus-

sell said: 'This achievement must be completed because if one percent were ignored, the disease would soon spread again. It is still a big task as the remainder of the cases are in challenging parts of Africa and South Asia.'

Magnificent

'The total raised on the ship on Saturday was a magnificent £728 for which Arran folk are to be sincerely thanked and also the many visitors who

gave money willingly as no one ever wants the disease to return to the hold it had here not that many years ago.

'It would be wonderful if we could cross the finishing line this year – the year GB successfully crossed other great finishing lines.'

'Arran Rotary would like to sincerely thank CalMac for allowing Rotary time on the ferry to collect for our charity.'



Chief Scout awards for Lamlash Cubs

Four Lamlash Cubs were presented with their Chief Scouts Silver Award last week.

The four youngsters Aiken Adam, Elyse Aitken, Hannah McCartney and Ellie Wood

all gained the badge while at camp in Corrie on September 15.

District Commissioner James Cumming presented them with their awards.

Lamlash Improvements Association

The winners of Lamlash Improvements Association 50-50 Draw for August and September were Graham Tinto and Donald Cowan, both from Lamlash.

Earlier in the year the Association replaced the five-a-side football nets on the play area at the bottom of Hospital Road and they have been pleased to see they have been used regularly by locals and holidaymakers.

The Lamlash Improvements annual bonfire and fireworks will be held on the green opposite the Co-op on Saturday 3 November and everyone is welcome to come along and join the fun.

Lochranza and Catacol 200 club winners

The winners of the September draw were: 1st Prize Dorothy Mitchell, 2nd Prize Pauline Kemp.

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Arran Connections a treat for music lovers

For Arran music lovers this Sunday is an event not to be missed.

A concert featuring the island's wonderful new piano in combination with a string ensemble and voices will take place at Arran High School.

The most substantial item in the programme is the beautiful, but little-known, Piano Quartet in A minor, by Josef Suk, for which Diana Hamilton will join members of the Eumelia Ensemble.

However, other more well-known favourites will also be featured, such as Massenet's Meditation from Thais, Rachmaninov's Vocalise and Monti's Czardas and alto Aileen Wright of Lochranza and baritone John Cruikshank of Whiting Bay will once more delight us with their singing.

The concert will also feature a first-performance of two pieces composed by Diana Hamilton of Lamlash - Sea-Drift and String Quartet No 1.

Diana said: 'This started out as an experiment, while teaching in 2003, to rediscover the problems involved in the composition process.'

'My hope was that by composing something myself, something I had not had time to do for many years, I would gain insight into some of the problems my students encountered.'

'I had chosen to compose for string quartet because my friends in East Kilbride were string players and I had recently taken up the cello myself.'

However, thanks to the McLellan Festival Committee, it is now going to be given its first performance, along with 'Sea-Drift', in a concert to be given this Sunday, by Eumelia, an ensemble of first-rate professionals which is led by Angus Anderson, known to many of us from his appearances in the Corrie Summer Serenades.

The concert takes place at 7.30pm in the High School on Sunday 30 September.

Tickets are available at the Book and Card Centre and at the door.

Kilmory Fete marks end of season

The Kilmory September Weekend Fete has long been recognised as Arran's final community event of the summer season.

Last Saturday, village hall chairman welcomed residents and visitors to this year's fete and declared that all proceeds were most welcome and would be going to hall funds.

A variety of stalls were scattered around the hall and Arran Coastguards had a stand in the car park.

Members of the Isle of Arran Pipe Band played a selection of tunes in the grounds, while Duncan and Isobel toiled over the barbecue and teas and cakes were being served in the lesser hall.



Isle of Arran Pipe Band entertained visitors in the hall grounds. 02_b39fet04



Sally Brookes with her display of decorative hand-painted slates. She said that they fell off a roof at Southbank and her husband Geoff thought it would be a good idea to paint them and sell them. 02_b39fet01



Davie Thomas tries his luck on the bottle stall. 02_b39fet03



Left: Young Daisy Campbell enjoying the slide in the playpark. 02_b39fet02

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Dog agility classes in Sandbraes Park. b39dog01

Agility closes and obedience for dogs starts

After another busy and successful year in Sandbraes Park, the Dog Agility Classes came to a close last Wednesday, 26 September.

Organiser Margaret Kay said: 'After that, the kit will be packed away and my 'Postman Pat' trailer will be parked up for the winter - although we will need to get the kit out and painted before we kick off again next year.'

'We hope to have raised enough money this year to buy some rubber matting for use in the village hall which would save the dogs slipping on the polished floor.'

'We are also making a donation to Whiting Bay Hall of £100 to help with the ongoing improvements being undertaken. The Dog Obedience Classes will start on Wednesday 3 October and run throughout the winter and follow the usual format - Puppy Socialisation and Beginners 1pm and Intermediate Dogs 2.30pm.'

Margaret added: 'As before, we need to generate enough support for the classes to keep them going.'

'Lots of our regulars will be attending but anyone interested in further information should give me a call on 600725.'

Come and join the Thursday Club

Whiting Bay Thursday Club meets twice a month from October to March, usually with a day trip away in May.

The Club was originally started in 1963 by ladies in their middle years whose aim was to give the elderly residents of the village and neighbourhood an afternoon out.

