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Tattie howking on Sunday with George Tod at the digger helped by neighbours Dave and Marion Brambles, Mark and Lynne Blundell on holiday from New South Wales with children Holly, Hannah and Erin, Alastair and Alison Currie and children Rory and Lily, plus two collie dogs.

Apprentice of the year

An Arran student has won an impressive award for his work with Stagecoach on the island. The bus company chose Stuart McMaster, aged 17, from Shannoachie as their UK wide apprentice of the year at a special awards dinner in Bristol.



Stuart McMaster. 01_b42stu01

'I've always been interested in agricultural engineering,' explained Stuart. 'When I left school there was an opportunity to become an apprentice here and so I jumped at the chance and so far I've really enjoyed my first year.'

For Stuart, who is in a class at college in Bristol with students from all over the country, the award is a huge accomplishment.

John Harper, engineering director for Stagecoach in the west of Scotland, said: 'This is a fantastic achievement for Stuart. It recognises all the hard work that he has put into both his work at the depot in Brodick and with his college work in Bristol.'

Tattie howking in the October sun at Balgowan

In last week's editorial column in the Banner we wrote about the time in days gone by when tattie howking by children during the October school holidays was commonplace. So on Sunday we were pleased to be able to capture a cameo of this rare rural ritual still being played out on one Arran farm.

George Tod of Balgowan grows a couple of acres of potatoes every year, mainly for consumption by family and friends. This is the time to lift those maincrop potatoes and get them into store, so on Sunday morning George was getting the 30-year-old Ransomes single row potato harvester ready for action. And by midday a collection of family and neighbours were assembled in the autumn sunshine, bags at the ready and all set for some serious tattie howking.

Trundling
 After a few false starts, the digger was soon trundling up the drill behind the modern Massey Ferguson tractor. As the rattling chain conveyor separated the earth from the potatoes, youngsters and adults bent their backs to the task at hand.

Maris Piper was the variety being harvested, a direct descendant of the Arran Cairn potato, bred in 1930 by potato specialist Donald Mackelvie in the fields where Arran High School now stands and widely acknowledged as the best spud for fish and chip suppers.

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Island's first public access lifesaving defibrillators

'This is just the start – I'm targeting 20'

Arran now has its first public access defibrillators on the wall of Kildonan Hall and at Lochranza Distillery.

Last Thursday, the Banner met with Kildonan Hall chairman Alastair Yates who showed us the bright yellow lifesaver now attached to the outside wall of the hall.

Alastair said: 'Northend First Responder Fiona Laing asked us if we were interested and we jumped at the chance. We raised half the funds from a curry night in the hall and Fiona came up with the rest.'

All the emergency services

have ones, but they are behind locked doors. This one is available 24/7 and anyone can use it.

Fiona Laing told the Banner: 'Arran is over 56 miles round and has only one ambulance. I've been working on this idea since last July and it has taken over a year.'

'Emma Campbell (paramedic) has been a huge help and now we have one in place.'

'This is just the start – I'm targeting getting 20 public defibrillators for the island.'

The First Responders have

had a defibrillator since 2003 and Fiona explained that anyone having a cardiac arrest out of a hospital environment has only a five percent chance of survival.

'For every minute that a patient in cardiac arrest is denied the use of a defibrillator, their chance of survival decreases by 10percent,' she said. 'If you suspect someone has had a cardiac arrest every second counts.'

'First call 999 for an ambulance, then perform CPR chest compressions; it can buy valuable time until a defibrillator arrives.'

'If those two actions are taken within four minutes of arrest, a person's survival chances can increase to 50percent.'

The Kildonan defibrillator, and all the others on the island, is battery-operated (the battery lasts five years) and is easy to use.

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tells you exactly what to do – it even gives out a beat sequence to tell you when to give chest compressions.

It tells you where to stick the pads, and also has a small razor to remove chest hair so that the pads stick. You are told to stand clear when the shocks are given, and Fiona explained that the machine will only give an electric shock to a patient if it detects that it is necessary.

She added: 'After being used they automatically reset themselves. Defibrillators aren't cheap; about £1,400 including the cabinet, but if Arran folk pull together then enough money could be raised to provide at least one in every village.'

Fiona said that there is already a defibrillator at Auchrannie, but this is just the start.

The Lochranza defibrillator was put in place on Wednesday.



Kildonan Hall chairman Alastair Yates with the island's first publicly accessible lifesaving defibrillator. 02_b41def01

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There is just one week left for island residents and groups to make comments on the Modified Local Plan published by North Ayrshire Council.

