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Two new single rooms for Arran War Memorial Hospital

'We are absolutely delighted that the donations received have allowed us to respond to this need'

REPORT

by HOWARD DRIVER
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Two new single rooms with en-suite accommodation are to be provided at Arran War Memorial Hospital.

The development has been made possible thanks to a very generous bequest of £175,000 from the estate of the late Miss Grizel R Hume, who died on 15 December 2008, and to the tremendous fundraising efforts of the Arran Hospice Charity.

Jean Hendry, Health Care Manager NHS Ayrshire & Arran, said: 'During recent consultation on future health service delivery on the island, the public regularly highlighted the need for additional single rooms at the hospital.'

'We are absolutely delighted that the generous donations we have received have allowed us to respond to this need.'

Grizel Hume wished money to be left to Arran War Memorial Hospital and her estate has donated the money to help provide and equip these two additional single rooms.

Senior charge nurse Ailsa Weir said: 'These rooms will be a great asset to the island; they can be used for palliative care, infection control, paediatrics or mental health patients. And there will also be a nurses' station with visual monitoring of both rooms.'

On Tuesday, committee members of the Hospital Supporters League (HSL) presented the hospital with a range of equipment, particularly for the new single rooms.

This equipment to the value of £12,000 was the latest in a long list of donations made by the charity over the years to enhance patient facilities at Arran's hospital. It included overnight chairs for relatives of patients, foam cot bumpers,



Ian Campbell of Brodick tries out one of the new overnight recliners watched by, from left, Sandra Hall, vice chair HSL, staff nurse Kim Marshall, senior charge nurse Ailsa Weir, Maurice Deighton, chair HSL, May McLelland HSL, and staff nurse Pearl Wright. 01_b40hsl01

drop-arm armchairs and three oximeters for taking mobile oxygen levels.

These had all been put on a wish-list by nurse Weir, and Sandra Hall, vice chair of HSL said: We were more than happy to oblige. It is right that the people of Arran know what their money is being spent on.'

Miss Hume's family, the Taylors, lived in Levencorroch, Kildonan, where her ancestors were strip farmers.

Miss Hume's cousin, Catherine Maclean, said: 'Grizel would have been delighted that her funds are being put to such good use to assist the islanders.'

An additional welcome sum

of £27,000 has been donated by Arran Hospice Charity.

The Directors of the Arran Hospice Charity said: 'We are grateful to the local NHS for working with us to achieve a facility which could be used for providing palliative care of inpatients on the island.'

'Although we have donated virtually all our funds to the

development we intend continuing to raise funds for specific additional specialist equipment identified by the hospital to further improve the care that can be given.'

The appointed contractor is expected to start on site mid-November, with work due to be completed by the end of March 2012.

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Dave's standing down from coastguard service

'I wish everybody on Arran the best for the future'

Well-known cheery face Dave Shaw is retiring from the coastguard service at the end of the month.

For the last 15 years Dave has been Sector Manager of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, based in Ardrossan.

As such, he has been responsible for the Arran Coastguard team based in Lamlash and visited the island on numerous occasions. Dave has overseen 84 volunteers in the Galloway sector, including the 14 in Arran's team.

Now he is taking on a two-days-a-week welfare job with the Fishermen's Mission, visiting former fishermen who need assistance.

On Monday he told The Banner: 'I have seen big changes on Arran, in particular the move from the old Lamlash fire station to first-rate new Coastguard station next to the Medical Centre.'

Major Incidents

'The Arran team has handled some major incidents and taken part in regular multi-agency exercises. During my time I have seen the number of incidents and callouts rise from 20 a year to almost 150 a year on the island.'

'Arran is a very busy station; the team handles heli-

copter medivacs as well as all coastal incidents. They are a fully qualified cliff rescue team.'

The Banner staff can testify to that, recalling being 'rescued' from the rocks at Dippen and hauled up the cliff face as volunteers in a cliff exercise in 1999.

Tribute

Arran Station Officer David McKinnon paid tribute to Dave Shaw's work on the island. He said: 'When Dave came he soon got us qualified again as a cliff team. We wish him all the best in retirement.'

Dave Shaw was keen to stress that he was not retiring because of the proposed closure of Greenock coastguard station.

But he warned: 'If Clyde closes, then everything could be taken to Belfast or Aberdeen. There will be the same quality of service, but in years to come a 999 call could be directed to Southampton then they would decide which station to alert.'

Dave added: 'I wish everyone on Arran all the best for the future.'

'You have very professional emergency services that work well together.'



Dave Shaw, centre, with Arran Station Officer David McKinnon, left, and Deputy Station Officer Billy Currie, right, and the Arran coastguard team at Dave's retirement night in Lamlash. b40coa01

Planning application for 56 new houses lodged with North Ayrshire council

A planning application for 56 new houses in Lamlash has been lodged with North Ayrshire Council.

The application is for 56 dwellings and the formation of new access, new road and 83 parking spaces in the field between Benlister Road and McKelvie Road sheltered housing.

An application for a combined clubhouse for Arran Yacht Club with storage and training facilities, changing room and showers is

pending consideration with North Ayrshire Council planning department.

The project would involve demolition of the old clubhouse.

Also pending consideration by NAC is an application for a detached two-bedroom house on a site to the east of Morven on Auchencairn road, and an application for a 20kw wind turbine, 27 metres high to the blade tip, at Corriecravie Muir House, Slidery.

Police files:

Alleged assault

A 45-year-old Stafford man was reported for alleged assault on a 20-year-old female in Whiting Bay on Friday 30 September. A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Bench theft

A wooden garden bench was stolen from the front garden of a Lamlash house between 17 and 19 September. Police are appealing for information.

Lost in mist

A couple with a dog called the emergency services when they became lost in mist on the Goat Fell path at 3pm on Monday 4 October. They were led to safety by members of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team.

Speeding at schools

Police report that there have been numerous instances of drivers exceeding the 20mph speed limit outside Whiting Bay Primary School. A programme of speed checks will be carried out at all Arran schools.

Lost camera

Lindsay MacPhee of Dumfries has contacted The Banner to ask for help.

Whilst on the island last weekend for a family celebration her husband Ian lost his camera.

She said: 'It is an Olympus SP350 and has lots of distinctive photos in the memory of industrial boilers!'

'The only two places it could possibly be are where we stopped at the Lagg Hotel or Whiting Bay. My husband thinks that he had given it to me to hold when we got into the car in Blackwaterfoot. Can you please help to find it, as it is an expensive camera and the photos on it are required for work.'

Anyone with information can contact Mrs MacPhee on 01387 248451.

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Spooky sounds going bump in the night at Brodick Castle

There are spooky goings-on at Brodick Castle.

The National Trust for Scotland's Brodick Castle is a property with a long history.

As Hallowe'en draws near, the conservation charity has unveiled stories of its ghosts.

Brodick Castle has had a dramatic past and over the years, and staff have reported a number of strange goings on, including sightings of a 'grey lady', a mysterious man sitting the library and a ghostly white deer.

On Hallowe'en weekend, staff and volunteers are inviting visitors to come along and explore the spookier side of Brodick Castle and its grounds with a night-time walk.

On Saturday 29 October at 7pm, visitors will be led on an evening adventure to see what goes bump in the night. Fancy dress is encouraged.

Booking is not required.

Little Shop of Horrors

Always eager and willing to tackle more modern musicals, Arran Music and Drama Club are again rising to the challenge after last year's successful production of 'Bad Girls - The Musical' by choosing the popular 'Little Shop of Horrors' for next year.

This is a rags to riches love story with a huge difference, helped by a strange plant from outer space, which like Topsy, just grows and grows, bigger and bigger, thanks to its unusual appetite!

Despite its title, this musical rocks along with catchy songs and is great fun to perform.

Rehearsals will start on Thursday 3 November in Brodick Hall at 7.30pm, with a December break, restarting after Lamlash's panto and the New Year's festivities are over.

New members are most welcome.



The Shiskine ladies in the pink for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. b40pink01

Shiskine ladies all in the pink

It was all pink at Shiskine golf course on Thursday 29 September in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

A wonderful turn out of 26 ladies played, in various shades of pink, 12 holes in Tri-Am format.

Fines of 50p were applied, such as being in a bunker, losing a ball, three-putting, any expletive, being pinkless, losing the Pink Ball £1, not on the green in one at 4th and 10th greens, and scores over 7 at the long 9th.

Players took it in turns to play with the pink ball and their stableford score was doubled.

