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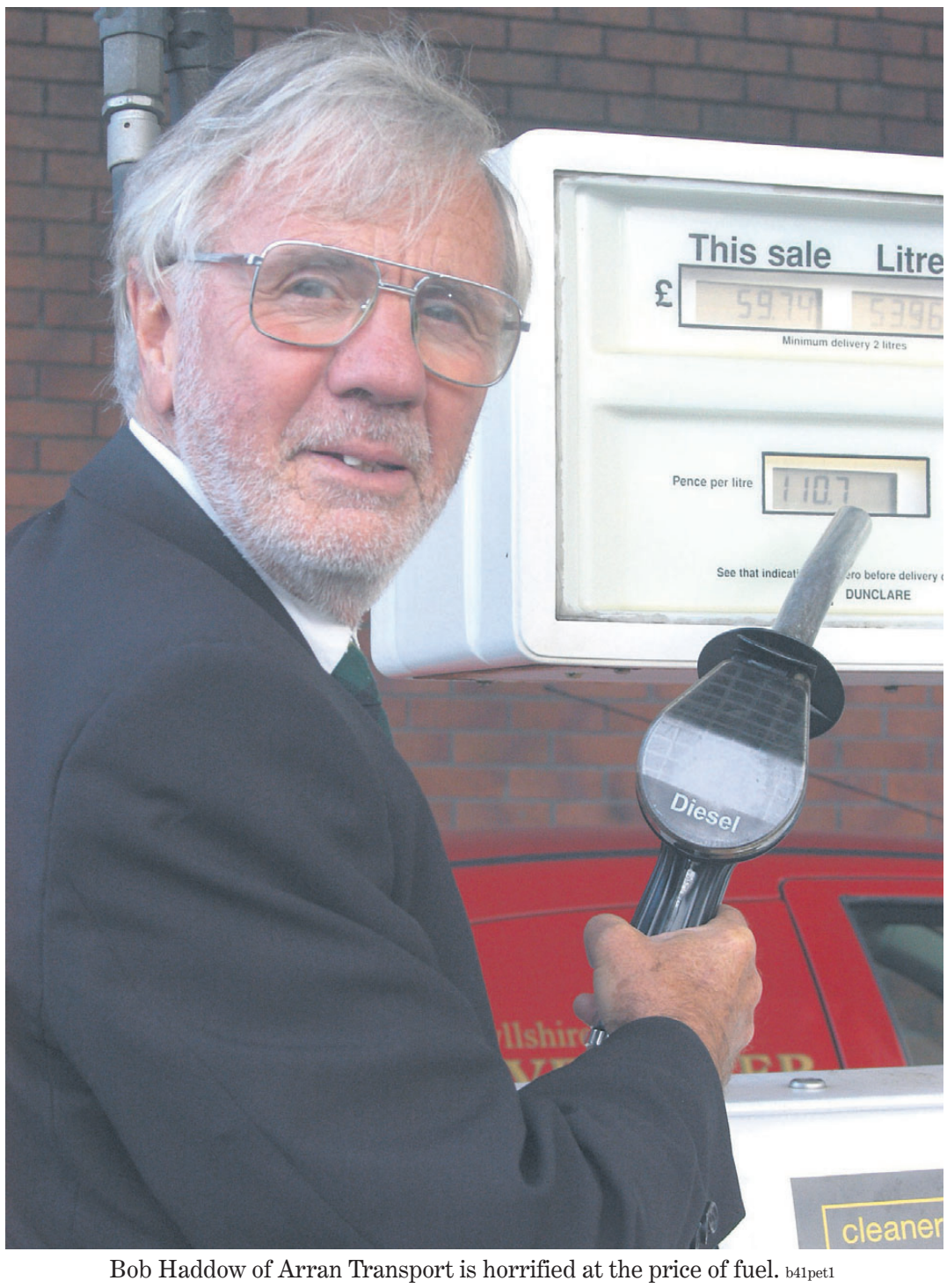
Anger as island's fuel prices reach all time high



Bob Haddow of Arran Transport is horrified at the price of fuel. b41pet1

Fuel prices on Arran have reached an all time high, cranking up the financial pressure on businesses and motorists.

As *The Arran Banner* went to press, prices on the island reached £1.10.7 a litre for diesel and £1.09.1 for petrol.

The surge follows a 2p rise in fuel duty. The increase, in line with inflation, was first announced in Gordon Brown's 2007 budget when he was chancellor.

Bob Haddow, a director of Arran Transport, which sells fuel from the garage in Brodick, said: 'We are horrified that the price of petrol is going up again. The chancellor is taking the money this time rather than the oil companies. Unfortunately there's nothing we can do about him. Maybe it's a case for Scottish independence. The price of petrol in Croatia is 30 per cent cheaper than here and that's a very small country.'

Mr Haddow added: 'We think it's putting the cost of living up, especially to all those who have to go back and forward to their jobs. They are the ones who really suffer. They need to use more petrol than anyone else.'

Donald Bannatyne, of Arran Haulage, said: 'What we are paying for fuel at the moment is quite unacceptable. It's the customer that ends up paying in the end. We can't absorb these increases. It's putting our costs up. We still have to operate, we've still got to buy diesel.'

He added: 'I don't think the government will make any changes. I don't think they understand what they are doing to the economy.'

The duty rise comes amid soaring oil prices and high borrowing costs. The 2007 Budget also outlined another rise of 2p a litre next April and a further increase of 1.84p in April 2009.

Final grant for Arran's new mountain rescue base

Arran Mountain Rescue got a boost this week with a grant for £30,000 towards their new operations base at Claddach, Brodick.

The grant from Highlands and Islands Enterprise is the final payment needed to get the new building underway.

Charity The Order of St John contributed £170,000 towards the new base, with the total cost estimated at around £200,000.

North Ayrshire Council helped get the project started by selling them the land at Claddach for just £3,000.

Alistair Bilsland, a mountain rescue team member, said: 'The demands on the mountain rescue are increasing all the time. We are expected to carry more equipment and attend more training during the winter months. Our new base will have the proper facilities that we need.'

Since the 1960s the team has been based in a garden shed behind the old Brodick fire station. The shed has no toilet and it is too small to hold training sessions in or to store all of their equipment.

Mr Bilsland said: 'Our Land Rovers are kindly stored in a barn for us by a local farmer and our other equipment is scattered all over the place. We need a centralised base.'

The team hope to have the facility finished by the spring.

Henry Murdo, another mountain rescue member said: 'We're delighted with this grant because we really need our new base.

'Once we get the new base it will make our jobs so much easier.'

The mountain rescue is a completely voluntary service whose members receive no payment.

Arran has around 30 members dedicated to finding and helping walkers who find themselves in difficulty on the hills.

Islanders must rally to save ancient chapel

Members of Lamlash Improvements are calling on Arran residents to rally around in a bid to save St Bride's Chapel in Lamlash.

The ancient chapel is situated in original part of the Lamlash graveyard. It is a substantial stone building partially covered in thick ivy.

The inside of the building is overgrown with weeds and large shrubs the roots of which are affecting the safety of the ancient building.

A pre-reformation chapel was situated on the site for hundreds of years and the present building dates from around 1603.

Hundreds of gravestones scattered around the building suggest that it has been a site of religious worship for many more years before that.

Etchings of the building from the 1830s show that the building has been derelict and covered in ivy for nearly 200 years.

Carol Mitchell secretary of Lamlash Improvements explained what they are hoping to do.

She said: 'The building needs urgent preservation work to be carried out now. The ivy needs to be carefully removed to stop it from doing any more damage to the chapel walls.

'The memorial stones that are inside the building and attached to its walls need to be protected so that the inscriptions do not weather away any more.'

St Bride's Chapel in Lamlash is in urgent need of preservation. b41chap1

David MacColl, cemeteries manager for North Ayrshire Council, said: 'The council is very happy to be involved in this project and we are looking forward to working with the Lamlash residents.

'Unfortunately we are only able to undertake the initial work to the building. We will remove the ivy that is shaking the building and stabilise the chapel to make it safe but with only £13,000 that's really all we can do.

'It's up to the people of Arran to get behind this project and get involved.'

Sarah McKinnon, chief executive of the Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust said: 'We can only do the first part. The rest is up to the people of Arran.

'Generations of islanders are buried in the cemetery and their resting place must be preserved. We will do all we can to guide you through the legislation, funding and contractors.

Beautiful

'This is a beautiful building embedded into the island's heritage. It would be so sad to see it lost for future generations.'

Lamlash Improvements want volunteers from across the island to help them move onto the next stage of preservation.

Carol Mitchell said: 'Lamlash Improvements have taken this as far as we can. We need to gather an eager group of volunteers together who want to help us to save this extremely important building.'

Meanwhile the future of another of Arran's oldest buildings is under consideration due to concerns for its safety.

The Old Clachan Church in Shiskine is a substantial stone building, albeit without a roof.

Shiskine Valley Trust is waiting on guidance from experts on how best to protect the building. Neil Arthur, a director of the trust, said: 'We are taking advice from various heritage groups as to how this building can be preserved. Once this consultation reaches a decision we will know how best to progress.'

Shiskine residents Jack Murchie and George Bannatyne said the Old Clachan Church is possibly the oldest building on the island (built in 1708 and rebuilt a century later) and its stones have been used for previous churches with strong links to St Molios.

'The site as a religious centre possibly predates Brodick Castle.'

Mr Murchie added: 'We feel that the church is an important part of the island's heritage. It represents all that has gone before it on that site, and that we should be endeavouring to retain as much of it as possible.

'You can only knock down a building like this once. We believe much of it can be preserved.

'You can take parts of it down at a future date if it becomes dangerous.

'A crack in the gable end has been pointed, and you can see that the building has moved just an inch in more than 100 years when it ceased to be used in 1887.

Mr Bannatyne said: 'I believe that I do not use the words too strongly when I say that it would be a tragedy for the island if this church were to be allowed to be further reduced.'

Go-ahead for Shiskine farm house

A Shiskine farmer has been granted planning permission to build a farm-worker's house on his land.

Approval

George Tod of Balgowan Farm was given approval for the house on land north of the farm at Tuesday's North Ayrshire Council (NAC) planning committee meeting.

The committee added the condition that the house could only be occupied by someone employed in agriculture at Balgowan Farm or their dependants.

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The police Land Rover had three of its tyres slashed while parked in the Auchrannie car park at the weekend. b41pol1NO

Tyres of police vehicle are slashed

The police Land Rover was the victim of a 'mindless act of vandalism' at the weekend while parked outside the Auchrannie Hotel.

Three of its tyres were punctured in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Sergeant Douglas Bringan, who was covering from the mainland this week while Sergeant Bob MacKay was away on a course, said: 'This was a mindless act of vandalism that impacted on the services that we were able to provide to the island. The Land Rover carries defibrilator life support equipment and people's lives were put at risk as a result of this act.'