The Modified Local Plan is a revised version of the previous Proposed LDP which was published last year.

Response

Revisions were made in response to comments from the public and other stakeholders during a consultation period. NAC is only encouraging

representations on the specific changes as outlined in the 'Schedule of Changes'.

This can be viewed on the NAC website in the Planning section.

Among the modifications are deleting a reference to a Taste of Arran multi-purpose facility at Cladach whilst acknowledging 'the need to augment Arran's industrial land supply for business/craft type development'. And 'expansion of existing business-

es and the creation of new opportunities for appropriate rural business/craft development will also be supported at Cladach and Home Farm, as identified on the LDP map'.

Amending

Other changes include amending the capacity of Ladeside Place, Shiskine to eight units and the capacity of Golf Course Road, Whiting Bay to 10 units, adjustment to round off the boundary at West Mayish, Brodick and

including Shipfield, Lamlash within Lamlash settlement boundary.

An addition is 'In the case of commercial peat extraction... development will only be permitted where it is demonstrated to the Council's satisfaction that extraction will not adversely affect the integrity of the Arran Moors SPA'.

The current consultation period ends at 4.30pm next Friday 19 October.



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Arran makes front cover of Scottish Beekeeper

Arran's newly formed Bee Group has made the front cover of the October edition of The Scottish Beekeeper magazine.

The Arran Bee Group met at Brodick Castle Ranger Centre at the end of September and had a reasonable turnout considering the stormy weather.

Two experienced beekeepers brought samples of the floor scrapings from their hives. Group member Willie McNish said: 'This allowed an interesting discussion on the content, and with the aid of a magnifier we were able to see the varoa mite which many of us had never seen, and it allowed us to recognise this pest which unfortunately is a blight on our hives.'

'This mite, if left untreated, can kill off the bees and destroys the hive.'

'However, treatment is available and a discussion on application was found to be of great interest. Also discussed was the difficulty a nucleus taken in July was having in raising a brood.'

The next meeting of the Arran Bee Group is in the Ranger Centre at 7pm on Thursday 18 October.



Arran on the front cover of the October edition of Scottish Beekeeper magazine. b41bee01

After 38 years it's the last post for George

After 38 years on the post, George McKechnie is hanging up his mailbag.

This Friday 12 October he will be popping mail through Whiting Bay letterboxes for the very last time.

George started with the Royal Mail in Brodick on 20 July 1974.

After five years he moved on to the Whiting Bay run and has been delivering there ever since. Along with his colleagues, George has reported in each day to sort the mail, then set off on his run by mid morning.

His first Post Office van was a Morris Minor. 'It's famous,' laughed George. 'You can see it on display in the Glasgow Transport Museum. It is suspended from the ceiling!'

George appeared on the front page of the Banner in February 1991 when he received a long service medal along with fellow posties Billy Dickie and Ralston Green.

Now he is looking forward to having more time to play golf and do some gardening.

We asked if there had been many notable incidents down the years and he chuckled. 'Yes, there were lots,' he said.

'First of all, the banter in the sorting office is priceless - Billy Connolly would get loads of material from it.'

'Then there was the time when Ann Hodge of Spindrift had gone away on holiday. Unbeknown to me she had left a six-foot teddy bear

in the bed under the covers. The mail piled up over days so I took a look through the window and got a shock. I thought she had died until a neighbour came with the keys!'

Company

'And you always look out for older folk. There was one lady that I used to light her fire for her every day. I'll miss the company.'

Sorting office manager Robert Crawford said: 'George has been one of the most reliable postmen. He has gone

out in all weathers and is a mine of information on the community.'

George added: 'I just want to say a wee thank you to the staff and people on my run. And to Sandy and Donald for my party last Saturday - they did me proud.'

It is indeed the end of an era because his uncle, also George McKechnie, was a postie before him.

'Yes,' said George. 'There has been a George McKechnie on the Whiting Bay run for over 60 years!'



George McKechnie sorting out his mail for the last time in Brodick sorting office this week. 02_b41post01

Missing binoculars

James Nichols of Cumnock lost a pair of binoculars on Arran last week.

He and his wife were here on holiday and stopped to admire the seals at Sannox. Unfortunately, he left the binoculars on the seat.