They came in to a pink-ballooned tearoom to enjoy

Cava and cakes (wouldn't you know they were pink). Meringues and cakes were baked and donated by Margot Bannatyne and Elizabeth Kelso and Felicity.

Then Felicity and Shona served Cava and cakes and tea in the pink.

First in the competition were Carole Stewart, Steph Hill and Esther Henderson with an incredible score of 50 points, second Liz Kerr, Jenni Turnbull, Lesley Murray and Piet Johnston with 47 points, and third Pat Adamson, Margot Bannatyne, Jessie Hutton and Viv Parks with 44 points.

A total of £235.05 was raised with donations from Machrie Bay Golf Club of

£14 from their pink day, and £13.55 from Sally Brookes' sale of vegetables.

More funds are expected from the sale of Breakthrough Breast Cancer pins during The Arran Challenge.

Northend bus services to be disrupted

Bus services round the north of the island are set to experience some disruption.

Due to essential road works at the bridge in Glen Catacol from Wednesday 12 October the service from Brodick will terminate at Lochranza pier and the service from Blackwaterfoot will terminate at Fairhaven.

Work is expected to last for a few days.

A Stagecoach spokesman said: 'From Wednesday 12 October until the works are finished the road at Catacol will be closed between 9am and 4pm.'

'The 324 service from Brodick will therefore start and terminate at Lochranza using the normal timetable.'

'An additional 324 service will run between Blackwaterfoot and Glen Catacol with connections to the 322 String service for Brodick.'

Dave Ashcroft, proprietor of Catacol Bay Hotel, said: 'This will totally cut Catacol off; its ridiculous.'

'I have a member of staff who comes from Pirmill on the bus. How are they going to get to work? And we supply fresh rolls to the shops in Lochranza and Pirmill.'

Dave added that he thought the diversion signage put out by the council was misleading.

The carriageway resurfacing work between Ballarie Bridge and North Sannox is due to finish this weekend.

Thank you from Morna

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More national awards for Arran Cheese

Isle of Arran Cheddar has won a major accolade at the recent British Cheese Awards.

The local cheddar made at Torrylinn Creamery in Kilmory, picked up the Silver award in the Mature Cheddar, Export Class, and the Bronze award for the Extra Mature Cheddar, Export Class at the 2011 British Cheese Awards in Cardiff last Friday 23 September.

Creamery Manager Chris Wareham commented: 'This award means a great deal to our creamery team and local farmers, and is a reflection of the hard work and dedication that goes into producing Isle of Arran Cheddar.'

Celebrating

'It is something very much worth celebrating.'

Isle of Arran cheese has been made using traditional

methods at the Torrylinn Creamery for over 65 years since the creamery was officially opened by King George VI at the end of the Second World War.

Down the years it has picked up many national awards.

The traditional skills still used are part of the dedication and passion that go into making the cheddar.



Torrylinn Creamery at Kilmory, the home of award winning Arran cheese. b40che01



Gator and Liz Kerr with racehorse Serene Oasis, trainer Andy and Carole and Gordon Stewart at Ayr races. b40ayr01

A day at the races for Shiskine folk

Four young Shiskine folk had a day at the races recently.

Gordon Stewart and Gator Kerr successfully bid for a day out at Ayr races at a fundraiser for the new Shiskine Golf Clubhouse. So they took their wives, Liz and Carole, and had a grand day out.

Gordon explained that Golf Club member Colin Rutherford of Sliddery had donated the ownership of a racehorse called Serene Oasis owned by trainer Mike Channon for a day at Ayr.

He told The Banner: 'We had looked at the racing calendar and selected Friday 16 September as it was Ladies Day and we were treated royally,

including a superb lunch with wine in the Owner's suite and entry to the paddock.'

Winners' Enclosure

'As Serene Oasis came a close third we were admitted to the winners' enclosure

which is where the photo was taken. In the course of the afternoon we bumped into some other Arran gents who seemed to be having trouble standing given the very tricky conditions.'

Islanders urged to vote for Youth Foundations

Arran Youth Foundations are in with a chance to win a £6,000 grant, but they need the help of the island's people. The charity, currently fundraising for a purpose-built youth centre in Brodick, have entered an online Royal Bank of Scotland competition where the group in each area with the most votes stand to win the money.

As the only project from the island to enter, Youth Work Project Manager Graeme Johnston hopes they have a massive advantage - and he has valuable experience in drumming up votes! He said: 'Raising funds for the new building in the current climate has obviously been a lot of work but we are

finally getting somewhere. At this stage, £6,000 would be a fantastic help.

'I can't think of another project in the competition that has the sort of huge support we will have if the people of Arran rally behind us.'

Identical

'I actually entered myself in an identical competition last summer to win an all-expenses paid trip to the World Cup Final in South Africa... and won.

'So hopefully with the same tactic of endlessly nagging family and friends into voting, we can win this one too!' To register and then vote, go to <http://communityforce.rbs.co.uk/project/184> before 23 October.

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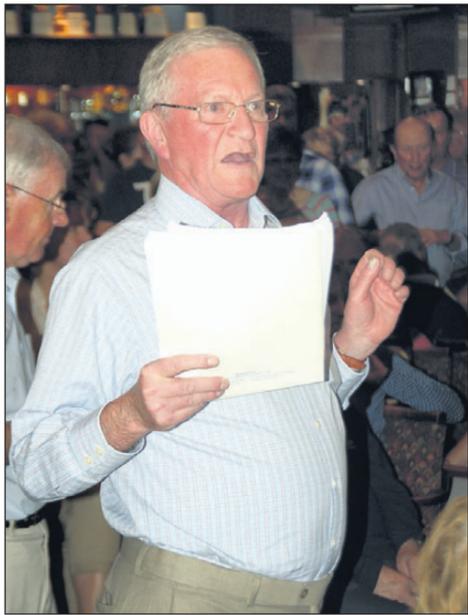
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Auctioneer Robbie Wilson controls the packed crowd in Brodick clubhouse.
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Robbie Wilson cajoling bids from all and sundry. 01_b40auc02



Iain and Linda Murchie won the afternoon golf tournament. 02_b40glf01

Brodick Bridge Club

Results for Thursday 29 September:
N/S 1 Trisha Martin and Douglas Hamilton +2890, 2 Helen Boyd and Liz Paul +1280, 3 Jean Barclay and Morag Gardner +1180.
E/W 1 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan +20, 2 Jean Murchie and Brenda Livingstone -220, 3 Evelyn Sillars and Linda Trickett -610.

Lamlash Bridge Club

Results for Monday 3 October:
N/S 1 Helen Boyd and Jean Murchie +2200, 2 R Thompson and P Thompson +1680, 3 J McBride and J Wales +1500.
E/W 1 A Bilsland and T Martin +2430, 2 E McNiven and L Trickett +80, 3 M Gardner and B Livingstone -1380.

Lifeboat quiz 2011 winners

The winners of the RNLI Quiz 2011 were Bert Macneill of Cardross and Christine Butler of Cambridge.
£10 gift tokens have been sent to both.
The correct answers will be displayed in the RNLI shop, Lamlash Pier when it reopens for business on Saturday mornings before Christmas.

Auction raises over £22,000 for Isla's fund

'Robbie Wilson was the star of the show'

The auction to help Isla Duncan travel to America for life-saving cancer treatment raised an amazing £22,000 at Brodick Golf Club last Saturday night.

And the money is still rolling in. The clubhouse was packed after 120 players had taken part in a very soggy charity golf match on a rainy afternoon.

Two-year-old Isla is the daughter of Kerr Duncan, formerly of Brodick, and granddaughter of Robbie and Elaine. She suffers from Embryonic Rhabdomyoma Sarcoma and the only treatment that may work is available in America.

The NHS will pay for this Proton Therapy for eight weeks, but money raised at the auction will help towards the costs of Isla's parents and baby brother travelling to the USA with her.

Any money left will be gifted to cancer research and CLIC Sergeant children's cancer charity.

Robbie and Elaine said: 'We send our sincere thanks to all who supported, donated, golfed in the rain, bid and attended the 'Auction for Isla'.

'Our auctioneer Robbie Wilson was the star of the show. He certainly has not lost the gift of the gab. He kept the crowd of around 250 well under control with humour, while managing to get them to part with over £22,000 for Isla.

'A really special thanks to Chris and Jan Attkins for the fantastic website and grateful thanks also to Glen Sloss who swam for Isla in a national competition and raised £505.

'Trish Spence and her girls did a wonderful job with the buffet and food suppliers from the island and beyond made no charge.'

As well as a silent auction, Robbie Wilson gave a bravura performance and has not lost any of his touch from the days in the box at the Market Road livestock sales.