Appeal

He added: 'Enquiries are continuing into this and we would appeal to anyone with any information to contact us. Or they can phone information to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if they want to be anonymous.'

Kildonan house approved despite neighbours' petition

DESPITE a local petition against it, planning permission has been granted for a house in Kildonan.

Ms Jennifer Meade of Lamlash was given the go-ahead for the one-and-a-half storey house on land to the north west of Castle View at a North Ayrshire Council (NAC) planning committee meeting on Tuesday.

Objection

Seven letters of objection from residents in Kildonan and Kilmory were sent to NAC, including a petition containing eight signatures.

Objectors believed that the drainage arrangements for the house could lead to effluent leaking in to neighbouring properties, but the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) had no objections, saying that this would not be the case.

Neighbours were also unhappy about the loss of two large pine trees, which they said supported wildlife and were a feature of the area that should be retained. But planners did not think the loss of these trees would 'significantly detract from visual amenity' given the existing tree cover.

The committee granted permission for the four-apartment house subject to certain conditions.

Coldplay singer attends his uncle's funeral

Coldplay frontman Chris Martin arrived on Arran to attend the funeral of his beloved uncle last Friday.

The 30-year-old singer left his home in London that he shares with wife Gwyneth Paltrow and their two children to attend the service in St Molio's Church, Shiskine.

His uncle, Angus Fleming, was a well-known face on Arran. He died from cancer at the age of 55.

Coldplay's hit song 'Fix You' was played to the congregation during the service.

Police files

Drugs

A 19-year-old woman was reported for being in possession of a controlled drug in Lamlash on Saturday September 29.

Speeders

Police are continuing to make efforts to influence driver behaviour on the island and people have been reported for speeding offences and not wearing seatbelts during the past week.

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Cal Mac confirms Arran will have two ferries next summer

Caledonian MacBrayne has confirmed that Arran will continue to have a two-vessel service during the summer.

The two-vessel operation, which has been hailed as possibly the single biggest ferry development for the island in a generation, has been a significant success when operated over the summer months.

Arran's ferry committee fully supports the announcement. Chairman Ken Thorburn said: 'Based on the success of the second vessel during 2007, I firmly believe that the benefits to customers and the island are there for everyone to see and I would expect an increase in the total carrying figures during the coming years.'

The MV Saturn ran alongside the MV Caledonian Isles considerably easing the volume of commercial traffic using the Caledonian Isles.

Robbie Brown, CalMac's regional manager for Arran said: 'This is a major step forward for the island and its ferry services. We have established quite clearly over the last two summers how the two-vessel service can help the island through better usage of the main vessel MV Caledonian Isles and the second vessel MV Saturn.

Hauliers

'The hauliers in particular have benefited from the increased flexibility.

'Likewise our regular customers now know that as we are accommodating commercial vehicles on the second ship, there is much more space available on the main vessel which operates the core timetable.'

Details of the revised timetables will be made available through CalMac's website as soon as possible and will also be distributed locally.

Mr Brown added: 'We are now in a position to market the summer service much earlier than we have before and this can only be to the island's benefit. Having a more intensive service opens up the market to day trippers and gives customers an increased range of options which I am sure will be welcomed.'

The transport of goods to and from the island has always been a problem during the busy summer months but using the MV Saturn has alleviated the problem.

Ken Thorburn said: 'In the knowledge that we will have the second vessel during the summer long-term, transport companies on and off the island will be better able to plan and make use of the available sailings.'

Winter

Two weeks ago, the Scottish Government confirmed that, following the recent tender process CalMac had been awarded the contract to operate the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services.

As part of the contract there will be an additional daily return sailing on the Ardrossan/ Brodick service during the winter.

Much loved Brodick teacher retires

Mrs Cargill will travel round Europe

Mrs Christine Cargill, who retired from Brodick Primary School last Friday, with her primary one and two class. b41car1

One of Brodick Primary School's much loved teachers has retired and is leaving teaching behind to travel across Europe with her husband.

Mrs Christine Cargill has taught primary one and two at the school since 1991 and says she will greatly miss her pupils.

Mrs Cargill said: 'I'm going to miss everyone very much. The staff and the pupils have all been a joy to work with and it is difficult to leave.'

After 16 years at the school Mrs Cargill and her husband, who has also retired, are embarking on a tour of Europe.

She explained: 'In our day you didn't take a gap year. You went straight from school to university and then from there straight into a job. We see this as our chance to have some time off from work and explore the world. It's very exciting.'

Mrs Cargill started teaching at Dundee High School but 34 years ago she and her husband bought a restaurant in Lamlash and moved to the island.

Once her two children were grown up she decided to get back into teaching and went back as learning support, this time at Arran High School.

Eventually she moved to Brodick Primary still doing the learning support before eventually taking on a primary one class.

During her time at the Brodick Primary Mrs Cargill ensured that the children had an interesting time.

In 1995 the pupils got a surprise when a signed photograph of NASA's astronauts arrived at the school.

Mrs Cargill explained: 'The children in primary one undertook a space project following the exploits of Dr Foale, the first Briton to walk in space. Amazingly he wrote back and sent a signed photograph of himself and the astronaut team.

'About five years later Michael Foale actually appeared at the school as part of a tour around Scotland.' Head teacher Angela Fisher said: 'Mrs Cargill has been a great asset to this school and she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the luck in the world and we hope that she thoroughly enjoys her trip to Europe.'

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Help sought over murder on Goatfell

Lamlash man finds 'fascinating' markings on 130-year-old map

A Lamlash resident has come across a 130-year-old map of Arran that he believes may have been used in the search for Edwin Rose the man murdered on Goatfell in 1889.

Two men , John Laurie and Edwin Rose, climbed Goatfell on July 15 that year, and only one came down.

Rose's badly mutilated body was found three weeks later hidden below a large boulder in Coire nam Fuaran on the south side of Glen Sannox, by which time Laurie had guiltily fled from Glasgow.

The owner of the map said it has been in his possession since he was at school and he had always been fascinated by the markings inside.

If the map is studied closely a cross can be seen marking a spot on the side of Goatfell. In the margin to the left of the page in perfect copperplate handwriting someone has written 'X where Rose was murdered 15th July/89.'

On the front page of the map a series of longitude and latitude positions are written marking the spot where the body was found.

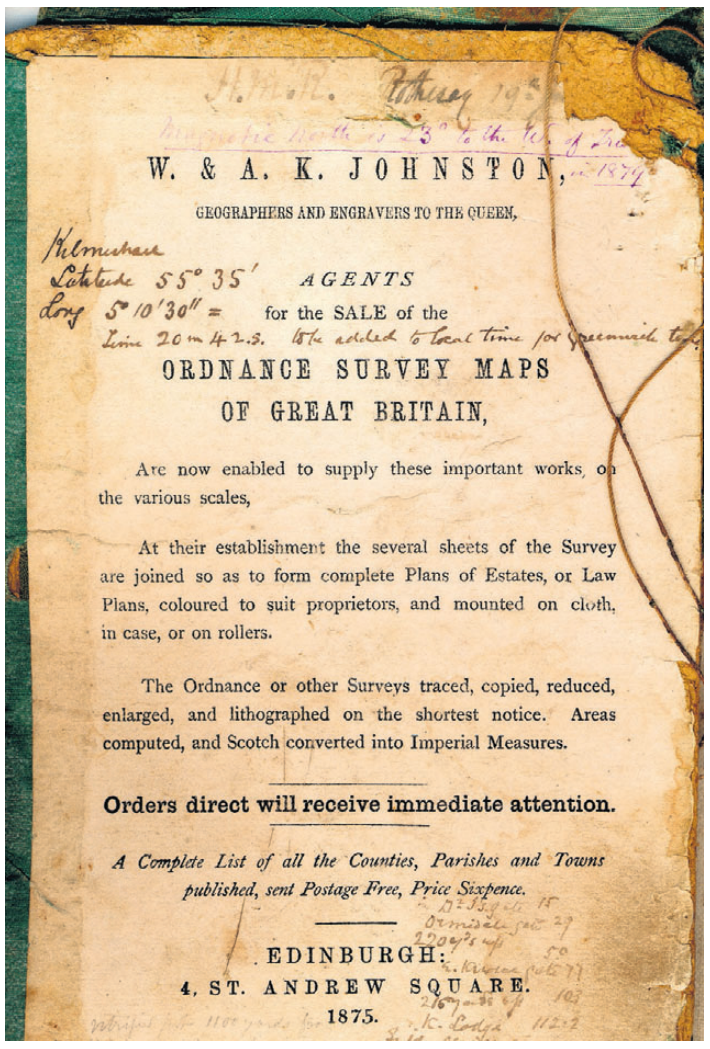
The owner of the map is hoping to trace any one from Arran who thinks someone from their family may have been involved in the search.

John Laurie was apprehended and charged with the murder of his walking companion.

It is the only case of murder on one of Britain's mountains to go to trial since recreational mountaineering began. The case was widely reported at the time, and excited enormous public interest before and after the trial.

Many believe that Laurie did not kill Rose and that the two men had descended together, that Rose fell to his death in the gully, and that Laurie robbed the body and hid it.

Laurie was found guilty after trial and sentenced to death. However, that sentence was subsequently changed to life, and Laurie languished in jail for 40 years before dying in the 'lunatic division' of Perth Prison.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The front cover of the map thought to have been used in the search for the victim of the Goatfell murder. b41map1NO

Hawking club pays annual visit to Arran

A flock of rare and exotic birds of prey took to the skies over the Arran hills last week as part of the Scottish Hawking Club's annual visit to the island.

African hawk eagles, Verreax eagles, Bonelli's eagles, red -tailed hawks, gyr, saker and peregrine falcons as well as the ever-present Harris hawk came to hunt across the hills and moorland.

Ian Struthers from Arran Birds of Prey said: 'The visit involves a great deal of walking over moorland and cultivated land while pointer dogs locate quarry. Once they do so the one bird is cast into the air. More often than not the prey escapes, which is not important, as what we are wishing to see is spectacular flying. It is of course really good to see the bird meet with success.'

The five-day event on Arran involves a range of rare and exotic raptors hunting for brown hares.

This was the seventh visit to the island. The first involved three eagles, two golden and one Black African, who arrived on the first boat and then left again on the last sailing after spending five hours flying.

Murray Boal and Ian Struthers organise the event each year and anyone interested in going along to watch is always welcome. Last year a young lady from Oklahoma was among the group.

Falconry/ hawking was from the earliest times one of the chief sports of royalty and the nobility.

It was most broadly popular in the late Middle Ages and Renaissance periods but towards the middle of the 17th century falconry began to decline.

In continental Europe, falconry died out under pressure of the Napoleonic Wars but at that same time the sport was revived in Britain.