Back in Whiting Bay they realised their mistake, and returned to the seat the following morning to find a note saying that someone had found them and was going to hand them in to the police station. After contacting the police each day, they had still not been handed in. If anyone still has them could they contact Mr Nichols on 07546078349.

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Train ticket confusion cleared up by Councillor

Concession card can be used on FirstScotRail

Arran residents will welcome the news that their CalMac ferry concession card can also be used on FirstScotRail trains at peak times.

Councillor John Bruce said: 'Following several reported incidents when Arran Ferry Concession Card holders have been refused train concession tickets when travelling at peak times on the Glasgow Central to Ardrossan Harbour line, Kenneth Gibson MSP and I would like to reassure Ferry Concession Card holders that peak travel restrictions on the train do not apply to them. 'Several Arran travellers have experienced difficulties when FirstScotRail staff have demanded full fares during the peak travel periods.

Councillor Bruce, who is NAC's representative on SPT added: 'This really should not have happened.' 'Both Kenneth and myself have contacted Strathclyde Partnership for Transport who have confirmed that Ferry Concession Card holders are entitled to concession train tickets throughout the day.

'It is recognised as part of the connectivity package for ferry users who qualify for the Ferry Concession Card. 'SPT have raised the matter with FirstScotRail who have apologised and agreed to continue 'awareness raising' training on the issue with staff on trains and at station barriers.

'I am informed that some

travellers have managed to secure refunds on their full-fare tickets.'

Councillor Bruce continued: 'We have already passed on this reassurance to the Community Council, Arran's Elderly Forum and the Ferry Committee.

'May I also point out to my fellow Ferry Concession Card holders that single or return rail tickets can be purchased at Brodick ferry terminal.

'Surprisingly, some travellers are still unaware of this service. Please note though, that currently the CalMac issued train ticket is too big to pass through the station barrier slot.

'Staff will require to manually open the gates.'

Corrie Film Club - *The Hedgehog*

(France 2011) Director
Mona Achache (Cert.12)

Corrie Film Club's new season begins this Sunday (October 14) with *The Hedgehog*. Set in contemporary Paris, *The Hedgehog* by first-time director, Mona Achache, is the story of an unexpected encounter.

Paloma is an exceptionally intelligent 11-year-old girl

who wants to end it all on her 12th birthday.

Fascinated by art and philosophy, she documents her life and immediate circle, drawing trenchant and often hilarious observations of the world around her within a Parisian apartment building.

As her birthday approaches, Paloma finally meets two kindred spirits in her concierge, Rene Michel and enigmatic

neighbour, Mr Kakuro Ozu.

This is a film which leaves a deep impression because of its utterly captivating, well-drawn characters, gentle humour and humanity.

See it in Corrie and Sannox Village Hall this Sunday at 8pm. All welcome.

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 2012/2013 are now due. Non-members - any small donation welcome!



Laura and Joanna Harper presenting their Lamlash Splash cheque for £4,300 to Amanda Harris at the Ayrshire Hospice.

Sisters splash out in Lamlash for Ayrshire Hospice

Sisters Joanna and Laura Harper are regular Arran holidaymakers and come from the West end of Glasgow.

Last month, their holiday here just happened to coincide with the Lamlash Splash, so they decided to give it a go.

Joanna explained: 'As sisters, we have holidayed in Arran all our lives and can't believe that we hadn't jumped at the opportunity to take part in the swim before now.

'Originally the sea swim was just to challenge ourselves and we couldn't think of a more perfect place to do it than here.

'We then decided though that it would be a good opportunity to try and raise money for the Ayrshire Hospice which is a charity close to our hearts since taking care of our Uncle Jimmy Dykes in 2008 and more recently our Uncle Alan MacDougall, who sadly passed away last week.

'We were both super nervous about the swim (and the jellyfish) but absolutely loved taking part on the day and were totally overwhelmed by all the donations that poured in from our family and friends to support our chosen charity.....a charity

who provide support for people suffering from illnesses that will have sadly affected so many of your readers' lives.

'We had an initial target of £500 and smashed it by presenting a cheque here to Amanda Harris at the hospice for £4,300 with the final amount still growing.

'I realise that you have already covered the Splash but thought you could maybe use this picture to encourage others to donate in some way to the Hospice or similar.

Many thanks and roll on next years swim!



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Only 30 of these hotels are in Scotland. The AA refers to this award as 'The AA's supreme accolade for hotels, regardless of their size or type of operation'.