Some of the items donated

were four nights for two people in The Merchant House, Estonia which was sold for £1,000, a three-ball at Loch Lomond Golf Course for £800, a freezer-ready Arran lamb for £240 and a signed Manchester United strip for £300.

Winners of the golf tournament were Iain and Linda Murchie who received a four-ball at Dalmahoy Golf Club.

And the booby prize winners for a 12 at the par five fifth were renowned young golfers Jamie and Ross Duncan.



Jamie and Ross Duncan, winners of the golf booby prize presented by Ailie Duncan. 01_b40auc03

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CalMac beat 13 other ferry operators to win the award which is voted for by readers who are asked to identify companies who 'made their holidays' through good service.

CalMac Managing Director Phil Preston said: 'We are absolutely thrilled to have received this award for a second time.'

'It is particularly pleasing because we do not put ourselves forward for this. It is therefore from customers who have had such a positive and memorable experience that they wished us to be recognised in this way.'

'Above all it is, of course, a terrific affirmation of the work our staff do every day to give customers the best service they can.'

'I am sure they will be delighted to know they are appreciated by the people who are most important to us - the customers.'



The proposed MUGA tennis courts for Sandbraes Park. b40ten01

New sports facility for Whiting Bay

Whiting Bay Hall Committee who are responsible for the managing of the playing field at Sandbraes have started preliminary inquiries into the possibility of putting a MUGA at the park.

They apologise for the technical acronym, but a Multi Use Games Amenity (MUGA) is the accepted description of an all-weather facility.

The committee intends to hold a public meeting to assess the feelings of the villagers, but to make a start they

would be grateful for any comments with regard to the facility, and particularly any ideas for its use.

Obvious choices are tennis, mini tennis, cricket training, junior football and basketball, however, the more they can apply the 'multi' aspect of the MUGA, the more likely some financial assistance will be available.

Comments can be emailed to info@whitingbayhall.co.uk or if you prefer to jot down your ideas you can

hand in a written comment to Whiting Bay Post Office.

During the Fun Week a group of youngsters who are regular visitors raised over £70 for the project with a baking and knick-knack sale (if only the grant-giving bureaucrats were as efficient) so a big thank you goes to Holly, Millie, Caitlin, Jamie, Arran, Cailin, Brodie and Torrin.

While in 'thanks' mode, the committee want to say how helpful County Carpets have been in lending vans and la-

bour on a regular basis; not always easy when they are so busy selling and laying their remarkably inexpensive flooring.

If anyone on the island has expertise on all weather surfaces, the committee would like to hear from them.

Apparently 'Homestyle' Jake was at one time involved in this trade, but going by Jake's age, we feel that things may have moved on from a thatched surface constructed from knitted straw. MH

Ross takes on seven marathons in seven days

Seven marathons in seven days - that is what 24-year-old Ross Dickie is taking on from this Sunday.

Ross's grandparents, Tom and Morag Hutchison of Brodick, are really proud of him and anxious to do everything possible to help raise a massive sum for the very worthy cause of Cystic Fibrosis research.

Ross said: 'A good friend of mine has Cystic Fibrosis, a disease which affects the internal organs, especially the lungs and digestive system. In order to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Trust I have decided to run from Aberdeen to my hometown of Lochgilphead. The distance is 187 miles, which will be completed in seven days.'

'The run will start on Sunday 9 October and end on Saturday 15 October. I aim to raise as much money as possible so valuable research can be performed.'

Donations can be made online at www.justgiving.com/longrunhome or to Tom Hutchison, Rowanlea, Brodick. Cheques should be made to Cystic Fibrosis Trust.



The four amigos on holiday in Lamlash; do you know them? b40who01

Where are they now? Do you know?

Banner reader Ian Banks of Cardross wonders if anyone can cast some light on the whereabouts of the four characters in this photograph.

He said: 'Would The Banner be interested in a Where Are They Now photo from 50 years ago, give or take a year?'

'From left, the folk are Cath Coull, Bob Cowan, Pat Mullane and Bert MacNeill.'

'They were all regular visitors to Lamlash and Cordon in the late 1950s early 1960s. The girls were from the south side of Glasgow, maybe Merrylee, and Bob and Bert were from the east of the city.'

Ian took the photo and said that he always stayed at Harport with Mary McKechnie who was a cousin of his uncle by marriage.

He added: 'She fed me but I used to get put out at night to either George Grieve next door or to Miss MacLean at Gorton Jockie. The last I heard, Bob was some kind of electronics guru in East Kilbride and Bert was in the Civil Service in Coatbridge; no idea about the girls.'

'I myself have reached my alleged Biblical maximum and would love to catch up on the days of Auld Lang Syne.'

'Would any of your readers be able to lighten my darkness?'

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Mystery of air crash memorial put to rest

In last week's Banner, Professor Bob Osborne was asking for any information about a memorial at Corrie Cravie to two young airmen killed when their plane crashed at sea in 1944 just a few hundred yards off the shore. The plane had been towing a drogue or target for gunners' practice when suddenly it plunged into the sea. Last Friday morning we received a phone call from Banner subscriber Jim Buie of Stretford, Manchester casting some light on the mystery.

He said: 'According to official records the aircraft was a Martinet, serial number M5757. By a remarkable stroke of fate, exactly a month later, another Martinet of the same squadron with the next serial number M5756, also towing a drogue, crashed at virtually the same spot killing both young crew.' Mr Buie pointed out that he had written to the Banner 14 years ago about this memorial, just two weeks after it had been erected by Nancy Har-

ris, the sister of the 19-year-old pilot, James Crowe. Nancy Harris and her husband Alastair were responsible for putting in place this simple memorial in November 1997, 53 years after the fatal crash off Corrie Cravie. The couple lived in Harrogate and for years knew nothing of the circumstances of the airmen's deaths, just that they had been based at Machrihanish. After coming to Arran and meeting with James Brown

of Corrie Cravie House and Betty Craig of The Corries they built up a picture of the tragic incident, just off the Iron Rock Ledges.

Mr Buie told The Banner: 'After they had dedicated the memorial, they went down to the shore and Mrs Harris cast a bunch of flowers into the waters. As it drifted towards the marker buoy, a seal surfaced and swam around. Legend has it that those lost at sea are sometimes immortalised as seals.'



Nancy and Alastair Harris looking out to the crash site at sea in 1997, at the memorial that they erected to Nancy's brother and co-pilot. b40pla01



The members of the Scottish Hawking Club at Clauchlands last weekend with Iain Struthers, centre rear, and Andrew Knowles-Brown on the right with his African Crowned Eagle. b40hawk01

Hawkers flying their birds on Arran

Members of the Scottish Hawking Club made their annual visit to the island last weekend.

This was the ninth year that they have brought their magnificent birds of prey to Arran and they were looked after by local 'hawkers' Murray Boal and Iain Struthers.

Iain said: 'Murray and I would like to thank the Arran farmers who make the annual visit of the Scottish

Hawking Club possible.

'Birds this year included Peregrine, Hybrid Gyrfal-

con, Goshawk, Harris Hawk and Isis, who is an African Crowned Eagle.'

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Corrie Film Club

Film of the Month
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Archipelago is a sharply observed and often comical exposure of a middle class family at breaking point.

With her son Edward about to embark on a volunteer trip to Africa, his mother gathers the family together for a farewell in their holiday home on the idyllic island of Tresco in the Scilly Isles. However, it is not long before deep fractures within the family begin to surface.

See this film in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Sunday 9 October at 8pm. All welcome.

Members and new members please note that subscriptions are now due for the 2011/2012 season (£15). Non-members welcome - admission by small donation. Bring a bottle to share if you wish.

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Coughs and sneezes spread diseases

That was the mantra of a successful advertising campaign by the NHS in the 1970s encouraging everyone to cover up their face when coughing or sneezing to prevent the transmission of viruses.

As we roll into October, the season for coughs, colds and influenza is upon us.

My dear late mother used to recount a quaint tale from her school years of a classmate returning to school after absence through sickness. The teacher asked: 'Well Florence. I hear you have had influenza.'

'No Miss,' replied young Florence. 'It was the flu.'

Some folk sail on through a cold, but others succumb to more serious symptoms and suffer considerable discomfort. But what of the remedies? After centuries of research, no-one has yet found a cure for the common cold.

The Victorian housewife's guru, Mrs Isabella Beeton, advised a hot toddy cold treatment with linseed, raisins, liquorice and rum and declared it to be infallible if taken in time. In ancient Rome, surgeons hailed chicken soup as an excellent medication for the cold. It probably still is.