The objects of the club are to provide fellowship, society, culture and excursions, usually with lunch.

President Heather White said: 'We meet in Whiting Bay Hall from 2pm to 3.15pm. We invite speakers to give talks on a wide variety of topics. Alternatively, it may be a Thursday when we go out to lunch or are entertained by the local primary schoolchildren, usually at Christmas.'

'Once a year in May we take a trip off the island and hope to visit the Falkirk Wheel this year.'

'It will be the 50th anniversary this year and we want to make it special. Subscription is £5 a year; please come and join us. Our first meeting is a lunch on 18 October at Kildonan Hotel.'

Anyone wanting to join should phone secretary Pam Holmes on 700786 or president Heather White on 700378. A notice and list will be displayed in Bay News with details about 10 days before the lunch date.

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ROUND THE RURALS

Kildonan WRI

The first meeting of the season for Kildonan WRI took place on Wednesday 19 September when there was good turnout.

It was particularly nice to see one or two new members. President Beth Mowatt welcomed everyone and the minutes of the recent Federation Meeting were read with several points being discussed.

A beautiful light supper followed, provided by the office bearers.

The competition for a photograph of wild flowers on Arran was won by Gillian Lythgoe with Beth Mowatt coming second.

The next meeting will be held in Kildonan Hall at 11.30am on Wednesday 24 October when Sarah Cowan will entertain the members.

The competition is for a handmade pincushion. All members are asked to bring along a light dish for a sharing lunch.

Kilmory WRI

The first meeting of Kilmory SWRI for the 2012/2013 session will be held in Kilmory Hall on Monday 8 October at 7.30pm.

This will be an Open Night to which a very warm welcome will be extended to all who care to come along and join us for the evening.

The guest speaker will be Ruth Miggin who will give a makeup demonstration.

Competitions for the evening will be a perfume bottle and a healthy drink.

Lamlash WRI

The first meeting of the 2012/13 session for Lamlash WRI will be held on Wednesday 3 October at the Lamlash Fire Station at 7.30pm.

Our speaker for the evening will be Rev Gillean MacLean and we are once again delighted that she has agreed to attend and entertain our local group.

Our competition for the evening will be 'something from the beach' and the exhibit - a holiday souvenir. We hope to see the return of all former members and extend a warm invitation to all to come along and join us.

Shiskine WRI

Our first meeting for the 2012/2013 season is on

Wednesday 3 October at Shiskine Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Mrs Jerry Arthur will be giving a demonstration on Simple Suppers.

The competition is for Bramble Jelly and the Exhibition for An Autumn Photograph. There will be a chance to see some of the exhibits that were entered into the Show by Shiskine WRI.

New members and visitors are very welcome. At the Sale of Work back in July the WRI raised just over £700 and thank you to all those who supported us.

Whiting Bay WRI
Whiting Bay SWRI are holding their opening meeting in St Margaret's Church on Wednesday 3 October at 7.30pm.

There will be a short business meeting followed by a demonstration entitled 'Decorating with Jam' by Judith Porter from Shiskine SWRI.

Come and join us for an evening of fellowship and new ideas for cake decorating.

A warm welcome to all former and future members.

Loads of laughs at Arran's first Comedy Festival

Judging by the attendance at the Comedy Festival on Saturday in Whiting Bay, Arran was in need of a good laugh. The hall was packed with around 200 people for this first-ever comedy gig, organised by Arran Events.

Jon Hollingworth of Arran Events said: 'Compared with previous events that we have run, advance ticket sales were good, with a lot of visitors buying tickets online before they arrived here with people

from as far away as Sweden! 'Audience members were obviously determined to get there early to avoid sitting on the 'target' seats of the front row.'

The compere was Scott Gibson who, despite only being on the comedy scene for a year, soon had everyone in the mood for some good-natured banter and primed for the first act – Susie McCabe.

Susie is another newcomer to comedy but she gave the

impression that she had been working the comedy circuit for years. One audience member described her as 'funny and loveable', two traits that endeared her to the audience from the start.

After a short break, Scott, undoubtedly the star of the evening, returned to the stage and carried on the good-natured banter with the front row.

Having been given some dubious responses to his

questions in the first half, a few audience members had decided to feed him some really interesting info in the interval so he came out fighting. He described the info as 'comedy gold that will probably keep his routine going for years'.

Next to take to the stage was the comedy genius that is Phil Differ.

Jon added: 'It was Phil's idea to stage this event and it was a pleasure and a privilege to work with him over the past months to pull the evening together. We intend working together on future events – watch this space!'

Last up was Michael Redmond who has spent a number of years on high profile TV shows, including Comedy Nation, Friday Night Live, The Stand Up Show, Clive Anderson Talks Back, and Just for Laughs.

It was a shame that two members of the audience had over-stocked at the bar in the interval and decided to show how funny they weren't during Michael's set with a couple of ill-timed 'not-so-funny' heckles.

Jon said: 'Michael has been doing this long enough not to let it phase him although a couple of his very dry, subtle and clever quips were lost in the moment which is a shame because he was very, very funny and deserved to be heard.'