The restaurant at Kilmichael is the only one on the island to be awarded AA rosettes for the quality of its food. Co-owner Geoffrey Botterill said: 'Thanks to all our staff, particularly Helen Driver who has been with us for all 17 years and Rastislav Valko who has been here for six years.'

Kilmichael is number one on Tripadvisor for Brodick hotels and has a red entry in the Michelin Guide.



Head waiter Rastislav Valko, owners Antony Butterworth and Geoffrey Botterill and duty manager Helen Driver. 02_b41kil01

New season begins on a high note for Arran Music Society

The Isle of Arran Music Society concert season starts again on Saturday 20 October at 7.30pm in Brodick Hall with a high-energy brand of classical, gypsy jazz, Celtic and world music from the Tim Kliphuis Trio.

Dutch violinist Tim Kliphuis breathes new life into existing styles with an improvised sound is unique and has popular appeal.

Classically trained and widely regarded as the inheritor of the Stephane Grappelli crown, Kliphuis first made his name playing with the fiery European gypsy guitarists but soon developed a crossover style taking him to classical, jazz and folk venues across the world.

With him on stage are Nigel Clark (guitar) and Roy Percy (bass). Born in Glasgow in 1957, Nigel was drawn to the guitar in the early 1970's and has emerged as one of Europe's top guitarists.

Lasting impression

Influenced by the rock music of the day, Nigel's exposure to the gypsy genius Django Reinhardt made an equally lasting impression.

Roy has been a professional musician for over 20 years and has appeared in bands ranging in style from the New Orleans tradition to swing, big band and jump-jive.

He is no stranger to Arran, having appeared here with Quattro McJazz and Swing 2010.

Arran Banner Pet Idol 2012

The 2012 Arran Banner Pet Idol has been chosen.

You, the readers, have voted on the forms printed in the Banner over the past weeks and a winner has been selected based on the beastie ending up with the most votes.

There have been multitudes of pets entered for the competition, ranging from ponies to chickens, rabbits, cats, tortoises, goats, guinea pigs, mules, hamsters and dogs.

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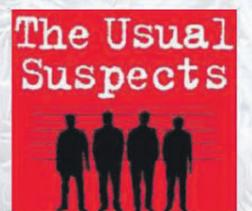
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Less than half NAC employees speak positively about the Council

'The views of our staff are very important to me'

Less than half of North Ayrshire Council employees speak positively about the council or are prepared to go beyond the call of duty.

These were just two of the statistics to come out of the first-ever staff survey by NAC as reported in last week's Banner.

But overall, Chief Executive Elma Murray felt the exercise was worthwhile.

After employees completed the 106-question survey the findings were considered by the council last Tuesday 2 October.

The survey results examined the level of employee engagement, asking how many identify themselves with the council (51.05 per cent); whether they speak positively about the Council (46.99 per cent); whether they intend to stay working for the

council (73.52 per cent) and how many are prepared to go beyond the call of duty for the benefit of the greater good (48.38 per cent).

Employee engagement levels at NAC outrank the European average by five percent with teamwork and customer focus among the highest positive results.

The survey sought the views of 6,704 council employees on a wide range of subjects, while giving them the opportunity to have their say on the future direction of the council.

The council approved an improvement plan to build on the positive results and address the key issues raised. They found that staff were very positive about many aspects of the council, with 85.41 per cent saying they fully understand what is

expected in their job and 83.02 per cent that they find their work interesting. The findings also showed that many employees feel there could be more contact with senior management (53.35 per cent) and greater opportunities to contribute views before changes are made which affect their jobs (43.35 per cent).

Key areas targeted for action in the improvement plan include: staff involvement; communication between management and frontline staff; leadership; benchmarking and staff development. Chief Executive Elma Murray said: 'This survey has been very worthwhile. A significant number of our staff have taken the opportunity to complete the survey and share their views on working for the council.'

'The results show an above average level of employee engagement within the council – a key element in ensuring that staff are happy at their work and want to provide the best possible service for the residents and communities of North Ayrshire. 'The views of our staff are very important to me and the senior management team and these results will play a major part in helping to improve the way the council operates.'



NAC Chief Executive Elma Murray. 02_b41elm01

Vintage bus for wedding guests

An immaculately preserved 1950 bus was used as transport for guests at the wedding of Kathryn Elwis and Stewart Macfarlane on Saturday 29 September.

Kathryn is the only daughter of Norma Davidson and step-daughter of Harry Davidson of

Brodick.

The bus is a 1950 Albion Valiant half-cab coach, owned by Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust and was a substitute for a London Transport Routemaster double decker originally planned for the occasion.