But even the Common Cold Unit in Wiltshire could come up with no answers despite 40 years of research. By the time the unit was disbanded in 1989, it had become a popular 'holiday' for volunteers who could stay there free for 10 days as human guinea pigs to catch a cold.

The general advice given by the medical profession nowadays is to rest, drink lots of fluid, and take moderate doses of painkiller and decongestant.

But don't forget, if you qualify for a flu jab this winter, make an appointment with your local medical centre before its too late.

To quote my dear late mother again: 'You can tell a man's breeding by the shine on his shoes'.

Probably very true in her day, but with the proliferation of trainers, rigger boots and casual shoes it may not apply quite so much today. But did you know that shoe polish is listed as a hazardous substance?

Today I was buying some messages in a local shop and there happened to be a tin of blossom of the cherry variety, dark tan shade, in my basket.

The bar code alerted a message to the check-out girl.

Remarkably, it required proof of age, so the assistant glanced at me, made a quick calculation, and fortunately I appeared to be old enough to buy shoe polish. But I made a mental note to wear protective clothing when next shining my shoes.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)

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Letters to the Editor



Highland Toffee in USA

Sir,
My heart sank when I read in your editorial of the demise of McCowan's Highland Toffee bars.

There will be many disappointed little ghouls and goblins in one area of the mountains of Western Maryland on Halloween next year.

Luckily for them, I received my annual shipment of four dozen McCowan's Highland Toffee bars just last week in preparation for this Halloween.

Oh dear, it looks as if it will be Tricks for me when I can no longer provide these special Treats for them. Yours,

**Kathleen DeSelms
Deer Park
Maryland
USA**

No fear of spiders

Sir,
It was a very interesting article on spiders in The Banner from Jo Totty.

I myself at one time was terrified of these creatures and have to admit that I killed a few.

Until one day I mentioned this to my son; what a lecture I got!

Anyway, I no longer fear them and in all honesty there are worse things crawling about than spiders.

Yours,
**Mrs Mary Andrew
7 Fen Place
Whiting Bay**

Bank incident

Sir,
I would just like to thank our customers for their patience on Monday morning when I had to close the branch (Royal Bank of Scotland) for a few hours due to a wee accident.

I had no alternative but to close and did all I could to ensure the branch opened as quickly as possible.

Word soon spread and I don't want anyone thinking its going to be a regular occurrence, as its not; providing of course, I keep my fingers away from doors!

My fabulous colleague, Laura, was great, taking me

through to the hospital and home afterwards.

Thanks again.

Yours,

**Karen Ward
RBS Branch Manager**

Arran Safe Road-Sharing Initiative

Sir,
Arran roads are *different*.

This was the consensus of those who attended the open meetings to discuss how to reduce cycle and other accidents on Arran.

The combination of defective surfaces, steep hills, tight bends, adverse cambers, encroaching vegetation, restricted sightlines, and narrow carriageways make for unique challenges for Arran road users.

If drivers and cyclists visiting Arran are made aware of these differences- and are encouraged via an Arran-specific Road Share Guide to modify their driving and cycling styles - less traffic accidents should result.

As part of the *Arran Road Share Initiative*, plans are in motion to: erect safety information boards at Ardrossan and Claonaig; place safety leaflets on ferries; at bike hire establishments and accommodation premises; establish an Arran-specific road safety website, and offer vinyls for the rear of local commercial vehicles.

As all of this costs money, we hope that the community will support the initiative by attending the following fund-raising events.

On Sunday, October 23, at 9am, at Cladach Mountain Rescue Base, the World Rugby Cup Final will be viewed on the large screen TV, followed by climbing Goat Fell (participants can do either or both for a donation).

Bacon butties at half-time and refreshments after the walk will be included. At 7.30 pm on Saturday November 11 at the same venue we are hosting a cocktail and canapes evening with entertainment.

For further information on both events contact us on neil.gillies@nhs.net or shirleyanderson@nhs.net

Reducing accidents on Arran is in everyone's interest - if any island group or individual can assist with raising funds for the project or would like to make a donation, this would be appreciated.

There are two fund-raising events arranged next year for those seeking a sporting challenge - an organised round Arran cycle, and a Land's End to John O'Groats relay cycle ride, both happening next spring - get in touch if interested.

Yours,
**Shirley Anderson
Neil Gillies
Lamlash Ambulance
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Concerted effort for fuel duty discount

Sir,
I refer to Mr. Bruce's letter.

I don't have the benefit of Mr Bruce's research findings to hand but I can add that, as well as Kenneth Gibson's continued and welcome support for this cause and many other matters besides, there was a concerted effort to have the Clyde islands included within the proposed fuel duty discount scheme, one which I'm glad to say has been acknowledged.

At my instigation and following a motion to council, the Chief Executive of NAC, Elma Murray, wrote to the Prime Minister on March 4, 2011 expressing concern about the cost of fuel on Arran and the omission of Arran within the proposed scheme.

A reply from HM Treasury on April 4 confirmed that the derogation request had been submitted to the European Commission (EC) and that the islands in the Clyde would be part of the scheme.

On February 28 I wrote to the Secretary of State for Scotland, Michael Moore MP, on the same terms and received a similar response on March 14. Katy Clark MP responded on May 31 to my letter to her as our constituency MP, again in the similar terms.

The affirmation of the scheme is still awaited from the EC. In the meantime there has been correspondence with

the UK Treasury on how the scheme, if approved, should be administered because the initial Treasury proposal was rejected by the fuel retailers as being unmanageable.

Through SPT and NAC the Arran retailers have had the opportunity to express their concerns and suggestions to the Treasury and Arran views appear to concur with those in other islands. A new delivery scheme is now being examined.

As Neil Arthur said in a previous Banner the discount if and when it comes will indeed be 'modest' but a little is better than nothing and is never achieved without a great deal of effort from all involved, including Kenneth whose support on any Arran matter can always be relied upon.

Yours,
**Margie Currie
Eastlands
Shiskine**

Arran Junior Football Club

Sir,
Ian McLaren, founder member and coach of the club for the past 11 years is leaving the island.

On behalf of the boys and girls, past and present, I would like to thank him sincerely for his hard work and dedication, and wish him well in the future.

Yours,
**Brian Smith
Chairman**

Can't have cake and eat it too!

Sir,
Your recent editorial criticising the Community Council topics is both unjustified and imbalanced and is contradictory to your previous editorial which was also disapproving when we pushed for improvements in the transparency of ferry matters.

You can't have your cake and eat it too! We either get involved or not.

You describe our role clearly and also mention that the local authority has a duty to consult on how services are delivered.

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Technology for new Straight Talking

North Ayrshire Council will take a modern approach to consulting with members of the local community when it launches its second series of Straight Talking consultation events later this year.

The first phase of sessions included a public consultation in Brodick Hall in October last year attended by 56 local residents representing 32 island community groups. The purpose was to find the best ways of absorbing future council budget cuts while maintaining lifeline services on the island.

The Council is taking a new

approach to Straight Talking, utilising technology in a bid to gather feedback from a more diverse range of North Ayrshire's communities.

Following on from the success of the first ever Straight Talking sessions in 2010, the Council is hosting a series of live online discussions to complement two face-to-face Straight Talking sessions to be held in November.

Letters were this week issued to hundreds of North Ayrshire groups and organisations who act on behalf of their communities asking them to participate in one of two face-to-face events or live online forums.

Feedback

Representatives will be asked for feedback and ideas on the Council's four core priorities - regenerating our communities and increasing employment; protecting vulnerable people; operating more efficiently and effectively; and improving educational attainment.

Chief Executive of North Ayrshire Council, Elma Murray, explained: 'Like most organisations across the public sector, North Ayrshire Council has some tough financial challenges ahead. It is important that we work closely with the communities we serve during these difficult times.'

'Last year's Straight Talking sessions provided a huge amount of very useful feedback and ideas which helped

inform the budget setting process.

'This year, we aim to build on that success and are seeking new ways to engage with members of the public.'

'We hope that the combination of modern technology and traditional face-to-face engagement will help us to gather feedback and ideas

from an even wider cross section of North Ayrshire communities.'

This year, consultations will be held at the beginning of November and feedback will again be collated into an independent report which will help inform the Council's three-year budget planning process.



Glen Sloss with a couple of team-mates from Ren96, the swim team he competes for on the mainland, after the Great Scottish Swim last Saturday. b40swm01

Swimming for Isla's Fund

Glen Sloss of Sannox undertook two open water sponsored swims to raise money for Isla's Fund. After the recent Lam-lash Splash, he went to Glasgow last Saturday for a second event.