Today it is a popular sport enjoyed by people all across the country. Ian Struthers and Murray Boal wish to thank the local farmers who enabled them to host the Scottish Hawking Club's visit again this year.

Murray Boal and Ian Struthers with members of the Scottish Hawking Club on the moors last week.

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Tony Curtis raised £600 doing a charity parachute jump. b41par1

Tony falls 3,500ft for charity

Tony Curtis from Whiting Bay raised £600 for charity last weekend by jumping out of a plane at 3,500 feet.

Tony travelled down to the Northwest Parachute Centre in the Lake District last Sunday.

He had never done a parachute jump before.

He said: 'It was absolutely brilliant. I did a solo flight so I was completely alone. It's an amazing feeling just falling with nothing but the sound of the wind in the parachute to disturb you.'

Minibus

The money that he raised will go towards a new minibus for the Children's Opportunity Group (COG) in Bolton.

The charity caters for children and teenagers by offering outreach services for them in the community. The charity was set up in 1979, by Nicola McGuinness, whose daughter has Down's Syndrome and works to get support in mainstream schools for children with such learning needs.

Tony said: 'I was absolutely terrified. There were two voices in my head. One said, 'You can't jump out of a plane,' but the other was telling me to go for it and not let my sponsors down.'

A once in a lifetime experience, Tony said he was lucky to do it on a clear sunny day: 'I could see across the whole of the Lake District from Ullswater and over to Morcambe Bay. It was one of the best things I have ever done.

Could all those who sponsored Tony please get their money to him as soon as possible.

Corrie Film Club

Pather Panchali (India 1955. Satyajit Ray. U cert)

Corrie Film Club begins the new season with *Pather Panchali*, the first film to be directed by internationally respected director Satyajit Ray.

It begins the story of Apu (continued in the *Apu Trilogy*), a young boy born into a poor but loving family in rural Bengal in the 1920s. It focuses on the lives of Apu and his family members.

The story revolves around a poor Brahmin family. The father, Harihar, is a priest who is unable to make ends meet to keep his family together. The mother, Sarbajaya, has the chief responsibility for raising her mischievous daughter Durga and caring for her elderly sister-in-law Indir, who is a distant relative and whose independent spirit sometimes irritates her. With the arrival of Apu in the family, scenes of happiness and play enrich their daily life, occasionally interrupted by tragedy. Life, however, is a struggle, so Harihar has to find a new job and departs, leaving Sarbajaya alone to deal with the stress of this family's survival, Durga's illness and the turbulence of the monsoon. The final disaster, Durga's death, causes the family to leave their village in search of a new life in Benares.

The film, however, escapes being miserable, indeed, moves towards being magical. What is outstanding is the ensemble acting, by a largely amateur cast, in which the actors invoke a quiet power reacting with emotion rather than thought and the depiction of the closeness between the two children, Apu and Durga is delightfully unselfconscious and unsentimental.

Pather Panchali can be seen in Corrie Hall on Sunday October 14.

MP launches carbon monoxide awareness week

Arran MP Katy Clark is supporting the launch of the second annual CO-Awareness Week, which begins on October 15.

CO-Awareness is a not-for-profit organisation, which is working to raise awareness of the dangers of carbon monoxide.

Katy Clark MP said: 'Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week is intended to draw the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning to the publics' attention.

I urge all my constituents to take precautions to protect themselves and their families, by making sure that their domestic appliances are maintained and carbon monoxide alarms are fitted in their homes.'

The organisation believes that the government, regulators and industrial companies should tighten procedures for inspection and maintenance of equipment, as well as improving the training of installers.

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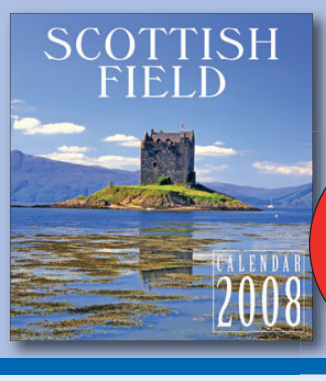

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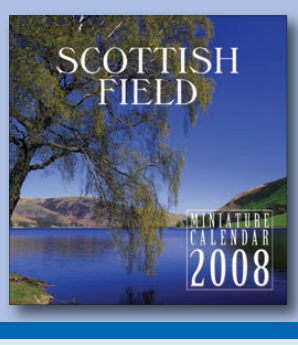

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Banner book winners

Two weeks ago The Banner was giving away two books to celebrate the first Arran Outdoor and Walking Festival.

Two books by the outdoor enthusiast Cameron McNeish were very kindly donated by Lomond Books and two lucky readers from Arran got their hands on one each.

In order to win the book they had to answer a simple question; what is the name of Arran's highest mountain?

Goatfell

The correct answer is of course Goatfell, which towers above Brodick Bay. The First book, *The Munros* was won by Kitty Milne from Lochranza.

Kitty said: 'I wasn't going to bother entering because I couldn't find a stamp.

'At the last minute I decided to nip round to The Banner office and post my entry by hand. I'm thrilled to have won such a lovely book.'

Expeditions

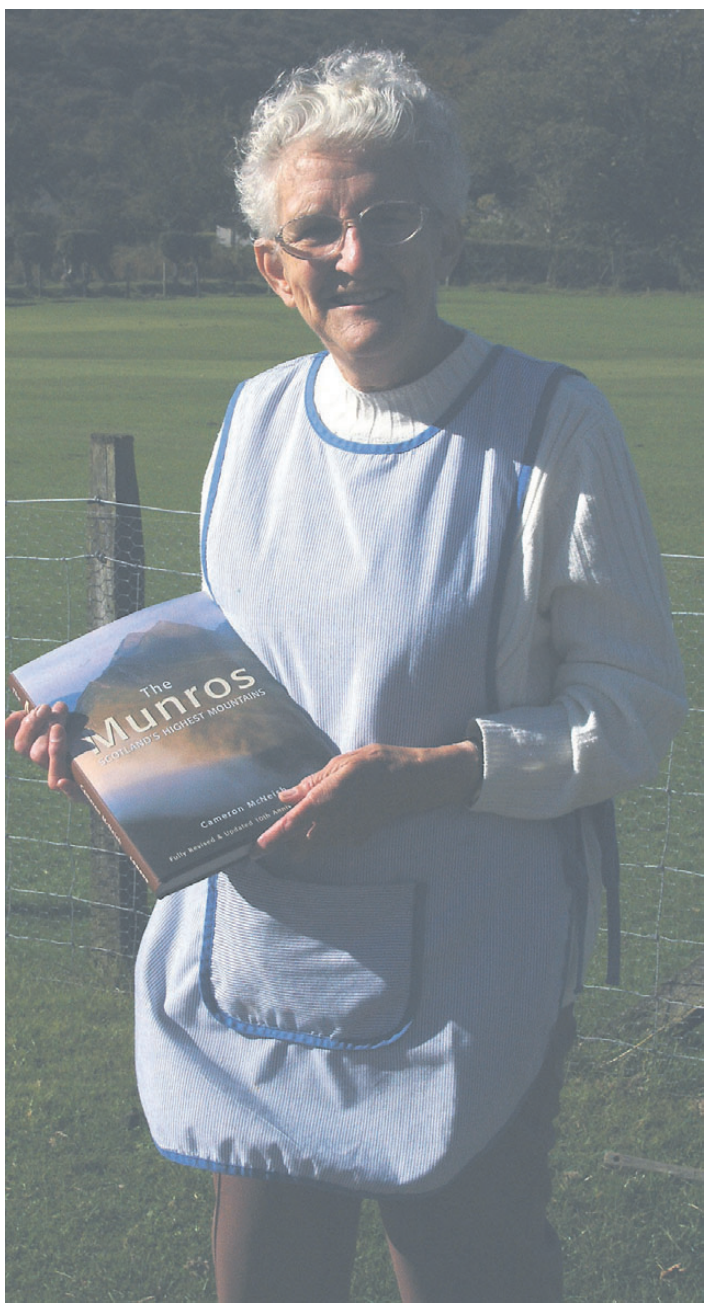
The Munros serves as an extremely useful guide for planning hill expeditions; McNeish manages to capture the unique nature of each particular mountain area in Scotland through his powerful descriptions. The other book to be won was *Scotland's 100 best walks,* which was won by brothers Lewis (8) and Duncan (6) Coyne from Brodick.

The boy's grandmother entered their names into the competition and they won.

Duncan said: 'I'm very pleased to have won. We went up Goatfell during the summer and really enjoyed it. I really like hill walking.'

Congratulations to all our winners!

Lewis and Duncan Coyne plan to do more hill walking using their book, *Scotland's 100 best walks.* b41book1



Kitty Milne from Lochranza is very pleased with her prize, *The Munros.* b41book2

Lamlash Friday club

The Lamlash Friday club season starts again on Friday October 26 with a luch at the Drift Inn in Lamlash.

People should be there for 12.30pm to sit down to lunch at 1pm.

A sheet will be in the Post Office in Lamlash or phone Margaret Murchie on 600427.

Please try and get your names in as soon as possible.

Calling all walkers

A Brodick woman is trying to set up an informal walking group so that she can enjoy some company while she walks Arran's mountains.

Jo Hastings from Corriegills said: 'I'm looking for people interested in forming an informal walking group. If there is anyone interested in walking on Arran either hill walks, coastal walks or forest trails then I would love some company.'

She proposes that once every two weeks the group gets together and tries a different walk. If you are interested call Jo on 302843.

Dyemill forest road to close on weekdays

TREE felling has started at Dyemill to clear trees blown down in last winter's gales.

The forest road above Dyemill will be closed to the public on weekdays until Christmas but it will be open each weekend.

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At the moment of writing my better half has gone to explore the delights of Asda in Ardrossan. She could not interest me in accompanying her since one supermarket tends to be much like every other to me, yet I shall be mildly curious in her assessment. In fact my real view is that supermarkets, from Waitrose at the top to Asda nearer the bottom, tend to reflect the area they are in. Thus our own Co-op offers a good range in a bright cheery shop while the Co-op in, say, New Cumnock cannot even keep its windows clean.

One concern has been the difficulty of buying eco-friendly cleaning items in the Co-op for our holiday cottages. The only way to be sure that some guests do not block up septic tanks is to give them the right stuff to use. Since Asda is built facing towards Arran, and many people on Arran have septic tanks she will buy these there, or if she cannot, may seek out someone who will listen to her point and take it on board. Yet I wonder if we make too much of septic tanks. An excellent plumber I know told me the other day, 'it's not septic tanks, it's drains'. In other words the determined user of excessive loo paper can block anything.

My wife's assessment will of course go beyond loo cleaners. It will be interesting to hear how many Arran people are there, how busy it is, prices, range, quality of stock and, though none of us knows what the outcome might be, whether it will affect Arran shops. One group of shops it might affect will be the few benighted places which remain in Ardrossan itself. On Arran it may have no influence at all, it might affect the Co-op adversely and as a result give a bounce to the smaller shops, or it may be that so many people shop at Asda that everyone feels it. Much depends on how good Asda is.