The 60-year-old Albion bus outside St Bride's Church, Brodick. b41bus01

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Douglas Thompson with his Red Tail on the island last week. b41bir01

Hawkers' annual trip to island

For the 12th year running, members of the Scottish Hawking Club made their annual pilgrimage to Arran last week.

Local hawkers Ian Struthers and Murray Boal once again

entertained the group, and Ian said afterwards: 'On behalf of Murray and I can I give a big thank you to the Arran farmers who made last week's visit to the island possible.

'The sun shone and we

enjoyed many spectacular flights. The photo above is of Douglas Thompson of Penicuik with his female Red Tail; the bird is 25 years old and a credit to his good management.'

Bridge results

Brodick Bridge Club
The results for Thursday 4 October were as follows:

N/S 1 John and Jan Beat-tie +1,170, 2 Morag Gardner and Jean Barclay +580, 3 Trish Martin and Douglas Hamilton +160. E/W 1 John and Mary Dick +3,280, 2 David Henderson and Fiona Crawford +860, 3 Margaret McGill and Pat Adamson +710.

Lamlash Bridge Club
The results for Monday 8 October were as follows:

N/S 1 E McNiven and L Paul +1,000, 2 T Martin and D Cant +540, 3 J and J Beat-tie +280.

E/W 1 J and M Dick +2,050, 2 P Thompson and J McBride +1,440, 3 B Livingston and M Gardner +1,190.

RNLI quiz winners

The joint winners of this year's Arran RNLI 'Ships and Boats' quiz were Christine Cocks of Ormskirk and Bert MacNeill of Cardross.

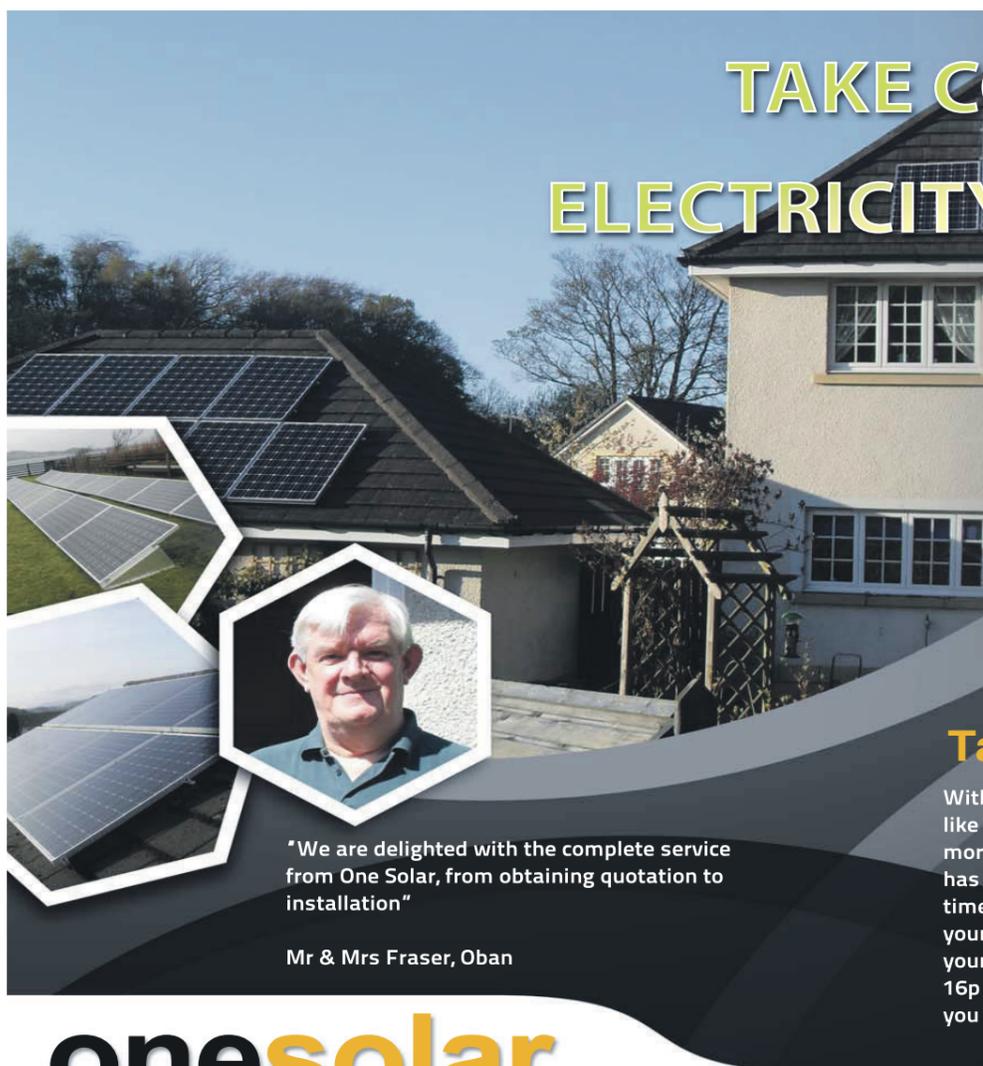
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More legal protection for householders