Glen said: 'On Saturday 24 September I took part in the second of my sponsored swims, the Great Scottish Swim at Strathclyde Park.'

'I completed the swim in 25 minutes and 32 seconds. Overall I came 71st out of over 1,000 swimmers of all abilities from ex-Olympic swimmers to first time open water swimmers.'

'I'd like to thank everyone who donated to help raise £505 towards Isla's Fund.'

Letters to the Editor

It is also incumbent on the community to raise issues of concern.

We use various methods to ensure that items discussed have relevance to the community.

They may not be the first choice for everyone but, unlike your publication, we do not have the editorial privilege to pick and choose the topics. We do try to represent the full cross section of island interests.

The meetings are open to the public and what is discussed is a result of either direct or indirect contact with the community to reflect the key issues.

This month topics covered roads, RET, housing and request for re-instatement of the winter discount tickets which Cal-Mac have withdrawn this

year, our support for a road safety initiative, concession ticket misuse, cemetery space developments, the status of the replacement footbridge in Pirnmill, the NAC response to our requests for improved consultation procedures including the appointment of a focussed representative for Arran, and the open positions for Whiting Bay and Shiskine representatives.

Not an insignificant range of topics. The green re-cycling discussion you highlighted only took a few minutes of the agenda and obviously mattered to a certain section of residents.

Perhaps the problem lies more at the feet of the people who are happy to criticise but unwilling to get involved and push for change.

If you or any other member

of the community have any suggestions for new topics which you feel should be addressed please use the established procedures and let us know rather than revert to using your position to voice what is perhaps a personal view of items of interest.

Our website encourages contributions from all sections of the community at:

<http://www.arrancommunitycouncil.org.uk/contact/html>

Our AGM will be held shortly and perhaps then we will get a broader reflection of what the community wishes.

Yours,
Arran Community Council

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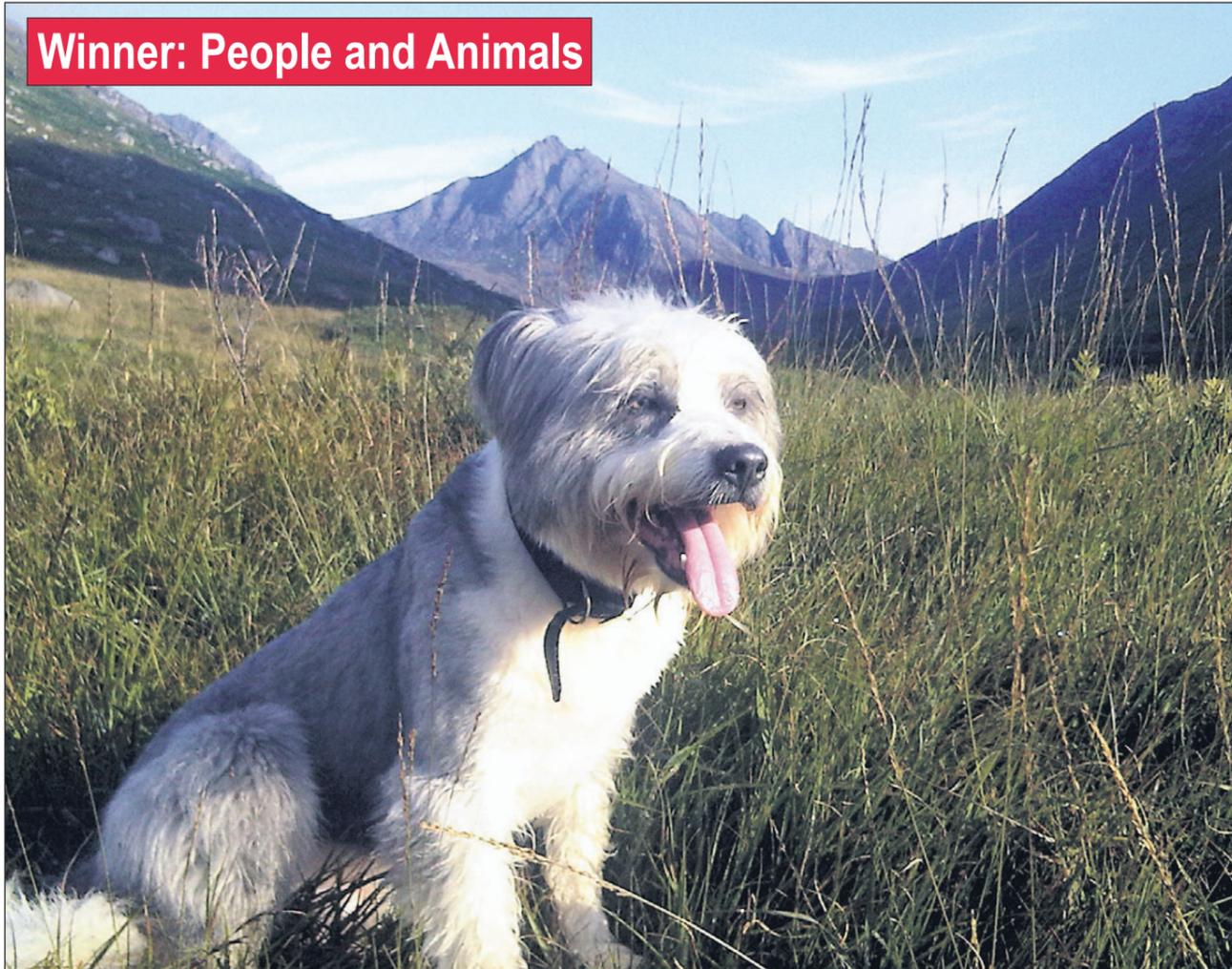
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Winners of the 2011 Banner

Winner: People and Animals



'Jimbo' Ian Small, Brodick.

More than 500 entries narrowed down to the last four

The 2011 Arran Banner photo competition is over.

We have carefully sorted through more than 500 entries and narrowed them down, in some cases with great debate, to the four final winners.

Every single picture that we received this year has come from enthusiastic amateur photographers both from the island and all over Britain.

It is never an easy task to narrow it down to four winners but after finally creating a shortlist we have the winners and runners up in the two categories – people and animals, and views.

The winners in both categories this year will once again receive a super hamper of island goodies kindly supplied by the Isle of Arran Cheese Shop at Home Farm in Brodick. The runners-up will each receive a 12-month subscription to our sister publication, Scottish Field.

First in the views section is an eye-catching shot of Lamlash Bay taken from a low angle on a beautiful summer day.

The photographer Jane Brown of Linlithgow has captured one of the island's most iconic views that our judges

felt represented Arran at its best in the summertime.

The runner-up this year is also a photo of Lamlash by Sophie Gwilliam that our judges felt had a special atmospheric feel. The sun shimmering on the water and a seal at rest could make this a calendar picture.

Winner in the people and animals section is this charming shot of Ian Small's dog, Jimbo, in Glen Rosa.

The judges loved the look of the dog and felt it was almost like a painted portrait, simple but perfectly framed. It even has a feel of Sir Edwin Henry Landseer, the 19th century English painter famous for his animal portraits.

The runner-up was Alastair McDonald's unusual shot of Trixie's well-known white horse going shopping in Whiting Bay.

Here at The Banner we are big fans of anything quirky!

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Runner-up: People and Animals

'And a sack of oats, please, Barry' Alistair Macdonald, Kilmory. b40pic01no

photo competition revealed

Winner: Views



'Summer in Lamlash' Jane Brown, Linlithgow.



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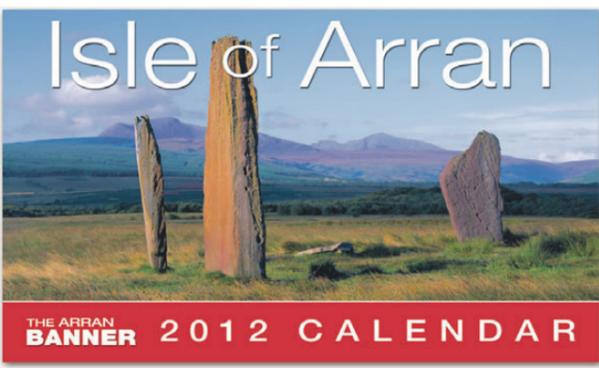


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Runner-up: Views

'Lamlash seal' Sophie Gwilliam, Whiting Bay.