The subsequent verdict is that it was the coldest supermarket she had ever been in. Worth a stop on the way to the ferry but scarcely worth a journey.

There will not be an election now and how ridiculous this paints the prime minister. Had there been one, for about the first in many a long year I would have known whom to vote for. For what it's worth the SNP would have had my vote. We only vote for our own candidate and I do not even know him but what a refreshing change from all that has gone before. Let us hope they keep it up.

It is believed though that the Tories' announcement on inheritance tax, carefully funded (and now copied), was the killer blow. As ever the Labour machine immediately moves into action to rubbish all good sense but one constant argument is that you cannot spend money once you are dead. That may be true literally, but it misses the point. It would make sense if each of us knew exactly when we should die but none of us has that luxury. If you have a regular pension until you die you can carry on blithly, but if you have lost your pension through the actions of the prime minister while chancellor you need to keep a bit in reserve in case you exceed your three score years and ten. Otherwise one might end in the poorhouse. Yet, at the current rates, anyone with a middling house, should they die earlier than their financial planning expects, will end up with a huge chunk of it going to the very person who robbed them of their pension.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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Letters to the Editor

Oops!

Sir,

In my piece on the Rostov Jazz Quintet 'Banner' No 1616 of October 6, I made reference to the fact that no teachers were present at the concert in Whiting Bay Hall.

My sincere apologies to the music tutor who was, in fact, there.

My emphasis could have been placed more on the lack of pupils who I am sure would have benefited greatly from hearing this wonderful group of musicians.

Yours,
Harry Ross,
Whiting Bay

Time to express your concerns

Sir,

In a week when, for the purpose of 'submarine escort exercises' the Caledonian Isles was escorted across the Firth, on one occasion by a single frigate and on another by two such warships and in a week when Trident (one of its 48 warheads has a destruction power of eight times the Hiroshima bomb), could be seen sailing past the Holy Isle, in such a week we listened to speeches by the three main party leaders at their annual conference.

These speeches of policy pronouncements were geared solely to attract the voter.

Parochialism and insularity prevailed and nothing was heard on global issues that affect us all.

We refer to matters of world poverty, defence budgets, arms trade, nuclear warhead proliferation, global warming, green issues and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Sadly these are not issues that attract the voter but they are issues that should disturb the voter into political action.

We believe that it is time to remind our politicians, in Scotland and in England, of a global family beyond our shores to whom we need to show justice in all its forms and with whom we must learn to live in peace.

Herein lies both a political necessity and also a moral imperative. The Arran Justice Peace and Environment Group exists to give expression to these concerns and meet informally on the first Monday of the month in the Ormidale Hotel.

You will be made most welcome.

Yours,
John G Webster
Arran Justice Peace and Environment Group
Kings Cross

Married on Friday ,September 28, at Lamlash Registry Office, in the presence of their families, were Anne Kidston and Garry Tulloch of Whiting Bay. Helping with the ceremony was Laura, who gave Anne away, and the best men were sons Jak and Cir. They are all now relaxing on 'holi-moon' in Portugal.

Low cost heating

Sir,

The new combined power and heat (CHP) plant proposed for the Heights between Lamlash and Whiting Bay will apparently consume every stick of wood left behind when the good timber is exported to the mainland.

As well as generating a modest amount of electricity for the UK national grid, it will also provide low-cost heating to some 20 new houses built nearby, if all goes to plan.

This is all very well, but is this really making the best use of a valuable, eco-friendly fuel supply, produced on the island of Arran?

If biomass material such as this is consumed within 40km of where it was grown, it is rated 100 percent carbon neutral. If it is chipped and processed according to new industry guidelines it can be used to generate heat at almost 90 percent efficiency.

If collected, processed and consumed in Arran homes it would reduce the islands populations' dependency on imported fossil fuels and exposure to fluctuating hydrocarbon market prices.

New burner technology coming onto the market now will allow most small businesses and large homes to generate their own heat and hot water using biomass fuel (woodchips).

The technology is not yet the cheapest, however with new government grants and incentives coming next year, the price of installation will become comparable to oil or gas systems.

However, such innovation and investments in eco-friendly heating systems will never be popular on Arran unless a guaranteed biomass fuel supply chain exists locally to supply the fuel regularly and, most importantly, at the right price.

Let's face it, none of us will really be interested in an eco-friendly heating system in our home unless there is some sort of economic incentive as well.

This is exactly what a new venture, Arran Woodfuels, intends to do. Its plan is to produce and deliver locally produced biomass fuel to households and small businesses across the island.

It is working closely with the Power Plant developers to ensure that every single member of the local Arran community is also in a position to share in this valuable eco-friendly fuel supply grown here.

Arran Woodfuels is responding to increased local interest to produce and sell fuel-grade biomass wood chips, from the island's own renewable forests, suitable for domestic heating systems. The fuel will be guaranteed available and at a much lower price than existing fossil fuels brought across from the mainland. The supply chain scheme will be run on a community basis, along the same lines as the successful Island of Mull community biomass supply chain.

It is not in the island's best interest to have all Arran's biomass resource hoovered-up by the power plant. The Arran community would benefit much more by burning this locally produced fuel in their own homes. We can save money on our heating bills, reduce the amount of freight on the ferry, contribute to saving the planet and, importantly, make Arran self-sufficient in eco-friendly fuel.

It is believed that a biomass fuelled power plant and a community biomass supply chain can co-exist on the island, and that by changing over to biomass fuelled heating in our homes, Arran residents can start to make use of their own natural resources and embrace eco-friendly practices – something the Scandinavians have been doing for years.

Yours,
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Norway

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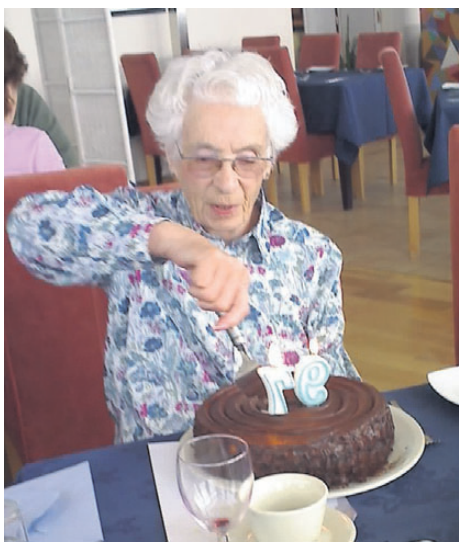

Mary Parkinson celebrating her 97th birthday in Kildonan Hotel

97th birthday celebrations at Kildonan Luncheon Club

Mrs Mary Parkinson celebrated her 97th birthday at the Luncheon Club in Kildonan Hotel on October 2.

Mary was born in Edinburgh where for many years she worked as a cook in nursing homes.

In 1953 she went to live in Rhodesia (now called Zimbabwe) and continued her work in the catering industry.

By 1983 the troubles in Zimbabwe under Robert Mugabe had reached such a pitch, that she was forced to leave her home and all her possessions to return to safety.

She travelled back to Scotland with her husband who she had met and married in Zimbabwe.

Mary chose to come and live in Arran where her sister and her husband lived.

Unfortunately her husband died a only a few months after they returned to the safety of Arran.

Since then Mary has been very active, working over the years with Arran Hospital Supporters League, volunteering to do the trolley visits at the hospital, taking an active role in the Lamlash Guild and the Friday Club and as a member of the Luncheon Club.

Congratulations Mary.

Your friends and family wish you a very happy birthday.

Golden wedding for the Walkers

Celebrating their golden wedding this October are Willie and Jessie Walker.

Willie and Jessie (nee Watson) were married on a rainy October 23 1957 at the Ormidale Hotel in Brodick before honeymooning in Dublin.

After their marriage, Jessie and Willie lived at Stronach Cottage in Douglas Row in Brodick before leaving for Staffordshire in 1962 as a result of Willie's job with the Post Office.

Jessie worked for some years in the Brodick butcher's shop, owned at that time by her father, Donald Watson.

Now living in Stockport, near Manchester, Jessie and Willie have two children, Gavin and Alison, and three grandchildren.

If anyone would like to get in touch again, their email address is walker@4marplehall.freeserve.co.uk

From left to right: Ann Watson, George Watson, Annie Watson, Willie Walker, Jessie Walker, James Walker, Annie Walker, Alexander Walker at the wedding reception in 1957.

Arran pool league ready

The Arran Pool League starts again at the end of this month despite fears that there wouldn't be enough teams.

Chairman of the league Ross MacKay said: 'It is a lot better than we thought. Initially there were worries that we might not have enough teams but luckily we still have eight teams, the same number as last year.'

Since the pool season ended in April a number of changes have taken place.

Due to the closure of the Lagg Hotel's public bar, the Lagg team were forced to find somewhere else to play. After much deliberation it was decided that their home games would be played in Kilmory Village Hall.

Due to a number of changes at the Breadalbane, this team have relocated and will now be called Kildonan Hotel. There are no longer teams from The Aldersyde or the PHT in Lamlash.

Ross said: 'The first games of the season will begin on October 25. The eight teams are Bar Eden, Cameronia, Corrie, Catacol, Drift Inn, the McLaren, Kildonan Hotel and Lagg.'

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Arran Heritage Museum's archive and genealogy research area is open to the public on Wednesdays, giving people an ideal chance to search their family trees.

Appointments can be made with the museum's experts who will take people through Arran's old parish records and monumental inscriptions. This information can be accessed through the museum's website, but if people visit the museum they have the benefit of the experts' local knowledge, for the small fee of £7.50 per hour.

The monumental inscriptions (information from gravestones) are so important because pre 1855, before it became compulsory to register births, deaths and marriages, there were no death records on Arran.

When the Arran Banner reporter visited the museum on Wednesday, Colin Clarke from Ayr was looking for information about the great, great, great grandfather of his wife Agnes Whitelaw Stewart, Daniel Stewart. Daniel Stewart was married in Brodick in 1828.