Scott Gibson tweeted on



Scott Gibson has some sharp banter with folk in the front row of the audience. 02_b39com02



Comedians Michael Redmond and Susie McCabe before the Comedy Festival in Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday night. 02_b39com03

his way home: '@BigScott-Gibson: On the ferry now heading home after one of the best gigs ever, Arran you were amazing thank you for your hospitality and laughter #goodtimes'

And Susie was also suitably enamoured with the island on her Facebook post: 'Arran you have been phenomenal it was a education on so many levels! You are in top 3 for gigs this year!'

Arran celebrates National Poetry Day

This year's National Poetry Day event on Arran will be an evening of poetry and music at the Brodick Bar.

All poetry lovers are welcome to come along for an enticing programme of fantastic poetry – some old, some new, some familiar, some less so – all leavened with a dash of Vivaci's spicy singing!

This is a free event and open to all so bring along a favourite poem to share - though not more than 40 lines please!

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Who says that community spirit is dead?

In July Prime Minister David Cameron announced the concept of The Big Society for us all to help each other.

But the so-called Big Society has been alive and well here for decades.

Here on Arran we are blessed with villagers who do care about their surroundings and fellow man.

And nowhere is that more so than in the Southend.

The folk in settlements from Corriecravie to Levenchoroch have long embraced the ethos of looking out for their neighbours and helping each other.

This is perhaps best exemplified by the formation of Southend First Responders. A group of volunteers is now fully trained to be first on the scene at a medical emergency in the area, possibly making that vital difference before a doctor or ambulance arrives.

Then there is the new licensed social club.

With Lagg Hotel closing its public bar a couple of years ago and now the whole hotel being closed in winter, the Kilmory Hall directors came up with an idea for a social club and have applications pending with NAC for change of use and an alcohol licence.

Around 40 residents have already signed up for membership of the new 1934 Club.

When the village post office closed five years ago, a part-time post office facility was established in the village hall.

Twenty-five years ago there was a strong feeling that public transport was sadly lacking in the Southend.

A vigorous campaign and fund raising by residents led to the purchase of the first Kilmory Community Bus in 1992 and there have been three or four replacements since then.

The distinctive yellow Kilmory Bus is now firmly established as an independent means of transport for any groups or individuals on the island.

People all over Arran are regular moaners about the state of our roads. But in the Southend they actually do something about it.

Twice in recent years, groups of Southend residents have actually organised road blockades to highlight the poor state of the roads. Police and council officers were forced to take notice.

And if you were looking for homespun entertainment, there was none better than the infamous Southend bogie race. On the longest day, dozens of home-made bogies and their madcap drivers assembled at the top of Butter Hill at daybreak to take part in the craziest and funniest activity ever to happen on Arran by racing all the way down to Lagg.

So perhaps Mr Cameron should drop in at the Southend to see how the Big Society really works.

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



Arran Trust no reply

Sir,
Regarding the letter from the Arran Trust in last week's Banner, I have been well aware of the work Arran Trust do since it started and how to apply for funding.

The reason I mentioned the Arran Trust is that over a year ago there was an article in the Banner about your help on projects on Arran.

I wrote to the Arran Trust then to suggest seven projects on Arran for paths for less-abled to get access into the glens and onto the shore.

I had hoped that those in charge would have contacted the appropriate villages for them to approach the Arran Trust for money to make it possible for visitors to get access to the glens and shore.

The Arran Trust never answered the letter, even though it was to help the tourist trade. This saddened me because I know the pleasure that people who are less-abled get on these short walks.

Yours,
**Alasdair Hendry
Cir Mhor
Brodick**

Damage from communal apathy

Sir,
I am writing in response to Mr McCallum's letter in the Banner two weeks ago.

At last an individual who understands what damage is being done to the island by communal apathy.

I have been visiting the island for many years and having purchased a property will be retiring to Brodick in the next year and I cannot understand why the residents endure a Third World ferry service.

When I purchased my house five years ago, the island was vibrant. The schools and businesses were talking about expansion.

The economic downturn has had an impact, but the reality is that elected officials have been found wanting when the going has got tough.

It's time for Kenny Gibson, Katy Clark and the elected local councillor to get their fingers out and sort out this debacle that masquerades as a ferry service.

The stalling tactics being used over a new terminal, RET and a fulltime second ferry are nothing more than political two-step to ensure re-election and treats islanders with contempt.

I am not a militant person, but I am not blind, and if islanders do not stand up, the island will become another deprived rural area.

Primary school rolls have dropped by 50 percent. Businesses are struggling; young families cannot afford to remain due to the cost of living and those on limited income are becoming poorer.

Education and health are failing to attract staff and I notice that the island does not even have a full time chief police officer. If any effort is to be made to address this drain of skills and resources we must address the ferry service.

I would urge everyone to pressure their local community councillor to take up the mantle and put pressure on the elected officials and let them know that their re-election is not a foregone conclusion, and that the unelected ferry committee is not permitted to have any involvement in any ferry business in the future.

Don't stand for apathy – act now or see the island die.

Yours,
**John Worthington
12 Sanda Street
Maryhill**

Cups ready now

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

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

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

Yours,
**Colin Totty
Brodick**

Depend on keeping licence

Sir,
I have been following your coverage of the story of the lady who was injured by the bus in Brodick last year and the trial that followed

As a professional driver I was interested to see how the events unfolded.