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Challenges for the Arran Team

We have now completed a full year and have just gone through a successful second summer season. There have been several challenges to overcome; from learning who our customers are, what people's expectations are and one of the biggest of all was getting to know our properties inside and out and how everything operated in them. We had a busy winter working through all of these along with organising and streamlining our processes and fixing a lot of common problems that kept arising throughout the season. We have seen the results of it over this current season where guest's feedback is concerned as there has been an increase in positive feedback and a decrease in complaints. A lot of this has been down to simple but very effective fixes.

We have had support from Business Gateway from the initial start-up process through to attending several networking and business related events. They helped us in accessing funds via the

Enterprise Growth programme for marketing and website redevelopment. The mentoring programme has also been a good support as this helped us understand our costs better, introduce additional packages for our customers and become more efficient.

Our next step is to focus on the maintenance side of the business and expand our services to beyond our current portfolio of clients. We can offer maintenance to all other self-catering businesses along with B&B's, guest houses and local residents.

For our full range of services please visit www.thearranteam.co.uk or call 01770 303 113 for any property requirements you may have.



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Remember

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Ayrshire Chamber on Arran

Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce is a membership based organisation that represents the business community across the whole of Ayrshire.

As an Ayrshire Chamber member you can receive free chamber legal services including legal cover and 24/7 legal advice line, free Chamber HR services, including professional HR documents and helpline. The Chamber also runs a number of events and networking opportunities throughout the year.

Arran is seen as a special area by the Chamber, and the Arran services are co-ordinated by LisbethKirsop. You can reach Lisbeth at the details below.
01770 600844
lamlashbayhotel@aol.co.uk

Qualified? What Next?

My name is Jayne Faulkner and in July I graduated with 'merit' from my Advanced Certificate in Veterinary Physiotherapy course through the Canine and Equine Physiotherapy Training (CEPT) Group. This has provided me with the qualifications to now practice as a veterinary physiotherapist and allowed me set up my own business: Jayne Faulkner, Canine & Equine Physiotherapy.



With my skills I can help treat a wide variety of problems by providing pain relief, encouraging bone, nerve and soft tissue repair, rehabilitating animals after surgery and old or new injuries as well as helping prevent injury and maximising an animal's athletic performance. The methods I use include manual therapies, therapeutic exercises and electrotherapies and have all been tried and are trusted in the veterinary field.

My main challenge is becoming established and building a customer database on Arran and across other areas of Scotland to enable me to earn a livelihood now and in the future.

Being a new business nowadays is not just a matter of putting a sign up and hoping that the customers come, you have to work hard and become an

expert in marketing your strengths, unique selling points and your product. Having had no prior experience or knowledge about setting up a self-employed business, I have been able to seek invaluable advice from Business Gateway. They provided me with the knowledge and support I required to create my business plan and develop a marketing strategy. We are now looking at new ways to inform people about what I can do for their animals and putting my marketing training to good use.

If you wish to discuss any problem with your animal please give me a phone or to find out more about what I could do to help please visit my website.

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Links in a chain: starting a jewellery business

After graduating from Glasgow school of Art with a BA hon degree in jewellery and silversmithing in 2009 proceeded with a years residency in Dundee, I have now set up studio on Arran as a self-employed jeweller. I wouldn't have imagined making jewellery from here but I feel that I have proven to myself that I can make it work even from an Island. Normally graduates seek employment in London or continue making in a buzzing workshop with other creatives to bounce ideas from as I thought I would do. The solitude isn't easy and at times I feel I am at a loose end but with technology the way it is isn't long before I can contact a peer and compare notes.

With the help of business gateway I am learning every aspect of running my business, which is always daunting – especially for a creative individual, but it's made me realize how well I can multitask. To make it work you need to be a designer, maker, marketer, accountant and sales person all rolled into one. I have proven you don't need an expen-



sive city studio or to follow the trend of new graduates. This year alone I have exhibited in the famous Saatchi gallery for Collect 2011 representing Craft Scotland, featured in Vogue magazine, and will be exhibiting in Amsterdam in November. Not bad coming from a wee studio in Corrie!

For more pictures and info please take a look at my website:
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07810007678

In-form Vic captures the Thorburn Trophy

The final competition of the bowling season at Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club for the Thorburn Trophy was played on Saturday 24 September.

The weather was kind and the after a fiercely competitive match the trophy was won by Vic Iutz.

Vic managed to win 10 of his 15 ends and was a clear winner from Derek Jarvill in

second place and Peter Harper in third. Vic has been in excellent form in the latter part of the season and the win was well deserved.

Invitation

After the game the members and friends gathered at the Old House, Shiskine for an end of season get together by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs John Robinson.



The Blackwaterfoot bowlers celebrate Vic Iutz winning the Thorburn Trophy.

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The photograph shows Vic, with glass in hand, and the other club members enjoying

the evening sunshine.

Although this was the final competition of the season, the

members intend to play for another week or so depending on the weather.

Save the Children bag pack

The bag pack at Brodick Co-op on Friday 23 September organised by the Arran branch of Save the Children UK raised £662.09. Thanks go to all collectors.

These donations to Born to Shine to help children overseas will be matched pound for pound by the UK government so it can reach many more children.

Corrie and Sannox SWRI

The next meeting of Corrie and Sannox SWRI will be held on Thursday October 7 at 7 pm, when Janis Heaney will be talking to us about Riding for the Disabled.

The competition will be for any horse related item.

New members will be welcome.

Lochranza and Cattacol village hall 200 club

The winners of the September draw of Lochranza and Cattacol village hall 200 Club were: 1st prize Eathen Story Joyce, 2nd prize Sue Buster.

Arran news from the archives of The Oban Times



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

An Comunn Gaidhealach

The Lochranza Branch - November 1914

In order to obtain money to supply lady workers in the district with wool for the purpose of knitting garments for the soldiers and sailors on active service, a concert was held at Lochranza, Arran, on Friday evening, 30th ult.

The entertainment was given under the auspices of the local branch of An Comunn.

Mr Archibald Macalister, schoolmaster, presided, and gave an interesting address.

The Lochranza Gaelic Choir, under the able direction of Mr Malcolm Steen, opened the proceedings by singing the rallying song, 'Suas leis a Ghaidhlig'.

Solos were also sung by individual members of the choir, and the pianoforte accompaniments were played by Miss Peggie Macmillan. Mr Neil Shaw, the general secretary of An Comunn was present, and in addition to delivering an address, took part in the musical part of the programme, contributing four songs.

With the addition of donations, a total sum of £13 15s has been secured for the worthy object in view.

Arran wedding in Vancouver - June 1923

A wedding of interest to many Arran people recently took place at Vancouver, BC when Miss Grace Wallace Watson, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Watson, late of Glencloy, Brodick, was married to Captain John Macmillan, of Corrie, Arran.

The ceremony was performed by Dr A E Mitchell, of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Captain Macmillan, who has been in the Pacific service for some years, is leaving the sea, having received an important appointment in Vancouver.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning in Corrie

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning held in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall on Friday 30 September was a great success.

The warm sunny weather certainly brought out the crowds and the event was so busy that extra tables had to be commandeered. The senior pupils from Corrie Pri-

mary School were rushed off their feet making sure that everyone was catered for. An amazing total of £387 was raised.

All monies raised do so much to ease the lives of people who are affected by cancer in so many ways. Macmillan Cancer Support would like to acknowledge

the contributions of everyone who helped make this event so successful by giving raffle prizes, home-baking and donations as well as those who attended the event.

Appreciation is also extended to Arran Aromatics, Isle of Arran Cheese Shop and Island Porcelain for their generous raffle prizes.

Finally a huge thank-you goes to Charli, Eilidh, Oisean, Sarah and Trefor for all their hard work.



Corrie pupils helping out at the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in Corrie and Sannox village hall last Friday.

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ARRAN FIDDLE CLUB

Classes start October 25th

Children beginners 4 - 4.45pm

Children intermediate 4.45 - 5.30pm

Adults 5.30 - 6.45pm

Arran High School

Newcomers welcome

Contact Alistair Paul on 302881 for more information

BRODICK HEALTH CENTRE FLU CLINICS

This year the Clinics are open to patients of Brodick Health Centre and also Lamlash Medical Centre patients who RESIDE in Brodick.

Flu jabs are for those patients who are 65 and over, or who are under 65 and receive a free flu vac for chronic medical conditions such as lung and heart problems, diabetes, kidney disease or a lowered immune system.

Open Flu Clinics

at Brodick Health Centre

on Wednesdays 19th October and 26th October

10am - 12noon & 2.00 - 4.00pm (no appointment required)

Please note these clinics are open to ALL eligible patients of Brodick Health Centre plus eligible Lamlash Medical Centre patients who RESIDE in Brodick.