Museum genealogist Grace Small shows Colin Clarke some of Arran's old parish records. b41mus1

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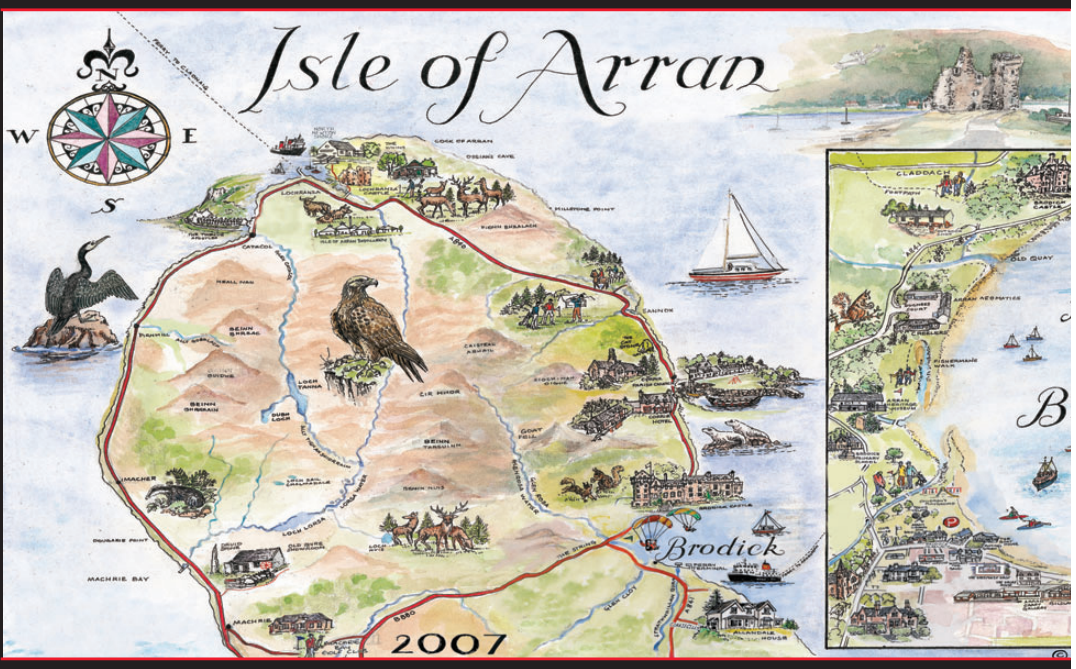

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Disappointment for Arran farmers

Price of lamb drops 28p a kilo in two months

Arran farmers were disappointed at auction markets this week as the price of lamb fell considerably.

Farms from across the Island sent their sheep to auction for the first time since the second outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the south of England over a month ago.

1000 sheep left the Island on Friday to go straight to auction rings in Ayr and Stirling.

As predicted the price achieved for the lambs was considerably lower than last year.

Neil Henderson from Kilpatrick said: 'I took my lambs to Dalmally auction mart and the trade there was terrible. At the beginning of August this year we managed to get £1.10 per live kilo but this week we only managed 82p per kilo. This is a considerable drop.'

Some of the island's farmers now face a new crisis as they attempt to dispose of light lambs that are starving on the hillside. Some lambs still have limited access to grass, but they will be in no condition to survive colder temperatures.

Importantly, on top of all this, these lambs are eating the grass that their mothers, the ewes, need to survive over the winter.

Light lambs are traditionally destined for European markets, however the export ban has closed that outlet.

Whilst there could be a limited lifting of the export ban at the end of this week, many of these lambs are now in no fit condition to be processed and, even if they could be, the backlog simply could not be processed quickly enough.

An NFUS spokesman said: 'This is another dark day in what is turning out to be the Autumn from hell for Scotland's livestock industry. To have reached the point where we have to dispose of lambs because they are facing starvation is just horrendous.' On the upside farmers have welcomed news that from Wednesday October 17 Scotland will be free of all domestic movement restrictions.

United Auctions Wednesday October 4

United Auctions at Stirling Auction Mart had forward 723 store cattle and 2281 store lambs and feeding ewes.

TexX lambs; Craigdhu £52, Drumla £40, Bridge £38, Bellevue £33.

SuffX lambs; Balnacoole £36.20; Sheddock £33.50.

TexX ewes; Bellevue £45; Drumla £40.50; Kilpatrick £39.50; Sheddock £29.20.

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Cross ewes; Bellevue £28; Drumla £25.50; Braehead £24; Springfield £22.20.

BF ewes; Sheddock £12.

Bird Notes for September

by Jim Cassels

By the end of September migration was well underway. For example, on 30th, there were literally hundreds of birds making use of the fields at Drumadoon and Sliddery.

These included large numbers of Skylark, Reed Bunting, Linnet, with smaller numbers of Twite and a few Wheatear and Yellowhammer.

In Sliddery there are areas of unharvested crop of oats, kale, quinoa and red clover. Also, wholecrop silage of triticale and lupin mix have been used. These rely on the vigorous growing nature of both plants to compete with weeds, although there are some weeds such as redshank present.

Harvesting

After harvesting there are quite a lot of triticale and weed seed left on the ground. This combination of the feed available in the unharvested crop areas along with the triticale and weed seed in the adjacent fields, together with substantial hedges around the fields, all contribute to attracting these large numbers of birds.

All part of the farmers' interest in supporting wildlife.

Other birds on migration included: Bar-tailed Godwit at Blackwaterfoot on 20th; a female Merlin in Balegra on 23rd; two Redwing in South Newton on 30th; and seven Black-throated Divers in Drumadoon Bay also on the 30th.

Recently, from Alaska, it has been reported that a Bar-tailed Godwit, fitted with a tracking device, was found to have flown from its breeding ground in Alaska to New Zealand in eight days, a distance of 11,500km.

With the approach of winter some birds move to the milder coast.

On 22nd there was a Little Grebe in Lochranza and Dipper were reported at the mouths of Glenashdale burn and the Blackwater on 28th.

Having said that, some summer visitors were still around including: Common Sandpiper at Kingscross on 16th; Sandwich Tern at Lochranza on 22nd; House Martin and Sand Martin in Sannox on 23rd; and the last Swallow reported so far was in Lamlash on 29th.

With so many birds on the move it is a fascinating time to be birding.

Other sightings included: Arctic Skua in Whiting Bay on 13th; fifteen Teal on Torr Righ Beag on 27th; seventy Turnstone at Kildonan and twelve Wigeon at Cleats on 28th; and three hundred Kittiwake at Catacol on 29th.

After the report of the Red Kite in August, there were further sightings in September including east of Glenloig on 19th , Auchenhew on 28th , and above Glenashdale on 30th.

The peak of the migration season, when so many birds are on the move, is the time to expect the unexpected, and on 3rd October a Great White Egret appeared briefly on North Newton shore. I will say more about this in the October notes.

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.

Long distance traveller, the Bar-tailed Godwit. b41bird1

The Bar-tailed Godwit in flight. b41bird2NO

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The Banner's photo competition 2007 attracted a record number of entries so we have decided to bring you a selection of photos that our judge thought deserved to be mentioned.

With over 400 entries it was very difficult to marrow it down to a selection of the best. Thank you to everyone who entered and remember to keep that camera at the ready.

You might just snap a winning picture for next year.

Moving towards a pot of gold Avril McDonald, Troon b41comp4no

Keep right on.... Alison Currie by e-mail b41comp2no

Cows and Goatfell by e-mail b41comp3no

Welcome to Arran Sandy Pollock ,Brodick. b41comp1no

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Sat - Over 21's Disco – 10pm (Last admittance 11pm)
Sun - Open Folk Session – 9.30pm
Tues - Pop Music Quiz – 10pm
Thur - General Knowledge Quiz – 10pm
Real Ale (Recommended CAMRA Good Beer Guide)

Russians savour all Arran has to offer

Gradually the Island of Arran has been attracting increasing numbers of visitors from all around the world.

Last week seven Russians came to Arran to savour all that 'Scotland in miniature' has to offer.

The group consisted of some of the most influential Russian beverage buyers looking to find out more about Arran's products and the place where they come from.

Staying at the Kinloch Hotel they were given the opportunity to try some of the island's finest foods including the cheese, oatcakes, fish, beer, whisky, ice cream and chocolate.

On the Tuesday morning the group were taken up to the North end of the island where they had an opportunity to look around Lochranza Castle before being taken up to the distillery.

One of them told *The Banner*: 'This is a beautiful island and I would love to stay here forever. It's just wonderful.'

Here they were shown how the whisky distillation process actually works and they tasted the range of whiskies produced by the company.

If the trip is a success they will be taking back large quantities of the Arran whisky to be sold in Russia.

The trip followed a very successful visit to Russia by the Isle of Arran Distillery's managing director, Douglas Davidson earlier this year.

Whilst in Russia he presented Arran whisky at a number of tastings in shops and restaurants in Moscow and St Petersburg.

The group has now travelled on to Islay where they will visit the Bruichladdich Distillery before they travel north to see the Highlands.

Some of Russia's most influential drinks buyers at the Isle of Arran Distillery. b41dis1

New finds at castle

Continuing this winter's theme of finding out more about Brodick Castle and Country Park, at their next meeting the Friends of Brodick Castle will hear about recent discoveries at the castle.

The speaker will be Derek Alexander, the National Trust for Scotland's West region archaeologist.

A great deal of research has been undertaken recently by the NTS into the origins of the site and having previously heard him speak, the Friends are looking forward to another absorbing talk by Mr Alexander.

They meet on Wednesday October 17 at 7.30pm in the Castle tearoom and the meeting is open to anyone interested.

Biggest coffee morning a great success

Generous locals and visitors who attended one of the World's Biggest Coffee Mornings in Lochranza last week managed to raise over £230 for the charity.

It was a great day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Organisers said: 'It's amazing that simply enjoying a cup of coffee and a wee blether can make a difference to those affected by cancer.

'Big thanks to all who joined in.'

SWRI....SWRI....SWRI....SWRI....SWRI....

Whiting Bay SWRI

At our opening meeting on 3rd October we were pleased to welcome two new members to our group. All of us greatly enjoyed the session on flower arranging by Eleanor McCue.

Fuss

Her hand-tied bouquet, her floral and foliage arrangements were created so quickly with a minimum of fuss (and the aid of a stapler) that one of our members remarked that if she had known it was that easy she would have taken up flower arranging years ago.

Eleanor, of course, only made it look easy. Two of the arrangements were donated as raffle prizes much to the delight of the lucky winners.

The winner of the competition for hand-made cards was won by Moreen McCormack and the exhibition of holiday photographs by Pam Holmes.

Thank you to Moreen for ably hosting the evening.

Next month's meeting will be on 7 November when we shall welcome Elma Stevenson to lead us in the art of crochet. If you have a crochet hook please bring it with you.

Lamlash SWRI

The first meeting of the session, which was open to the public, was held in Lamlash Church hall on Wednesday October 3.

A large number of people enjoyed a most interesting evening when Mr David McCall of North Ayrshire Council cemeteries department, and Mrs Sarah McKinnon of the Strathclyde Building Preservation trust gave a very detailed illustrated talk about the history of and preservation hopes for the St Brides Chapel in Lamlash Cemetery.

Following a question and answer session, Carol Davies proposed a well-deserved vote of thanks.

Betty Adams won the exhibition and Mary Adams won the competition.

Kilmory SWRI

The first meeting of the Kilmory SWRI took place in Kilmory Village Hall last Monday.