While I was following the story, I saw that another bus driver was charged with an offence after his bus slid off the road.

I do have sympathy with the people injured but it appears that the authorities are very quick to act against the drivers even when the evidence has not been fully established, which in most cases ends with the case being thrown out of court.

The drivers of these buses have to endure the period before the court case and the worry that brings.

Being professional drivers their livelihood depends on keeping their licence and at times they are dealt with more harshly than the normal motorist.

There was also the case when the police vehicle struck the boy in Brodick, which highlighted the issues of employees who drive for a living.

I think it is wrong that professional drivers are automatically assumed to be guilty and charges brought against them but I think double standards exist between professional and ordinary drivers and the professional driver is dealt with more severely by the police.

It would appear the driver of the police vehicle has not been charged with an offence and this only adds to the confusion of how driver error is judged.

Yours,
**Duncan Peterson
Glasgow Street
Ardrossan**

Arran needs local shops

Sir,
Supermarkets have killed many small local shops on the mainland leaving many

people out of work.

What will Asda deliveries do to the shops of Arran?

Already a few villages on the west side have lost their local shop; how many more are going to close if Asda is allowed a foothold?

People on the bus may gripe about the Co-op but if it closes with the loss of many jobs what then?

Oh, in the short term it may sound wonderful having Asda deliver but when it is no longer viable for a local shop owner to stay open and one finds oneself short of milk, butter, a packet of soap powder or baby nappies etc what then?

If local businesses die what becomes of the island as a holiday destination?

Visitors need the local shops. They don't all come packed up with food to last all of their holiday.

Young people will leave and have nothing to return to. This could be the start of the 'domino effect'.

Think about it all you locals who agree with Asda deliveries.

Sandra Brown may have thought she was doing a great service – but given the long term aspect Arran may rue the day they entertained Asda.

Yours,
**Irene Taylor
Frequent visitor**

Corrie coffee mornings

Sir,
To clarify the coffee morning notice in The Banner of September 22, there are ongoing fund raising coffee mornings every last Friday of the month in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall.

The next six months donations will be used as planned to help nursing training and to provide equipment in two of the hospitals in northern Ethiopia, overseen by Sandra Kemp, so we are always glad of everyone's support.

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making sure you get a delicious meal at a great price.

Whether it's a toasted cheese sandwich, homemade soup or something more filling like steak pie or homemade scotch eggs, I always know that the Old Pier Tearoom will deliver a tasty meal. And best of all is the truly scrumptious homebaked cakes and scones that are perfect for afternoon tea with my friends.



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I love the Dunlop characteristics, which make the Torylinn cheeses creamier and more subtly flavoured than traditional cheddar.

Standing at the viewing platform its exciting to see the product being made by local people who clearly have a passion for what they are producing each day.

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John Divine

I have to say that John's second name is very appropriate because the restoration work that he carries out on old pieces of furniture is completely and utterly divine. It is fascinating to visit John's workshop near Blackwaterfoot where he has many lovely pieces of furniture that he is currently working on. An expert carpenter and cabinetmaker, John

now specialises in furniture restoration and repair.

With his unique skills it's impressive to see him breath new life into old unloved pieces of furniture.

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On Andy's website you can take a look at his portfolio which as well as wedding photography includes beautiful images of bumps and babies, family portraits, commercial photo shoots and photographs from his worldwide travels. I was particularly impressed with shots he has taken recently of several Arran homes that are on the market. His original style really shows off these houses and have definitely helped

several to sell their homes. Without a doubt Andy Surridge is leading the way in photography on Arran.



Arran Banner 2012 photo competition

The ones that almost made it

Each year The Arran Banner's photo competition attracts more and more entrants and this year we have been overwhelmed with the number of pictures.

Tourists and locals alike clearly love taking photographs of one of Scotland's most beautiful places.

From impressive landscape shots to the more quirky pictures of people and animals, each year the quality of entries gets significantly higher.

Our panel of judges has spent the last week scrutinising the

hundreds of entries and we are told that it has been extremely difficult to pick the winners.

So this week we bring you the 'ones that almost made it' which were singled out by the judges as potential winners.

In two weeks time we will announce the winners of the two categories - people and animals and landscapes - that will be receiving a delicious hamper from the Isle of Arran Cheese Company.

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Antiquarians hear stories from the ruins

It was a full house at the Monday meeting of Arran Antiquarians when 80 members and visitors heard a lecture from Sue Furness and Fiona Jackson on a Community Archaeology Project at High Morlaggan, near Arrochar, Loch Long.

It was an innovation to have two speakers, and as our chairman remarked, 'Buy one, get one free'.

Their dual presentation was interesting, inspiring and gave us non-stop information for well over an hour.

Sue was born in the Peak District, read for a geology degree, went to Glasgow University, married and now lives on Lomondside with her family.

Fiona was born in Beverley, Yorkshire, and read for an English degree at Manchester University.

She lived in the USA for two years, returned to Scotland and now lives near Arrochar. Sue and Fiona met through attending archaeology and excavations courses with their children.

Stimulated

By 1900 the clachan of High Morlaggan was deserted. Their interest was stimulated because it was local and often a venue for family walks.

Morlaggan had been a farming village and there is documentary evidence of a settlement there from 1501.