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First Pochard sighted for 27 years

Bird Notes for September by Jim Cassels

September was 50 percent wetter than August with several stormy days.

With it being the start of the peak migration season, when many birds are on the move, the unsettled weather may have contributed to the wide range of species recorded in September.

Unusual records included a male Pochard in Port-na-Lochan on 15th. This diving duck is a rare vagrant to Arran. The last report was one

in Lamash on 21 March 1984. There was also a juvenile Black-tailed Godwit on Cleats Shore from 20th to 28th. This is the first report of this uncommon passage migrant since 27 September 2005.

A particular highlight was a solitary Chough from 5th to 20th by the Narachan Track leading from Lochranza to Laggan. The last report of Chough on Arran was five in Lochranza on 5 July 2001. The nearest breeding colony

of these delightful corvids is on the Mull of Kintyre. Perhaps this 'scout' will report that Arran is a good place to raise a family.

Other birds on migration included: 10 Dunlin, one Knot, seven Sanderling and a Bartailed Godwit at Drumadoon Point on 3rd, a Merlin on Slidery Shore on 9th, an Arctic Skua in Brodick Bay on 13th, a male Common Scoter in Machrie Bay also on 13th, a Great Crested Grebe in Loch Ranza on 15th, three Sandwich Tern at Machriewaterfoot on 16th, a Grey Plover at Machriewaterfoot on 17th, and a Scaup in Port-na-Lochan on 18th.

At this time of year, birds begin to flock together, often in preparation for migration. Reports included: 60 Swallow at Kilpatrick on 3rd, 60 Linnet on Slidery Shore on 14th, 75 Skylark, 100 Meadow Pipit and 300 Goldfinch on Cleats Shore on 15th, 100 Gannets and 300 Kittiwakes in Whiting Bay on 24th, 200 Starling on Cleats Shore on 28th and



Diving duck Pochard, seen on Arran for the first time in 27 years. b40bir02



A Chough family group as seen by the Narachan Track. b40bir01 photo Carl Reavey

40 Pied Wagtail at Glenashdalewaterfoot on 29th.

With the approach of winter some birds move to the milder coast. Dipper was reported at the mouth of the Corrie burn on 27th and Kingfisher was reported from near the mouth of the Cloy burn on 4th. Other birds more associated with winter included: two Rooks at Slidery on 18th, two Whooper Swans flying over Auchenhew on 19th, 100 Fieldfare at Glenkiln on 25th and eight Wigeon on Cleats Shore on 27th.

Having said that, some summer visitors were still around including: a Spotted Fly-

catcher in High Kildonan on 6th, a Whitethroat in Brodick on 15th, a Willow Warbler at Kildonan on 19th, a Chiffchaff at Auchenhew on 28th and on 29th 40 House Martins and 65 Swallows in Whiting Bay. October should see the last of the Swallows departing south.

Other sightings this month included: three Black-throated Divers in Machrie Bay on 15th, a Puffin in Brodick Bay on 17th, a Water Rail at Auchenhew on 18th and three Moorhen on Port-na-Lochan on 19th.

Finally, my thanks to all the volunteers who took part in

the Eider survey in September. Total number of birds recorded round Arran was 50. Last year the total for Arran was 76 and 10 years previously it was considerably more at over 600.

Enjoy your birding. Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or e mail me at james.cassels@virgin.net

I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Report 2010 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk



The opening of United Auctions' new Stirling Agricultural Centre.

Arran livestock sold at Stirling Agricultural Centre

This week United Auctions had forward 1,782 store cattle and cast cows and also 12,162 prime and store lambs and ewes at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last Wednesday.

Arran prices: Charolais cross bullocks £605/179p/kg

Hawthorn, Limousin cross bullocks £675, 192p/kg Balgowan, Limousin cross cows £995, 132p/kg Hawthorn, Aberdeen Angus cross cows £735/125p kg Hawthorn and £625, 101p/kg Balgowan.

Arran prices: Charolais cross bullocks £605/179p/kg

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Texel cross lambs £66 Auchenhew and Moor, £63.50 Creagraineach, Blackface lambs £44 Sannox, £38

Craigview.

Texel cross ewes £67.50 Creagraineach, £45.50 Whin, Mule ewes £64.50 Balgowan, Suffolk ewes £57.50 Craigview, Blackface ewes £54.50 Sannox, £51.50 Creagraineach, £46.50 Balgowan, £41.50 Ceithir Gaoithe.

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The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, October 4, 1991

Burning bank

The Royal Bank of Scotland in Whiting Bay has been closed due to a fire.

It is thought that the fire began at an electrical plug next to the telephone socket as a number of sockets had melted and shelves and books had been destroyed.

Had they lost any important records, we asked manager Gordon Reid: 'Fortunately no,' he said.

Letter of the law

Marine Harvest's Lamlash fish farm could be 'unlawful' according to information leaked to a national newspaper last week.

Along with six other projects the Lamlash development is mentioned in a letter as in breach of European planning law.

The charge is that the planning application did not comply with changes made to European planning law in 1988.

Magnificent manse

Work has started on the new Brodick manse despite plans to reduce the number of ministers on the island. A four-bedroom, luxury home, being built at Mid Mayish is described by the Reverend Iain McLeod - who will live in it - as a palace.



Local personality Mairi MacInnes selected Murray Picken (city gent) as the winner of the fancy dress competition at Kilmory Fete after much deliberation. b40twe02

Shiski Disci moves to Corrie

The Shiski Disci moved to Corrie last Friday night, striking fear into certain residents who had put in early complaints.

As a result local police gave the disco their attention and were able to escort some young people home.

There is no doubt that many teenagers had been drinking and, as a result of one particular incident, a report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Kilmory Fete

Local personality Mairi MacInnes opened the annual Kilmory Fete on Saturday afternoon.

With all due deliberation she selected Murray Picken, dressed as a city gent, as the winner of the fancy dress competition.

The tug-o-war was won by George Tod's 'Golden Oldies' and 11-year-old Iain Cook put in another great performance between the sticks in the 'Beat the Goalie'.

Southend United could well have used his services on Sunday when they were beaten 10-8 in the annual challenge match against the Late Laggards.



Alison Prince was this week presented with a £500 cheque from MP David Trippier which will go towards the Arran Recycling Company. b40twe03



The wall outside Brodick School, partly rebuilt by master mason John Thomson a few years ago, has been sitting as a heap of rubble since the road was widened. This week however it was rebuilt by volunteers from the Scottish Conservation Project Trust. b40twe04



Davie Thomas gives Donald Stewart a good soaking in the 'face-wash slosh' at Kilmory Fete. b40twe01

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Last week Archie was sitting on a beautiful sandstone seat on Kildonan shore, carved by sculptor Tim Pomeroy for Bill and Catriona Sillars. First correct answers came from Margaret in Lamlash, Barry in the Dordogne, Ishbel in Milngavie, Margaret in Dippin and Karen in Motherwell. This week he is on the grass, but what is that building behind him?



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A light right foot can save £236 a year

Two weeks ago we featured an advanced driving course being taken by Howard Driver of the Banner.

This was part of an initiative by Energy Saving Scotland and Transport Scotland to see how motorists could improve the efficiency of their driving.

During that test the fuel consumption of the car improved from 64.1 mpg to 73.1 mpg after instruction.

Now Transport Scotland has issued a certificate indicating that by more efficient driving of that order, a saving of £236 a year could be made in fuel costs, and a reduction of 441kg of CO₂ emissions.

Anticipate

Driving instructor Clive Scott said: 'Its all about a light right foot; look as far ahead as possible to anticipate hazards, and be more aware of surroundings.'

Wednesday Club meeting

The opening meeting of the Corrie and Sannox Wednesday Club will take place on Wednesday, 12 October, at 2pm in Corrie and Sannox village hall.

The speaker will be Mrs Rita Salmon who will be reminiscing on her days as a secondary school teacher.

New members are always welcome so come along and enjoy a great cuppa among friends. Enquiries to Isla, 302896.

High School news

This article, the first of an occasional series, aims to give teachers and pupils at the High School a chance to showcase to readers some of the events or projects which are underway or being planned within the school. Mrs Urquhart Dixon (Home Economics teacher) said: 'We have entered the Rotary Young Chef 2012 competition supported by our local Arran Rotary Club. The competition involves the preparation of a healthy two-course meal, as economically as possible with the District rounds starting in February.' She is also appealing for fruit and vegetables for making jams and chutney etc. plus any empty jam jars.