The guest speaker was Kate Samson, castle ranger who gave a very interesting talk on 'A year in the life of a ranger.'

She also informed members of other ongoing projects taking place around Arran.

Winners

The competition winners were Janet Mulholland and Sarah Thomas.

The next meeting will be on Monday November 12 and the guest speaker will be Nancy McCleod and all new members will be warmly welcomed.

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Lamlash boy David Fletcher's seventh birthday party in the Ormidale Pavilion was made extra special when Dunno the clown came over to visit from Irvine.

Kira and Lauren Campbell. b41par05

Birthday boy David Fletcher with Dunno the clown, big sister Sarah and mum Fiona Simpson. b41par01

Lucy and Summer Kane and Michael and Scott MacFarlane. b41par07

Kyle Campbell, Thomas Copperwheat, David Copperwheat, Hamish Bunyan and Taylor Craig. b41par03

Louise Shankland and Ryan Latham. b41par02

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Blair and Craig Hamilton. b41par04

Hamish and Olivia Bunyan. b41par06

The Arran Banner 20 years ago

Saturday, October 10, 1987

Young achievers

Last Friday saw the presentations of the first Duke of Edinburgh bronze awards to 17 young people from Arran.

They have been spending their spare time sailing, hill walking, helping the police and the RNLI to qualify for this first stage of the award in which they learn both to improve their own skills and interests and to become useful members of society.

For example, one of the youngsters, Barry Watson of Lamlash, worked at Glenkiln Farm as part of the award and now has a job there.

Goods stolen from van

A van parked outside the Good Food Shop in Brodick was broken into last Friday night and a quantity of food and drink stolen.

Miss Stella MacRae of Lamlash was awarded the Red Cross Medal of Honour and became a life member. b41twe4

Purple Warrior

Exercise Purple Warrior is causing concern to some Arran residents.

One primary head teacher fears weaponry may be left around endangering children.

A hotelier wants to plan his holidays to coincide with (or to try and avoid) Purple Warrior.

Others have expressed concerns about low flying aircraft.

Watson family butchers retire

It is the end of an era for the Watson family of butchers who this week have ceased their service between Brodick, Corrie and Sannox.

With the retirement of Annie, Donald and George, three generations of butchers have ended.

No matter the weather the van arrived at the door on the same day at the same time and until George's illness they never missed a day.

For sale: extensive property in Brodick

Auchrannie County House Hotel, 16 letting bedrooms, owner's flat, garden grounds of 2.5 acres offering scope for further leisure development.

Brodick children took part in the Keep Arran Beautiful entertainment. b41twe2

Everyone has been talking about a car accident that took place in the early hours of Sunday morning. b41twe3

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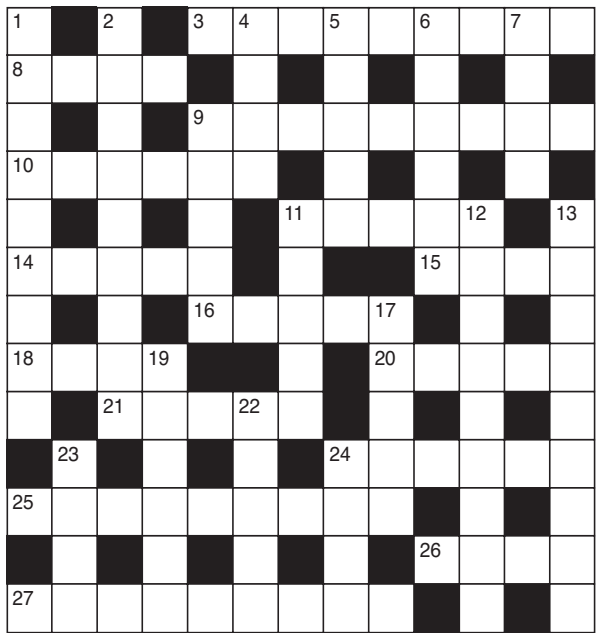

ACROSS

3. Material also call baleen used in stiffening corsets (9)
8. Maori war chant (4)
9. 'The —', 1922 poem by T.S. Eliot (5,4)
10. A young swan (6)
11. Old World coniferous tree (5)
14. Informal name given to violins made by Antonio Stradivari or his family (5)
15. Freshwater food fish, Cyprinus carpio (4)
16. Digit also called the pollex (5)
18. A — year consists of 366 days (4)
20. Forename of Mrs. Gorbachev, former 'first lady' of the U.S.S.R. (5)
21. Rosa, character played by 5 Down in the film From Russia With Love (5)
24. Town in West Bengal associated with a type of bullet (3-3)
25. 1965 Roman Polanski film with Catherine Deneuve (9)
26. Meg, actress who starred in the film Sleepless in Seattle (4)
27. Cardinal who was virtual ruler of France 1624-42 (9)

DOWN

1. Unfinished novel by Kafka published in 1926 (3,6)
2. Arm of the North Sea between Denmark and Norway (9)
4. 1995 action film by Michael Mann (4)
5. Miss Lenya, singer/actress who died in 1981 (5)
6. Honore de —, French author of Le Père Goriot (6)
7. '— Balatka', novel by Trollope (4)
9. George, actor who plays Norm in the comedy series Cheers (5)
11. Robert, cartoonist who created Fritz the Cat (5)
12. 1987 Woody Allen film (5,4)
13. Purple-flowered plant, Mentha spicata (9)
17. Eva, mistress of Adolf Hitler (5)
19. 'The — and the Stars', Sean O'Casey play (6)
22. Saint and Greek patriarch whose feast day is June 14 (5)
23. Hindu goddess, embodiment of the female energy of Shiva (4)
24. Former chief magistrate of Venice (4)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

3. Skilled (9)
8. Rave (4)
9. Residue (9)
10. Oozed (6)
11. Veracity (5)
14. Coppice (5)
15. Merit (4)
16. Renovate (5)
18. Row (4)
20. Alternative (5)
21. Entice (5)
24. Impudent (6)
25. Needful (9)
26. Liberate (4)
27. Dare (9)

QUICK CLUES DOWN

1. Sue (9)
2. Translate (9)
4. Rush (4)
5. Seat (5)
6. Inborn (6)
7. Always (4)
9. Allude (5)
11. Principle (5)
12. Random (9)
13. Enchanted (9)
17. Anxiety (5)
19. Disclose (6)
22. Adhesive (5)
23. Network (4)
24. Boast (4)

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE - Across: 1 Out of Africa; 9 Lesotho; 10 Verdi; 11 Parma; 12 Bolivar; 13 Outlaw; 15 Apulia; 18 Amboise; 20 Laura; 22 Ibsen; 23 Chancer; 24 Voortrekker.

Down: 2 Unser; 3 Ostrava; 4 Amoeba; 5 Ravel; 6 Caravel; 7 Kleptomania; 8 Sierra Madre; 14 Tabasco; 16 Poldark; 17 Mercer; 19 Inner; 21 Uncle.

QUICK - Across: 1 Proficiency; 9 Blunder; 10 Torso; 11 Their; 12 Flaccid; 13 Untold; 15 Ashore; 18 Traitor; 20 Augur; 22 Venue; 23 Finesse; 24 Brotherhood.

Down: 2 Route; 3 Federal; 4 Carafe; 5 Extra; 6 Curacao; 7 Obstructive; 8 Cold-hearted; 14 Trainer; 16 Staunch; 17 Trifle; 19 Treat; 21 Gusto.

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Arran Heritage Museum, Brodick 10.30am - 4.30pm

Lamlash Tennis Courts
Open from 10am - 8pm

SATURDAY 13th October

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football
coaching, 10.30am - noon

Arran Dancers
Brodick Primary School 11am - 4.15pm

Machrie Table Tennis & Games Club,
Machrie Hall, 7.30-9pm

Disco, Ormidale Hotel 10pm

Karate
Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm

SUNDAY 14th October

Alcoholics Anonymous,
St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm

Family Games Kids & Adults.
Auchrannie Games Hall 2 - 3pm

Open Folk Session
Ormidale Hotel. 9pm

MONDAY 15th October

Senior Fitness,
Auchrannie, 9.30am & 10.45am

Over 50s Badminton,
Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm

Football coaching,
Ormidale Park, 6 7.30pm (8-16yrs)

Badminton,
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm

Quiz,
Cameronia 9.30pm

Weightwise,
Hospital bungalow 6.30pm-7pm

Cardiac Rehab,
Auchrannie Gym, 12.30pm - 2pm

Circuit Training.
Auchrannie Gym 6pm - 7.15pm

Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm

Lamlash Bridge
Golf Clubhouse, Lamlash, 7.15pm

Salsa Dancercise
Shiskine Hall. 6.30 - 7.15pm

Fitness Yoga
Kildonan Hall, 6pm - 6.45pm

Legs, Bums and Tums
Kildonan Hall 7pm - 7.45pm

Scottish Country Dance Class
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2pm

TUESDAY 16th October

Senior Fitness,
Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am

Lochranza Swimming Club,
Kinloch, 11am-noon

Legs, Bums & Tums,
Auchrannie Spa, 6-6.45pm

Army Cadets,
Auchrannie Road, 7.30-9.30pm

Pop quiz,
Ormidale Hotel 10pm

Lochranza & Catacol Coffee morning,
hall 10am - 12pm

Alcoholics Anonymous,
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm

Arran Rotary,
Auchrannie, 7.15pm

Citizens Advice
open 10am -2pm 4 - 6pm by appointment only

Country Dancing
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm

Pulmonary Rehab
Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm

Table Tennis
Kildonan Hall, 6pm-8pm

Indoor Bowling
Corrie & Sannox Hall, 2pm

Indoor Bowling
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

WEDNESDAY 17th October

Mixed Hockey,
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

Aerobics class,
High School 8pm - 9pm

Jnr Rugby Training,
S1-U18s, Ormidale Park, 7pm

Aquafizz,
Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am

Circuit Training.
Auchrannie 6pm

Arran Heritage Museum,
archives and genealogy 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm

Open Folk Session
Aldersyde Hotel. 9pm

Table Tennis
Kildonan Hall, 2pm-4pm

Shiskine Beavers
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.15pm

Yogalates
Auchrannie Studio 10am - 11am

Coffee Morning
Lamlash Church 10.15am - 12pm

Yoga
Kildonan Hall, 10am

Friends of Brodick Castle
Tearoom,7.30pm

Friends of Lochranza & Catacol
Lochranza Hall, 2pm

THURSDAY 18th October

Senior Fitness,
Auchrannie Spa, 9.30am & 10.45am

Brodick Bridge Club
,McLaren Hotel 7.15pm

Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm

Badminton,
Kilmory Hall, Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 9pm