Interesting to read this week about proposed changes to the law that would give householders who react with force when confronted by burglars more legal protection.

'Grossly disproportionate' force will still be against the law in England and Wales, but the bar will be higher than the current 'proportionate' force test.

On Arran many of us still leave our cars and homes unlocked.

Twenty years ago the pages of The Banner were often filled with warnings from local police to those whose cars had been left unlocked and broken in to.

But even now we still live in a place where many continue to feel safe enough to leave doors open.

And yet the world is changing – in some places Arran is no longer the close-knit community of neighbours it once was.

And if – for some reason – you did find your idyllic island home invaded by a complete stranger how would you react?

It is natural to want to defend what is yours; after all that person has broken into your home and broken the law.

But would you think twice about chasing someone who has broken into your home because of the current laws?

The justice secretary Chris Grayling's pledge on tackling thieves follows two particularly high-profile cases, which have divided public opinion over whether the law needs to change.

In 1999, Norfolk farmer Tony Martin shot dead an intruder in his home. He was jailed for life for murder but appealed and had the verdict reduced to manslaughter, serving three years in jail.

In 2008, Buckinghamshire businessman Munir Hussain was jailed for 30 months after chasing and attacking with a cricket bat one of three intruders who had tied up his family. The intruder, Walid Saleem, received a lesser sentence than Hussain, who was convicted of grievous bodily harm. This was later reduced on appeal.

Householders are protected from prosecution as long as they act 'honestly and instinctively' in the heat of the moment.

It is still lawful to act in reasonable self-defence, even if the intruder dies as a result. However, prosecution could result from 'very excessive and gratuitous force', such as attacking someone who is unconscious.

The change to the law is in many ways a welcome one, as it will mean someone defending themselves in their own home who fears for their safety, will not be guilty of an offence.

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



Victims doubly victimised

Sir
I write in response to Mr Peterson's letter regarding professional drivers who are charged with a driving offence.

As a member of SCID, an organisation established in 1985 to support victims of road crashes, I have attended many trials and would like to offer the victim's perspective of the process.

The majority of fatal and serious injury road crashes do not result in court proceedings.

When a case does go to court, the decision has been made by the Crown based on the evidence collated by the procurator fiscal from police reports and other experts.

Even when a driver is charged, bereaved families and seriously injured victims can repeatedly find themselves attending court for preliminary proceedings which are often cancelled at the last minute delaying the trial for months and even years.

It is now commonplace for the accused to be represented by an advocate with two solicitors at his or her side assisting throughout the trial.

The procurator fiscal depute, who is generally less experienced, works alone and prosecutes in the public interest. The victim has no choice of representation.

There are no specialist fiscals for road crashes as there are for other crimes such as wildlife crime.

I am often appalled by the way in which seriously injured and anxious victims are questioned by the defence. There is no obligation on the accused to give evidence. Victims are therefore doubly victimised.

It is the responsibility of every driver, professional or otherwise, to ensure that they are fit to drive and that they drive responsibly.

Yours,
Joyce Beasley
Chair
SCID (Scotland's
Campaign Against
Irresponsible Drivers)

Lochranza accident

Sir,
I'd like to send a message of thanks to all who helped me recently on Arran.

I was on holiday camping in Lochranza and had a fall in the night and injured my right arm.

After trips to Lamlash A&E at the time, then a trip to Kilmarnock A&E and a six-hour wait to be told nothing wrong, then my local A&E in Carmarthen when I got back to South Wales, various prods and pokes to my elbow and a CT scan, I now know I had partially dislocated my right shoulder and I need surgery on my elbow to sort it out. I would like to thank all the residents in Lochranza that came out to help my girlfriend who had landed on my arm but was ok overall.