By the late 1500s there were

drove roads and a coast road was built in 1787 for the Duke of Argyll as a turnpike.

At this time Morlaggan had four tenants, being two McFarlanes and a Munroe, and had pasture with 1,200 sheep.

In the 19th century there were three roofed buildings, one inhabited by a McIntyre who ran an illicit still.

By 1903 only two roofed buildings remained and the last resident was a shepherd, Donald Grant, who left in 1916. Residents moved to Arrochar, Helensburgh and even Australia.

The ruins now are hip height and field boundaries and terraces remain.

The decision was made to



Sue Furness and Fiona Jackson from Arrochar who spoke to the Arran Antiquarians last week.

excavate and funding was given by Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park to employ freelance archaeologists and professionals from Kilmartin Museum.

Two separate excavations took place, one of two weeks in 2009 and four weeks in 2011. The first excavation was in foul weather, but despite that local volunteers and children worked enthusiastically.

Blessed with good weather,

professionals and volunteers were able to do much more work on the second excavation.

Four main structures were concentrated on, and many pottery finds, some as early as the 15th century, some as recent as the 20th, were recovered; clay pipes, a ceramic punchbowl, a pedestal pot, a quern stone and parts of 80 different teapots.

Interestingly, they had visited Auchendrain to en-

able the children to perform playlets about the residents of Morlaggan, which is a similar settlement. As some of the Arran Antiquarians visited Auchendrain recently we could visualise this and who knows perhaps we can visit Morlaggan one day.

Our October meeting is on Monday 15 October when Ian Marshall of Glasgow will give a talk on 'The Battle of Langside', an event that shaped the history of Scotland. ND.

A flying start to Natural History Society season

The Arran Natural History Society season got off to a flying start in September with not only an indoor meeting on Thursday 6 September but also an outdoor event on Sunday 9 September.

On the evening of Thursday 6 September Jim Cassels used the colourful images of his talk on 'Birds of Trinidad and Tobago', including the well-named Tufted Coquette humming bird, to get members to reflect on the environmental issues facing not only

these islands but our own Isle of Arran.

On the morning of Sunday 9 September there was a walk and bird ringing demonstration by Terry Southall at Auchenhew.

On the walk over 40 species of birds were seen.

Plus there were good lengthy views of otter, common and grey seals.

In addition a pod of dolphin was noted en route to the walk. Terry's ringing demonstration was first class.

He shared his experience and expertise in an interesting and entertaining way. Everyone learned a great deal more about bird migration and the birds that share Arran with us.

The next indoor meeting of the Arran Natural History Society will take place on Thursday 4 October starting at 8pm in the Ranger Centre in Brodick Country Park.

At that meeting Peter Lurz will talk about 'The Hidden World of Squirrels'.



Terry Southall about to release a ringed bird while Jackie Newman is in the background noting vital statistics like type of bird, age, sex and weight. b39nat03

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Rats!

Does Arran need the Pied Piper?

The environmental health department has had a spate of complaints in recent weeks about rats in Brodick and Lamlash.

Lots of people have reported seeing large numbers of the rodents and Bobby Kingstree was even asked to bring in his ferret but being pregnant she was unable to catch them.

Minister retires

The Reverend Douglas Fulton is to retire at the end of October.

Mr Fulton who has been a minister on the island for 34 years, is one of four Church of Scotland ministers.

Recently the church decided to reduce its ministers on Arran to three.

Silver lining

When Corrie Croft closed down one of the difficulties was the loss of three jobs.

But every cloud has a silver lining because one of the staff, Nigel Marshall, is now running the Arran Outdoor Education Resource and is very much enjoying his new role.

Hotel's fate

There is a lot of interest this week in the fate of the Rock Hotel in Blackwaterfoot, which was purchased recently by Douglas Thomson of Glasgow.

Mr Thomson's holiday house Brackenrigg is next door and in his own words: 'We bought the hotel because it was just becoming an annoyance to us.'

No more Scouts

Scoutmaster Norman Glew has resigned because he says some of the boys are by their

behaviour making it impossible to get on with any real scouting.

No answer

'Sorry, lines are busy. Please try later' was all telephone callers to Pirmill heard last Sunday afternoon and evening.

It happens occasionally on city lines but for every line to Pirmill to be engaged for so long seems unlikely.

When one caller contacted BT it transpired that a fault had been reported and they had switched on the message and forgotten about it.



Nigel Marshall is delighted with his new post at the Arran Outdoor Education Resource in Whiting Bay.

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One of the entries in the 1992 Arran Banner photo competition.

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There are concerns for the future of the Rock Hotel in Blackwaterfoot as it has been sold to a neighbour with complaints about the noise.