Lochranza Craft Club,
Hall 2pm

Outdoor run,
Auchrannie, 6pm

Pilates, Auchrannie Studio, 6pm

Belly Dancing,
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm

Aerobics,
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm

St Molios Church Coffee Morning 10.30 - noon

Youth Club
Youth Centre, Lamlash 7pm - 10pm

Arran Junior Singers Practise
Whiting Bay School 6.45pm

Brodick Embroidery Group
Brodick Library, 7.30pm

Cardiac Rehab,
Auchrannie Gym, 12.30pm - 2pm

Keep Fit
Kildona Hall, 7pm - 9pm

Indoor Bowling
Auchrannie Hall, 7pm

FRIDAY 19th October

Arran Pipe Band practice,
Brodick Hall, 7.30pm

Lochranza & Catacol Coffee morning
10am - 12pm

Aquafizz,
Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am

Over 21's disco,
10pm, Ormidale Hotel

Citizens Advice open 10am-2pm

Shiskine Tennis Club, Adults, (16+) Club Night
4.30pm onwards

Whiting Bay Golf Club
Quiz night 9pm

Circuit Training
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7.15pm

Senior Badminton
Auchrannie 2pm

SATURDAY 20th October

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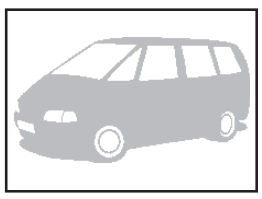

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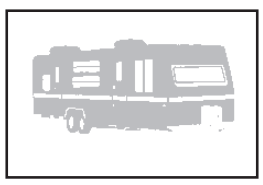

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at Legal and Protective Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine* between the hours of 9.00am and 4.45pm on weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) excepting Saturdays and Public Holidays.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 1992

Applications for planning permission - Notice to be published in accordance with Article 12(5) Written comments to be made within 14 days.

Application No: N/07/00904/PP **Address:** Existing Service Reservoir, Shannochie, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8SH **Proposed Development:** Installation of 10m high timber monopole with 4 no 600mm dish antenna

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

Applications for development within a Conservation Area. Written comments to be made within 21 days.

Application No: N/07/00956/PP **Address:** The Brae House, The Brae, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8NA **Proposed Development:** Erection of two storey dwelling house with attached granny annexe

(B880 STRING ROAD, ISLE OF ARRAN) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2007

On the 8th October 2007 North Ayrshire Council made the above-named Order under Section14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle (with the exception of vehicles engaged on carriageway resurfacing works) on B880 String Road (from north of Shiskine at Balmichael to south of the Machrie Moor road junction at Dereneneach), Isle of Arran reason of works proposed to be executed on or near that road.

The Order will come into operation at 0001 hours on Monday 22nd October 2007 and will remain in operation until 2400 hours on Friday 16th November 2007, or until the works are complete whichever is earlier.

Alternative Route:-

Traffic should proceed via Machrie Moor Road, the route C147 coastal road, the Torbeg Road to rejoin the B880 at Shiskine and vice versa.

Ian Snodgrass
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
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NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005
North Ayrshire Licensing Board
Consultation on Licensing Policy Statement

NORTH Ayrshire Licensing Board wish to consult on the draft Licensing Policy Statement prepared by them.

The Licensing Policy Statement will be a statement of the Board's policies with respect to the exercise of its licensing functions for the next three years.

Copies of the draft licensing Policy Statement are available for inspection at the Town House, 66 High Street, Irvine, and Legal & Protective, 1st Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine and Libraries in North Ayrshire as well as being available on the Council's website.

A copy of the policy may be obtained from North Ayrshire Licensing Board, Town House, 66 High Street, Irvine.

Comments on the policy may be submitted by 9th November 2007 to: - The Clerk to the North Ayrshire Licensing Board, North Ayrshire Council, Town House, 66 High Street, Irvine, by e-mail to nalexander@north-ayrshire.gov.co.uk or by fax to 01294 312170

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b41murph1

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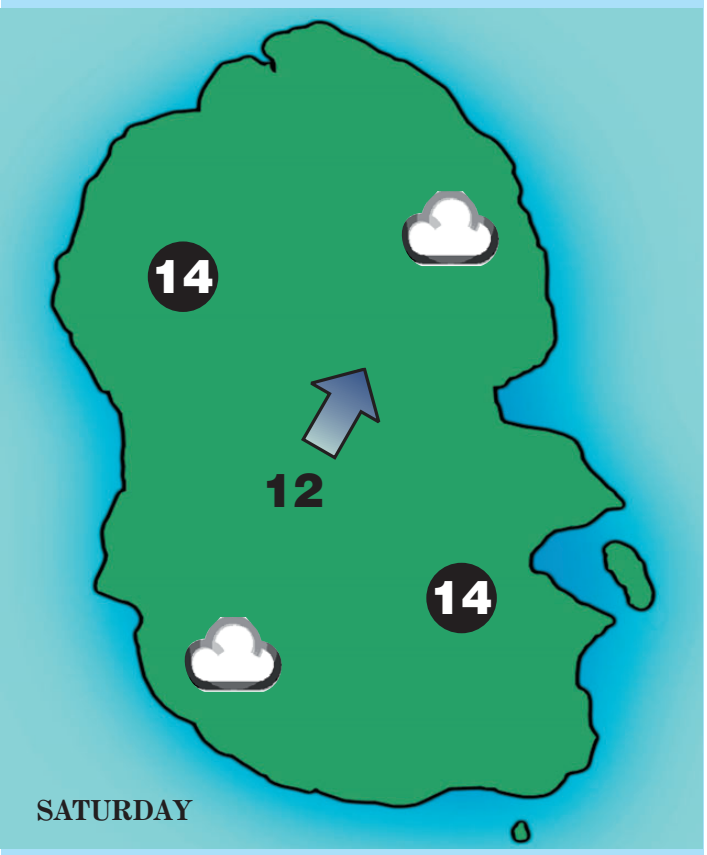
Tides

Tide tables for Lamlash during the week from
Saturday, October 13 2007
are listed below with differences
for major ports listed beneath.
All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am				pm			
Sat	0059	3.2	0627	0.6	1326	3.2	1848	0.6
Sun	0127	3.2	0655	0.7	1351	3.2	1917	0.6
Mon	0156	3.2	0725	0.7	1419	3.2	1951	0.7
Tues	0228	3.1	0758	0.8	1448	3.2	2028	0.8
Wed	0302	3.0	0836	0.9	1521	3.1	2112	0.9
Thur	0340	2.8	0922	1.1	1558	2.9	2204	1.1
Fri	0427	2.7	1019	1.3	1649	2.7	2311	1.2

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Lamlash)

Blackwaterfoot	+0.25	Machrie	+0.25
Corrie	+0.20	Lochranza	+0.15
Whiting Bay	-0.02	Brodick Bay	+0.25
Kildonan	-0.05		



Saturday, October 13
Forecast is set to be cloudy with a 12mph south south-westerly wind.
Temperatures around 14ºC.
Sunday, October 14
Again cloudy with a 9mph west south-westerly wind. Temperatures around 14ºC.
Monday and Tuesday
Will bring heavy rain with 13mph winds.
Temperatures around 14ºC
Ferry Crossings/Sea States
Ardrossan/ Brodick - Moderate
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Independent but working together.
Minister Rev Angus Adamson. Parish Asst Mrs Jean Hunter. Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times.
Sunday 14 October
Brodick Church 10.30am.
Corrie noon.
Lochranza 9.30am
Pirnmill 10.45am. Shiskine noon.
A service of worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.45pm.

Arran Free Church of Scotland
Sunday 14 October
Shiskine 11am,
Brodick 7pm,
Rev David Karoon
All welcome.

Arran Open Gate Ministries
We are a small group of like minded Christians meeting together to minister to each other and the wider community in spiritual and practical ways. Visitor or local your are welcome to join us.
Telephone: 700424 or 600663.

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Saturday Vigil 7.30pm
Sunday Morning Mass 11am

Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church
Sunday 14 October
Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson,at 10.30am. Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service. All welcome.

Kilmory Parish Church
Sunday 14 October
Public Worship, 10am.
All are invited.
Kilmory Church dates back to the mid 16th century. It is situated at the Southend of the island in a charming rural setting and is well worth finding. Look for the road side signs in Kilmory near the creamery. Holiday visitors of all faiths or none will be especially welcome.
Rev John Webster, locum.

Scottish Episcopal Church (in full communion with the Church of England)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 14 October 11am
Holy Communion. Mr John Roberts. Coffee after service.
Wednesday, 17 October:
12.15 pm, Holy Communion.
All welcome

Lamlash Church
Sunday 14 October
You are invited to worship in Lamlash Church at 11 am.
Mr Alan Saunderson
All welcome

Arran Free Church of Scotland (continuing)
Sunday 14 October
Trust Housing Lounge,Glen Estate,Brodick
Evening Service,7pm
5 Glen Road
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 17 October,7pm
Rev. D. Macleod
All welcome

Arran Baptist Church
Sunday 14 October
in the Ormidale Pavilion,
10.45 Communion
Tea and coffee from 11.10
11.30 Worship Service
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Philippians 4: 6-9
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THANKS
My quest to locate two former employees has been successful.
Allison Maine in the USA and Joyce MacIntosh of Glasgow.
Thanks to **The Banner** and also others who helped
Chris Smith

Happy 21st birthday Faye

With lots of love from Mum, Dad, Dawn, Killie and Haggis xxxxx

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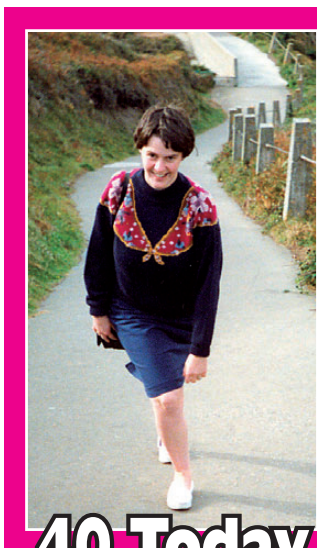

40 Today

Happy Birthday Hazel
Don't worry it's all downhill now
Lots of Love
Alastair, Colin and Fraser

Arran fall to experience

West Region National Cup 2007/2008
Millbrae 41 Arran 12

Isle of Arran Rugby crossed the water to Ayr last weekend to play Millbrae in the first round of the West Region National Cup.

Millbrae is an experienced team that play in Division Two of the West Regional League so Arran travelled over as definite underdogs.

The game started well though as Arran stormed towards the try line twice in the first 15 minutes.

Murray Picken crossed the line but the try wasn't allowed because his foot was in touch.

Arran kept pushing forward though and three minutes later Murray crossed the line again to put Arran's first five points on the scoreboard.

A conversion straight through the posts left the score 7-7. Millbrae were a much bigger team but Arran did well to defend their half of the pitch.

At half time the score was a respectable 17-7 to Millbrae.

After a quick break Arran came back on to the pitch refreshed but Millbrae used their strength to cross the line once again to make the score 24-7.