I do apologise for the noise I made though and hope I didn't disturb too many people. I'd also like to thank the ambulance staff who were very helpful and also all the staff in Lamlash A&E who sorted me out but also had a place for my girlfriend to sleep. I'd also like to thank Nigel and Kathy at the Lochranza campsite for their help while I was all strapped up. Many, many thanks and I will be back next year.

Yours,
John Dowsett
By e-mail

Do-gooders who don't live here

Sir,
Yet another letter to the Banner from a do-gooder who doesn't actually live here (letters 29 September).

Ms Irene Taylor may well be a frequent visitor, but that's all she is – a visitor. She also has many different shops to buy from and no doubt uses her local Tesco, Asda or Sainsburys.

It is always people who don't live here who get on their soapboxes to force their views on to those of us who do live here. People who use the new Arran Haulage/Asda service do so because it now means not only do we get variety but in a lot of cases low-

er prices. The Co-op has the same products week in week out, assuming of course they are available, and while we're on the subject of the Co-op, is this not the same store that assured locals they would not sell newspapers and electrical goods?

The Co-op dictates what we can buy and all too often, something new will appear on the shelves, get snapped up and then never be seen again. I think Ms Taylor is being over-dramatic in her views concerning closure of the Co-op and local businesses.

For one thing, using the Asda service does come at a price that would make buying the whole weekly or monthly family shopping cost prohibitive.

For each type of goods you have to have a separate basket. The basket is roughly the size of a baker's breadbasket and slightly deeper and costs £4 each. I do use this service and will continue to do so because I now get variety.

However, I do still use the Co-op. Like many other locals, when I have my car on the mainland I do a big shop at Asda, Tesco or Sainsburys. I do of course realise the importance of local shops and I do use them whenever possible, but unlike Ms Taylor I believe the Co-op is here to stay. Competition from another major store will do no harm whatsoever. It might even force the Co-op to implement change and better prices.

I appreciate not everyone will share my point of view. That however is their choice.

Yours,
Lesley Goodchild
The Kestrel
Brodick

Interested in His Grace

Sir,
I would like to find biographical information about the 12th Duke of Hamilton (1845-1895, the father of the late Duchess of Montrose).

I have looked on internet but have only found very summary information.

I am interested in both his public and personal life. I

would much appreciate any advice about where to look for more detailed information.

With many thanks,
Yours,

Ethel McFarlane
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Apologies for poor communication

Sir,
Further to Mr Hendry's letter in the Arran Banner I would like to assure readers that we have apologised for the poor communication from Arran Trust in 2011, regarding his excellent suggestions for works that could be developed on the island.

This was most unfortunate, and was not intended to cause any offence.

However, to re-iterate, the Arran Trust has funds, contributed by visitors for environmental projects on the island.

If you are part of an island organisation that has environmental projects and needs funds, please contact us and we will help if we can.

Alternatively, if you have a community group that would like to be involved in preserving the island, then perhaps some of Mr Hendry's suggestions might be considered – please feel free to contact us for additional information.

Yours,
Sheila Gilmore
Executive Director
VisitArran and The Arran Trust

Courteous Co-op

Sir,
My 92-year-old mother and I have been on holiday in Lamlash and when shopping in Brodick Co-op we were very impressed by the courtesy we received from the staff.

We would also like to thank the gentleman who was coming into the store and helped us out with our shopping to our car in the pouring rain. It was much appreciated.

Yours,
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Arran Ceilidh Dance Group

The local Ceilidh Dance Group starts their winter session on Friday 19 October.

The first dance will be held in Corrie Village Hall starting at 8pm.

Thereafter dancing will be on alternate weeks in Corrie and Lamlash Church Hall.

For the past 12 or so years this has been an enjoyable way for couples to do the well-known traditional dances and learn a few new ones while exercising some rusty muscles at the same time.

'Lunatic at Large' at Brodick Castle

The Friends of Brodick Castle will be having a talk by Orcadian journalist Erlend Clouston on Wednesday 17 October at 7.30pm in the castle tearoom.

Entitled 'Lunatic at Large', the talk will be about the inside story of Scotland's forgotten genius.

Kildonan WRI 'supa soup' fundraiser

Kildonan WRI are holding a 'supa soup' fundraising event in Kildonan Village Hall on Monday 15 October from 12noon to 2pm.

All are welcome to come along and enjoy a delicious plate of soup and a roll, or tea, coffee a scone and pancake.