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Saturday 29th September

Army Cadets,
Over 21s Disco
Karate
Family Games
Arran Dancers (4yrs & up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Open rinks
Rink Game
Rink Game
Junior Badminton Club
"What on Earth is God Doing?"
Lamlash Bowling Club Closing Day

Auchrannie Road 11am – 1pm
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Arran High School, 10am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5pm-6pm
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 2pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16
Ormidale Pavilion 7.30pm
2pm

Sunday 30th September

Arran Connections – Concert for Strings
Alcoholics Anonymous
New Al-Anon Meeting
Family Games
Fun in the pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Live Music
Open Mic Session
Sunday folk Session
Pool AGM

Arran Community Theatre 7.30pm
Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 pm
Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 2pm-3pm
Ormidale, 8.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
Ormidale, 9pm
P.H.T. 2pm

Monday 1st October

Over 50s Badminton
Badminton
Weight Wise
Ladies Netball
Citizens Advice
Breathe Walk class
Table Tennis
Come Dance with me – LeRoc modern Jive
Arran junior Football
Quiz
Badminton
Lamlash Bridge Club
Rink Games
Rink Game
Outside Boot Camp
Boot Camp
Coffee morning
Volleyball Club
Arran junior football Club
Scottish Country Dancing for Begin. & Improv.

Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm – 5.30pm
High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm-7pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7.15pm for 7.30pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 6.30pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Whiting Bay church, 10.30-12noon
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm
Ormidale Park, 6pm – 7.30pm
Corrie & Sannox Village Hall 2pm

Tuesday 2nd October

Pop Quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth Club
Rotary Club
Melody Movement, Ballet Class 2 ½ yrs up
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class 2 ½ yrs up
Youth Club
Zumba Fitness Class
Weight Watchers
Rink Games
Junior Hockey Club 8yrs up
Guided Garden Walk
Country Dancing
Rowan Singers Rehearsals
Arran Music Society AGM

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

Wednesday 3rd October

Hockey
Tae Kwondo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Brass Rehearsal
Senior Badminton
Yogalates
AquaFizz
Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones
Kids Games
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Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
Arran high School – kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
Arran High School, 8-9pm
Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am
Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5-6pm
Brodict Church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm
10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
5.30pm, Auchrannie Spa Car Park
6pm Auchrannie Spa Car Park
Shiskine Tennis Club, 4.30-6pm
Brodict Bowling Club, 6.45pm
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
Lamlash Bowling Club 7pm
Lochranza, 7pm
Whiting Bay Park 6am
Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
W/Bay Hall, Beginners/Puppies 1-2pm. Intermediate 2.30-3.30pm
Tearoom, 7.30pm
Firestation 7.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall 10.15 – Noon
St. Margarets Church 7.30pm
Village Hall 7.30pm

Thursday 4th October

General Knowledge Quiz
Lochranza Craft Club
Youth Club
General knowledge Quiz
Zumba Fitness Club
Live Country/Folk music
Cricket Practice
Senior Tennis
Garden Walk
Bridge Drive
Brodict Embroidery Group
Brodict Bridge Club
Lunchbox

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Hall, 2pm
Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
Kinloch Bar, 9pm
Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
Sannox Oval, 6pm
Shiskine Tennis Club, 6pm
Brodict Castle 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7pm
Brodict Library 7.30 p.m. – 9.30pm
Brodict Golf Club, 7.15pm for 7.30pm
Ormidale Pavilion 12.30

Friday 5th October

Aqua Fizz
Yogalates
Arran Youth Foundations
Weight Watchers
Lochranza Kids Badminton
Lochranza Adults Badminton
Disco
Outside Boot Camp
Quiz

Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
Auchrannie Studio, 10am-11am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
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 23rd October at 7pm
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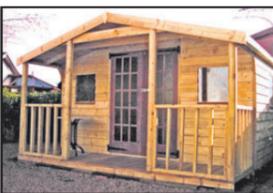
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Wednesday 3rd October
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME

ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

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Thursday 4th October
at 7.30 pm
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Sunday 30th September

Brodick Church, 10.30am,
Corrie Church, 12noon,
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Tercentenary and Re-Dedication of Lochranza Church
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Shiskine Church, 12noon.
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Everyone very welcome.



Four of the walkers outside Arran Active; Pauline Shields, Connie Ferguson, Alan Ferguson and Alan Shields with Labradoodle Alfie. b39hop01

Walk for Pakistan children's charity

Five intrepid parishioners of St Vincent de Paul's in East Kilbride took part in a sponsored walk up Glen Rosa for HOPE - HDWA (Human Development and Welfare Association) on Saturday 22 September.

Their goal was to raise awareness and funds for the building of a school in Paki-

stan. The route of their walk would take them into the heart of the Arran mountains; surrounding them would be Ben Nuis, Ben Tarrsuin, Cìr Mhòr and Goatfell.

George Ferguson, one of the five, said: 'You could say that such breathtaking scenery would keep our minds off the reason of the walk; however, there were some moments when we were slowed down by mud and peat bog so it was not an easy walk.'

'Just the day before the walk news was breaking that extremists in Pakistan were attacking the US Embassy and had set an Anglican church on fire. It is a great pity that when anyone talks of Pakistan it is these stories that make the headlines. HOPE - HDWA exists to help people in the Punjab region, particularly children, to have a good education.'

'Over 88 out of 450 children are being sponsored in this project, now there is a need for more children to be sponsored and a proper school to be built to help them and their families.'

You can give a donation on the following site <http://www.charitychoice.co.uk/fundraiser/george-ofs/my-events> which covered the Glen Rosa event or directly to the HOPE - HDWA website <http://hope-hdwa.co.uk>

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Services as follows
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 7pm (Church behind Post Office)
Service will be taken by Lachie McLeod
All Welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 30th September
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 3rd October
at 7pm
5 Glen Road.
All welcome

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, QUAKERS

Sunday 30th September
in 11 Glen Estate, Brodick at 11am
Enquiries to Jeny 302779.
All are welcome

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Jane Thomas and Tony Ward on their wedding at Kilbride Parish Church, Lamlash on Friday 28th September.