At one point Arran picked up the pace when they stole the ball from the scrum. A quick pass out to Jamie Murchie left him free to charge down the pitch but Millbrae caught him just before he crossed the try line.

Millbrae continued to drive forward and scored three more times to make their final score 41.

Five minutes later the ball was turned over again by Arran and this time Jamie did manage to reach the try line. A failed conversion left Arran with 12 points. The final score was 41-12 to Millbrae but once again Arran proved that they are a talented team who will do well this season.

Captain Murray Picken said: 'It was a good game but we were defeated by a much more experienced team.'

Next week Arran return home after a two-week absence to play Lanark at the Ormidale Park.

The game sponsored by the Catacol Bay Hotel kicks off at 3pm. Please come along and support the team.

The Arran team: 1 Steven McEwan, 2 Greg Cameron, 3 Alasdair Ferguson, 4 Niall McMaster, 5 Mark Wetton, 6 Donald Murchie, 7 Kal Masia, 8 Sam Casey, 9 Iain Keen, 10 lachlan Jones, 11 Alan McGrath, 12 Iain McDonald, 13 Murray Picken, 14 Sam Wheeler, 15 George De Mendonca, 16 Ross Lunn, 17 Glenn Stewart, 18 Donald Bannatyne, 19 Steven Gill, 20 Jamie Murchie, 21 Craig Ingham and 22 Fraser Gough.

Cairnhouse gets ready for the winter

Cairnhouse Riding Centre is gearing up for another exciting winter points season.

The dates for the 2007/2008 season are as follows:

October 28 2007, November 25, December 9, January 6 2008, February 3 and March 9.

All of the dates are subject to change.

The classes will be the same as last year. They will start at 11.30am and all entries must be in by 11am.

There will be a teen training class with Tori Butler on Saturday November 3 in Lamlash and then on Sunday November 4 at the Cairnhouse Stables in Blackwaterfoot.

Spaces for these classes are limited and are on a first booked basis

If you would like to take part please phone Dawn Murchie on 01770 860466.

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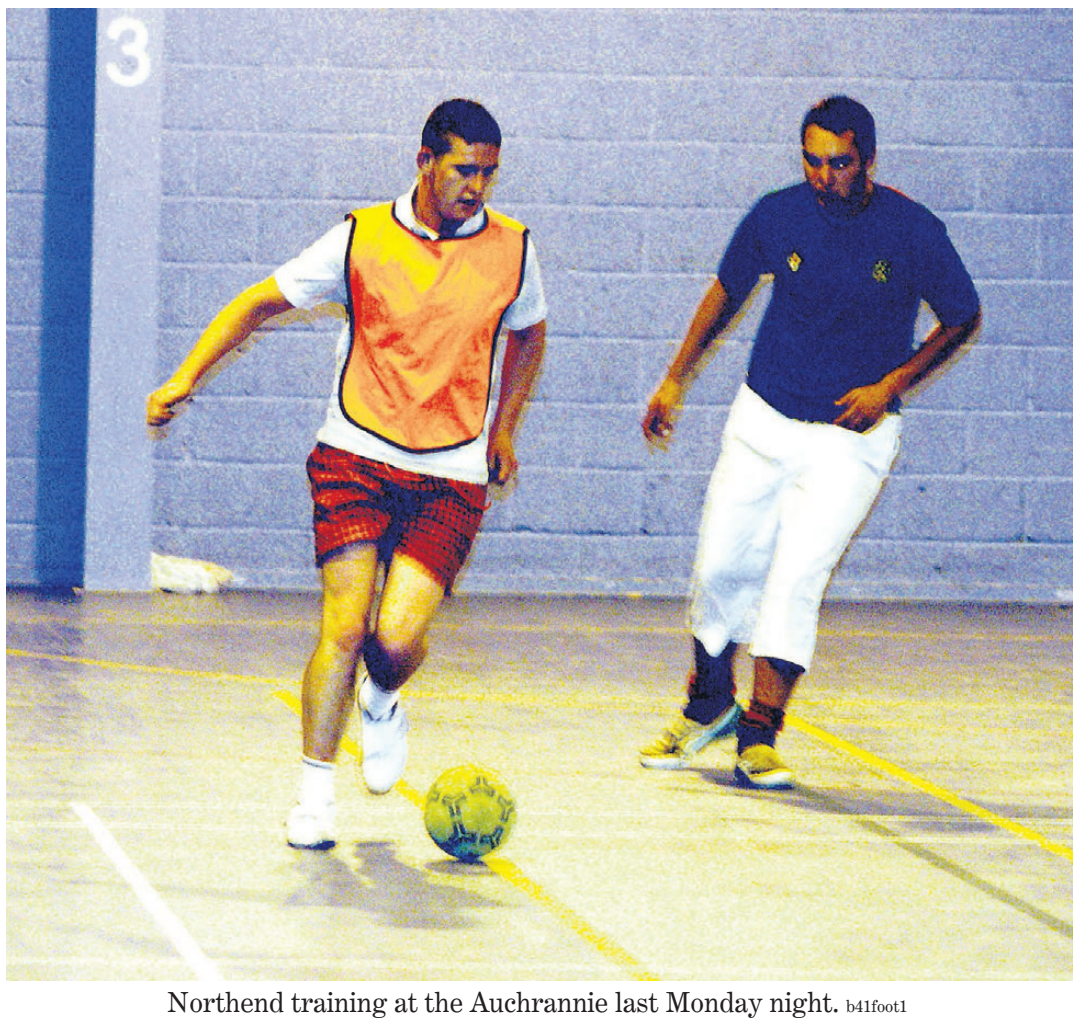
Arran RFC travelled to Ayr last weekend to play Millbrae RFC. b41rug1no



Northend training at the Auchrannie last Monday night. b41foot1

Worst team in Britain keep trying

❒ Northend hope extra training sessions will help them win first game in 15 years

Northend Thistle may be Arran's, and Britain's worst football team, but that doesn't stop them training during the winter months and trying to improve.

On Monday evenings at 6.30pm the team meet in the Auchrannie Gym for a game of football to keep up the practice during the winter.

In 15 years Northend have never won a game and earlier this year they featured in a number of newspapers, radio shows and on television as Britain's worst football team.

Grasp

Many followers of the team believe that their first win is within grasp.

By training during the winter they may improve enough to win their first ever game during next summer's football season.

None of the other teams on Arran from Shiskine, Brodick, Lamlash and the Southend train during the winter.

Fun

One Northend player said: 'This is really just a bit of fun to keep us fit in the winter. We know that the team hasn't done well but we enjoy playing football and that's the main thing.

'We don't care if we are the worst team in Britain, it's just for fun.'

Anyone is welcome to go along on Monday evenings if they fancy a bit of football practice during the winter.

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Matthew continues family tradition

Matthew Evans from Lamlash has followed in the footsteps of his older brother when he won this year's golf Summer Cup.

Matthew (13) is a member of Lamlash Golf Club and is the youngest player ever to win the cup, which is played during the summer months.

The player with the best four net scores over the period from May to September wins the competition.

An excellent score of 235 saw Matthew triumph over a large number of other players.

Matthew has followed in the footsteps of his older brother Euan (17) who won the cup two years ago. Both are keen golfers and have been playing since a very early age.

Matthew Evans (13) the winner of this year's Golf Summer Cup. b41golfNO

Golf....Golf....Golf....Golf....Golf

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 2: 1 Hamish Bannatyne 61, 2 Ian Buchanan 62 BIH, 3 David Price 62 BIH. Scratch Hamish Bannatyne 66. **Fixtures**: Tuesday October 16 Lochranza Hotel Cup, 12pm Tee Off.

Brodick Golf Club

Brandon and Winter Cup Sunday October 7, CSS 64, 24 entries. 1 Steven Bunyan (3)62 BIH, 2 Tom Cotton (17)62, 3 David McKinnon (10)63,

Scratch Steven Bunyan 65.

There were 10 magic two's with Jimmy Armit and Bruce Jenkins getting two each.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday October 7 19 played in the Sunday Medal. SSS 63, CSS 63.

1 Nicol Auld (2)60, 2 George McKechnie (6)61 BIH, 3 John Taylor (21)61 BIH.

Scratch – Nicol Auld, 62.

Fixtures: Sunday October 14, Winter Cup, Round one.

Sunday October 21, Hamilton Salver.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday October 4 Nine Holes Competition, 16 played.

1 Alan Smith 38-7.5=30.5, 2 Graeme Andrew 37-4.5=32.5, Tom Vella-Boyle 43-10=33, best scratch Ian Bremner 37.

There were no magic two's.

Sunday October 7 Glenburn Cup21 played, CSS 63. Best scratch David Cameron 69.

1 Martin Wallbank 80-18=62, 2 William O'Connor 84-21=63, 3 David Cameron 69-5=64.

Magic two's from Alan Smith and Matthew Evans.

Congratulations to Ian Bremner on winning 'Eclectic Cup' 47 BIH, played during the summer games.

Runner up was Euan Evans 47.

Fixtures: Sunday October 11 stableford 9.30am and 1pm.

Sunday October 21 Glenburn Cup 9.30am and 1pm.

Juniors: Medal 9-holes 1 Sean Higgins 57-22=35, 2 James Todd 47-11=36, 3 Todd Jamieson 49-11=38.

Corrie Golf Club

Monday October 1 Gerry Pot, 1 H McArthur 69-16=53, 2 B Paul 75-20=55, 3 D Wilkinson 74-17=57 BIH.

Saturday Sweep October 6, 1 A Smith 74-15=59, 2 T Cotton 78-16=62, 3 J McGovern 72-8=64.

Fixtures: Saturday October 13 first round of the Winter Cup, tee off from 1pm.

Monday October 15 Monday Cup, tee-off 12noon.

Please note that names are required for the winter league.

Brodick Bridge Results

Thursday October 4: N/S 1 P and Dickinson +2520, 2 J MacLure and A McKelvie +1010, 3 J Murchie and A McBride +520.

E/W 1 J Barclay and P Sloan +590, 2 L Trickett and E McNiven +200, 3 E Sillars and C Bone +150.

Lamlash Bridge Results

N/S: 1 L Tricket and E McNiven + 2920, 2 J and R McBride +2640, 3 Helen Boyd and J Murchie +2090. E/W: 1 J Maclure and A McKelvie –450, 2 E Sillars and L Primrose –600, 3 A Bilsland and T Martin –1000.

Auchrannie winter bowling

Results: Tuesday October 2 John Steid, Iain Hendry and Marion Spence.

Thursday October 4 Lavinia Hendry and Tony Wooden.

Corrie and Sannox indoor bowls

Bowling will start again at Corrie and Sannox Village hall on Tuesday October 16 at 2pm and every week thereafter.

All are welcome to attend. Please call 810 692 if you require any more information.

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