Mr Wedge (Art Dept) is appealing for any small interesting objects to draw for example jugs, vases, hand tools, kitchen tools, fabric, ornaments, old cameras, in fact any smallish object no matter how bizarre! Introducing Mr McEnaney – the new English teacher. Mr McEnaney is originally from Glasgow but moved to Stewarton in East Ayrshire two years ago. He studied at Strathclyde University, obtaining a BA(Hons) in English Studies. After Uni he worked in some hideously unsatisfying jobs, but then got a job, working with adults suffering from autistic disorders in Kilbirnie. He trained to be a teacher in Ayr, completing placements in Auchinleck and Loudoun academies, before being offered his placement on Arran.

His first few weeks have been great, feeling extremely lucky to have been sent to our school for his probationary year

S4 work experience – a big thank you to all employers on the island (and elsewhere) that have been involved with

this year's work experience. Appreciation also goes out to those employers who accept a student every year, and also to those who have taken their first student(s) this year. Without the commitment shown by the island's employers this scheme would not be able to go ahead. We really appreciate the time and effort required to make the whole experience a worthwhile and meaningful one. All our students have had a fantastic time learning within a working environment. Mrs Macbeth - Guidance dept.



New English teacher James McEnaney.

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Mr Garraway leads the SQA Skills for Work modules for 4th years and includes the following view from the 'coal face': 'So, it's that time of year again. Autumn, you might think, but no. It's the time of year when us 4th year boys (no girls this time) who are enrolled in the SQA Skills for Work - Construction Crafts course, decant to a byre at Glenkiln Farm, courtesy of Mr Kenny Bone, for one day a week throughout September. We boys love it, of course, getting away from school and all those teachers that make you do stuff.

'We are there to learn bricklaying, as we have no room at

the High School, and have to do two modules in four days, which is a hard shift for some of our pupils, and btw Mr G is a hard taskmaster. We actually have to sweat, sorry, persevere sometimes.

'So far, in the Half Brick Walling module we have built two small walls, one with a stopped end and racking back and the other with a Corner return end and racking backs. 'That's meaningless to you isn't it, unless you're in the trades, naturally.

Progress

'It is the basis of bricklaying and will give us all a good chance to progress in the building industry should we wish to, as these courses can be a stepping-stone to apprenticeships. If not, at least we are learning good skills for DIY and gaining confidence.

'We are now halfway through the second module, Bricklaying Techniques, and are going to be building a wall over two metres long, will have to be very accurate as we have started individual walls and will have to meet up in the middle, so there is little room for error.

'Fingers crossed as next week is our last day at Glenkiln and we have to finish or

fail that part of the course. No pressure on us at all! Still, it is teaching us more about Employability Skills, which is a major factor in all the Skills for Work courses. We are learning about timekeeping and absenteeism, honesty and good behaviour, Health & Safety & Risk Assessments, tidiness and neatness.

'In short, all of the requirements and abilities a company would expect of its employees. 'There are so many things to remember.

'Many thanks to Mr Bone for the use of his byre and, we suppose, thanks to the teachers for letting us out of their classes for so long.'

Mr Garraway is also looking for any medium to large trees that are being felled, for the Technical dept. He will arrange uplift to the sawmill and is, at present, particularly in need of Sycamore both for the department and the name boards being put up in the High School entrance.

Finally a date to note – Saturday November 19 – A Christmas Fayre where Local Crafts people and various pupil groups, including our Enterprise, HE, RE, Science and Hospitality students are offering a number of hand-crafted products for sale and will also be running a tea-room.

More details to follow.

Bronze award for Lauren

Lauren MacAlister has just received her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The Arran Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Group is pleased to announce that another participant has successfully completed and achieved their Bronze Award.

Lauren MacAlister received her award from Mr Auld, Headteacher, in the presence of Amanda Hogge, Duke of Edinburgh Leader. Well done, Lauren.



Headteacher Douglas Auld presenting the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award to Lauren MacAlister, with Scheme Leader Amanda Hogge. b40duk01



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2pm
Loch Garbad, Boat or Bank
9am - dusk
Rosaburn Brodict, 10.30am - 4.30pm

SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER

Karate
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Over 21's Disco
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Kids Family Quiz
Zumba Fitness
Coffee Morning
Closing Day
Motocross
Brown Bear and the Bandits

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
Arran High School, 2pm - 3pm
Whiting Bay Curch Hall, 10.30am - 12pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm
East Bennan, 1pm
Douglas Hotel, 9pm

SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER

Alcoholics Anonymous
Quiz
Live Music Folk / Rock / Blues
Family Games
Fun In The Pool
Teddy Bears Picnic
Corrie Film Club "Archipelago" (Cert. 15)
Open Mic Session
Pool League AGM
Motocross

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
Corrie Hall, 8pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm - 5pm
PHT, 2pm
East Bennan, 1pm

MONDAY 10th 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
Quiz
Lamlash Bridge Club

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
Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9pm - 11pm
Golf Clubhouse, 7pm



TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER

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

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
Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9pm - 11pm

WEDNESDAY 12th 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 Coutry Music
Aquafizz
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones
Kids Games

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

THURSDAY 13th 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 14th 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
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Whiting Bay Village Hall	13.30-14.30
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For further information please contact Paul Shiach on 01294 324129.

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

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development
11/00658/PPP; Arran Yacht Club, Lamlash, Brodick; Demolition of existing clubhouse and storage shed and erection of new combined storage, teaching and clubhouse facility.

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Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

Police fail to arrest skilful Arran team

Arran 21 Strathclyde Police 0

On Saturday, the young Arran team made it two league wins out of three by defeating Strathclyde Police by 21-0 in front of an enthusiastic crowd at Ormidale Park in their first home match of the season.

The first half was fairly even with the wet ball ensuring that neither side played their best rugby. Half time score was 0-0.

The police were big and heavy and their pack gave the home side a really hard time at the set piece with

their midfield backs looking not terribly mobile but very strong. Instead of capitalising on this by moving the ball quickly to the wings and stretching the police defence, Arran persisted in trying to go up the middle.

Changes

Arran made significant changes among the backs at the interval and brought on Jamie Murchie, who had travelled from St Andrews, and Robbie Bayne on the wings, and Fraser Barr in midfield.

The pattern of the game changed with the ball being

transferred speedily to the wings who duly obliged with a thrilling try apiece. Both ran from halfway and, as all good wingers should, simply pinned their ears back and turned on the afterburners to touch down at the posts.

Between these two tries, Lachie Jones made his usual polished contribution by cutting through a, by now, much slower defence and scoring between the posts. He also converted all three tries.

A club spokesman said: 'It was good to see the forwards come into their own in the second half and the front row more than hold its own. The boilerhouse was as effective as ever - 'Masterful' one might say.

'The midfield tackling where Jamie Picken, the Boal brothers and Ian Bayne got through a power of work made the efforts of the Police look pedestrian.

'In addition, the lineout tactics of the first half which had simply given ball away were revised with Ian Bayne being lifted much higher so that jumping in front of him was no longer an option. Variations of the throw in to number four and the occasional 'over the top' were also used.

'Clearly, our side is fast becoming a truly useful blend of youth and experience. If they keep up the present rate of improvement a successful season is in prospect!'

Man of the match was Robbie Bayne.

Next match is on Saturday 8 October away to Mid Argyll at Lochgilphead.



Danny Head gets a little help from his friends. 01_b40rug03



Scrum half Iain Keen gets clean ball from the scrum.

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Sannox are finally crowned Argyll cricket champions

Arran's cricket team, Sannox, have been crowned 2011 Argyll League Champions, following a special team meeting in Tarbert last Saturday.

They thought they had won the title eight weeks ago when they defeated Mid Argyll at Lochgilphead. Poor weather had resulted in the Carradale v Oban match being cancelled on the same day.

This meant that the points should have been shared leaving Oban unable to catch Sannox in the league table. But amid confusion, Oban tried to rearrange the cancelled fixture. Much debate followed between the clubs, and last Saturday a special meeting of representatives of all teams took place in the

Victoria Hotel, Tarbert.

Sannox chairman Eric Dunn crossed the water and made his way to Tarbert by bus. He came away with a smile on his face. Eric said: 'It was all extremely amicable. A new constitution will be drawn up to prevent this happening again.'

Ronnie Kelly of Oban said: 'Hopefully this shouldn't

happen again. We have put contingency plans in place to cover games that have to be rearranged, and a different points system to prevent the league being tied.'

The new rules allocate four points for a win, three points for a winning draw, and one point for a losing draw. We hope that makes sense to our readers.

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