From their 5'O'Clock friends in Exelby



The players and friends in the Robinson's garden after the Thorburn bowls tournament.

Marian wins Thorburn Trophy

Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club held their end of season tournament, the Thorburn trophy, on Saturday 22 September.

The weather was kinder than it had been of late and the company enjoyed the matches very much taking advantage of the late September afternoon sun.

Although the tournament was keenly contested Marian Brambles was a very convincing winner, with Vic Iutz and John Robinson in second and third places.

A celebration was held afterwards, by kind invitation, at the home of Mr and Mrs John Robinson.

The photograph shows the players and friends in the garden. Although this 'end of season' tournament was played on Saturday, the club will continue to meet for another couple of weeks, weather permitting. Visitors are still welcome to join us.

Yacht club compete for John Thomson Quaich

The last race in Arran Yacht Club's cup series for 2012 took place in a moderate southerly breeze, with a disappointingly small fleet, only four boats, perhaps reflecting a disappointing season both in regard to participation and to weather.

The customary course took in the south and north channel markers at their respective ends of Lamash Bay, leaving

both to port, in an anti-clockwise circuit.

The Hunters, in their faster RS800, and 'ancient mariner' Angus Campbell got the best starts, and the order of the race was quickly established.

While the RS800 set up an ever-increasing lead on the water, the three conventional dinghies remained in a relatively close group.

The Kerr-Knox Albacore

edged in front in a frustrating fetch to King's Cross, but, in the subsequent reach across Holy Isle, was never able to establish a lead of more than a minute over Angus's GP14.

In a brisk and choppy beat back from Claulands, Malcolm then failed to seize the opportunity, and, showing consistency without brilliance, managed to cross the finishing line only half a

minute in front of Angus - not nearly enough to prevail on handicap.

Gus and Eric, in the second GP, clearly struggled throughout to get the best out of an unfamiliar boat.

The Hunters were reported to have capsized a couple of times, but, given the slickness of their capsize routine, this scarcely accounts for them letting two old-timers

through to take first and second places. Just not enough wind perhaps?

Thanks are due to Bill Barr for timing and rescue boat duty.

Corrected Times: 1 A Campbell/G Lewis (GP14) 1.03.20, 2 M Kerr/S Knox (Albacore) 1.06.50, 3 R and N Hunter (RS800) 1.07.19, 4 G MacLeod/E Borland (GP14) 1.12.15.

Summer Bridge

The results of the final Summer Bridge tournament of the year were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Helen Boyd, 2 Jean Barclay and Morag Gardner, 3 Roddie Thompson and Eendy McNiven.

E/W 1 Evelyn Sillars and Margaret McGill, 2 Margaret and Douglas Bruce, 3 Jennifer Wales and Linda Trickett.



Shiskine Golf Club

Sunday 23 September, 12 Hole Medal, 20 played. First class: 1 G Stewart 49-6=43, 2 J Dobson 51-7=44, 3 C Rae 53-7=46. Second class: 1 Q Oliver 58-12=46, 2 A Banatyne 64-13=51, 3 M Hesp 63-11=52. Best Scratch G Stewart 49.

Fixtures: Monday 1 October, Ladies Arran Challenge Starts. Saturday 6 October, Past Captains, tee-off 3.30pm.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Sunday 23 September, Ladies Captain Competition.

A beautiful day welcomed the Whiting Bay Ladies to play in a fun Stableford with a 'twist' over 15 holes.

With chocolates and Sparkling Rose to welcome players half way round, everyone had a lovely afternoon. In second place was Viv Parks with 25 points - but first with her shiny new handicap of 13 was Susan Butchard with 27 points!

Susan continues her impressive play following a summer of great golf, lets hope she keeps it up through the Autumn months - well done!

Special congratulations also goes to Gege Kroner who got a magic 2 on the 11th - again great stuff Gege! Thank you to all who came along.

Gents: Wednesday 19 September, 22 played in the final round of this year's Summer Trophy. Scoring was tricky

with the CSS rising 1 to 64.

The best six scores for each player counted towards their final score, and at the end it came down to the wire between Dave Hackett, Kevin Jackson and Nicol Auld, who played the final round together.

A good score from any of them could improve their score and win the trophy, which will be presented after the 12 hole competition, Indian Buffet and Race Night on Wednesday 17 October.

The result on the night was: 1 Jamie McKechnie (8) 61, 2 Kevin Jackson (9) 64, 3 Nicol Auld (2) 65 bih.

Nicol also had the only magic two and won scratch with 67.

The overall result of the Summer Trophy: 1 Kevin Jackson with a best 6 score of 8 under par, 2 Dave Hackett

on six under par, 3 Nicol Auld on five under par.

Sunday 23 September, 19 played in the gents Medal, CSS 63. 1 Brian Murray (9) 61 BIH, 2 Alan Foggo (4) 61, 3 Michel Augier (15) 62.

Brian Foggo won scratch with 65 and Brian Murray had the only magic two.

Fixtures: Sunday 30 September, Gents Medal.

Corrie Golf Club

Corrie Open 22/23 September. Saturday 22 September 29 played CSS 61, sweep 1 J Adams 66-7=59, 2 A Pattison 69-10=59 bih, 3 W Currie 73-14=59 bih over D Logan.

Best scratch J Adams 66. Magic twos D Logan, A Pattison, I Bremner, A Napier, A Smith and D K Henderson.

Sunday 23 September 29 played CSS 61, sweep 1

S Beardsley 62-5=57, 2 I Bremner 63-6=57, 3 P Bremner 64-5=59.

Best scratch S Beardsley 62. Magic twos J McGovern, P Bremner, J Adams, I Bremner, D Logan, A Napier, S Beardsley, D K Henderson 2.

Most threes over two days J Innes 17. Winner of Open trophy Ian Bremner. Thanks to all who sponsored holes.

Fixtures: Saturday 29 September Captain's Prize. Shotgun start at 1.30pm sharp, Stableford competition.

Monday 1 October Jerrypot and start of winter competition off yellow tees. Tee off 12.30pm.

Lamlash Golf Club

Friday 21 September, Seniors' open, CSS 61, 36 Points to Stableford. 1 Colin Ri-

chardson 41pts, 2 William O'Connor 37pts, 3 Alan Winship 37pts, 4 Allan Martin 36pts.

Best Scratch Ian Bremner 29pts. Saturday 22 September, Texas Scramble. 1 Alastair, Anne and Alex Ferrier and Iain Murchie 57-10.7=46.3, 2 Andy, Ken, Clair and Steven Barclay 61-9=52. Sunday 23 September, three club competition.

Juniors 1 Michael Macfarlane 94-20=74. Ladies 1 Sheena Murchie 79-14=65, 2 Jo Hastings 89-20=69 with a 2 at the 16th. Best Scratch Sheena Murchie 79. Men 1 Dougie Macfarlane 63-1=62, 2 Lee Girbow 67-3=64, Best Scratch D Macfarlane 63. Twos D Mcfarlane, L Girbow, G Handley, D Cameron.

Fixtures: Sunday 30 September, Captain's Match, 11am start.

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Arran fighting spirit is not quite enough against Oban

**Oban Lorne 32
 Isle of Arran 19**

An under strength Arran side travelled to Oban on Saturday with only 16 players, one of whom had a strapped up shoulder and a set of borrowed shoulder pads from his brother – no prizes for guessing who that was then!

A beautiful day and a first class pitch but that's where the good news ends.

The Oban forwards looked to average 20 stone a man with the backs built in proportion and they knew how to play rugby.

Jack Barbour had travelled down from Stirling and Addie (aged 51) had made yet another of his farewell appearances in an attempt to help us

out and our sincere thanks go to them. All, however, was to be in vain.

The Oban backs were so powerful that even when tackled they still made five yards. They scored two tries, one converted, in the first half against two penalties from Lachlan Jones. Half time 12-6 to Oban.

The first ten minutes of the second half were fairly even with Arran playing with their usual spirit but the next ten saw three tries to Oban.

Lachie scored with another two penalties and Gregor Adamson got an interception try – again converted by the Aussie.

Lachie also dropped a goal from a line out only to hear,

with the ball sailing through the posts, the referee blow, very late, for a line out infringement.

Thereafter, the game went more Arran's way as the big Oban forwards tired but we were tiring ourselves and never really looked like breaching the Oban line.

After the game, the Oban boys expressed their admiration for Lachie Jones who did not miss one kick at goal and whose kicking from hand was long and accurate.

To sum it all up, a much better team beat us on the day but with true Arran spirit, everyone is looking forward to the return on home soil.

Man of the match was Lachlan Jones.



Robbie Bayne displays some of that Arran fighting spirit against Oban on Saturday. 07_t39rugby4

Arran ladies netball club revived

Arran Ladies Netball Club fizzled out earlier this year but was missed by many particularly as a way of keeping fit over the winter.

The club is re-starting after the October break on Thursday nights from 7.30-8.30pm in the High School Sports Hall from October 25 onwards.

Beginners are especially invited to come along and try it out.

The cost is £2 per session and age range is roughly 16 to...66!

Netball gives you a great cardiovascular workout and sharpens mind and body co-ordination!

It suits all levels of fitness and has just a handful of rules that are quite easy to follow.

As an international sport netball is thriving and will be included in the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Glasgow is hosting the World Youth Netball Championships that will showcase the best under 21 players from 20 countries throughout the world.



Black belts for Emily and Debbie

Last Sunday 13-year-old Emily Divine of Blackwaterfoot became the youngest person on the island to become a First Dan Tae Kwon-do black belt.

Emily has been studying

Tae Kwon-do students First Dan Emily Divine and Third Dan Debbie McNally who graduated last Sunday in Arran High School.

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this Korean martial art for eight years.

At a session in the High School Debbie McNally also graduated as a Third Dan black belt.

The Tae Kwon-do club has been meeting weekly on Wednesday nights in the dance studio at Arran High School since June 2010 and membership has grown steadily to around 50 students.

Tae Kwon-do is interpreted as 'the way of the hand and foot' and main instructor John Divine described it as a popular and effective means of fitness and discipline.

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