There will also be a display of craftwork.



Jaana Cranston and Scott Campbell of Larbert High School, in Jimmy Gordon's shop with their questionnaire. 02_b41sur01

Falkirk school youngsters learn about Arran's history

A group of youngsters from Larbert High School in Falkirk were on the island last week for a field study course.

The 11 students, aged 16 and 17, were accompanied by two teachers and stayed at Pirnmill for six days.

The Banner caught up with two of them in Jimmy Gordon's shop in Lamlash, asking him a host of questions about the island.

They just happened to be quizzing him about the history of the Arran Banner so we were able to cast some light on the subject.

They were surprised to learn

that it is the only newspaper in the world to be named after a potato, bred by Donald Mackelvie in Lamlash in 1927 and that the potato in turn was named after the Scottish rugby player and Liberal politician John Bannerman.

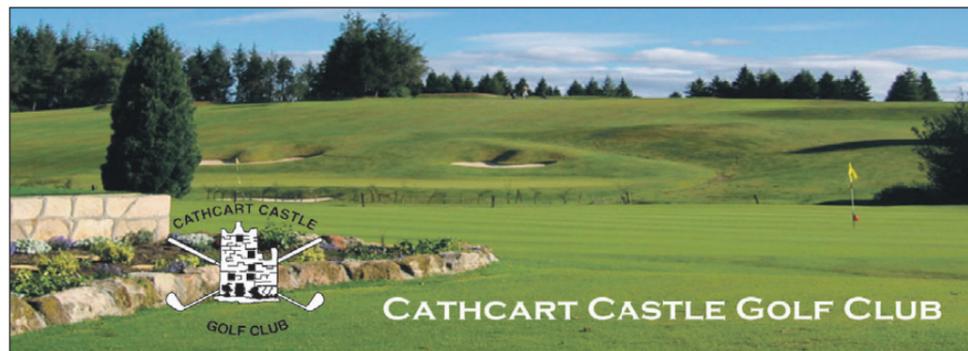
Among other things, they were keen to hear about the significance of the Clearance Memorial on the village green and the Buddhist monks on Holy Isle. After their six days here, they went away knowing a lot more about Arran and may just return to the island on holiday.

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Winners of the 2012 Arran Banner photo competition

We are delighted to be able to announce the four winners of the 2012 Arran Banner photographic competition.

Each year the quality of the photographs just gets better and better and 2012 has been no exception.

For the judges it is never an easy task deciding on the winners and with digital photography becoming a much more accessible pastime the number of entries we now receive is really rather amazing.

As always we have two categories – people and animals and landscapes – with a winner and a runner-up in each section.

This year we were intrigued to see many more pictures featuring people than in the past as entries have often focused more on Arran's landscapes and wildlife.

As a result Beth Davies' photograph of Coire Fhion Lochain is the winner of our landscapes section even although it has a person in the picture.

The judges felt this didn't detract from the incredible image of the volcanic crater on a sunny day in summer.

Andy McNamara's delightful image of a little girl reading about Arran's wildlife caught the eye of the judges early on and was chosen as a worthy winner in the people and animals category.

Avril McDonald's Red, White and Blue touched on the jubilee theme of the early summer and the panel felt it was a delightful take on a classic Arran image.

Finally Christian Swan's picture Glen Rosa was praised by judges for its slick modernity and they felt it was a striking image of one of the island's most loved spots.

With its eerie stillness and the fact that you can't see the woman's face, the judges marked it out early on as a possible winner.

Congratulations to both of our winners who will receive a fabulous hamper of goodies from the Isle of Arran Cheese Company.

The runners-up will each receive a one year subscription to Scottish Field magazine.



WINNER A Well Earned Rest. Beth Davies, Glasgow.



RUNNER-UP Red, White and Blue. Avril McDonald, Troon.



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Shiskine WRI's ladies are pictured with the trophies they won at the annual show back in August.

Round the rurals

WRI aim to form choir

The Isle of Arran WRI would like to form a choir.

Jerry Arthur of Shiskine WRI said: 'We need a choir-master. Please telephone Marilyn Woods, Secretary on 860487, or Mairi Duff, President on 870305.

'There is a National WRI Choirs competition and all interested members are invited to join the choir.

'Once we have a choir master we will let you know the date of the first get together.'

Shiskine WRI

On Wednesday 3 October our new President Mrs Jenny Harper for Shiskine WRI made a very warm welcome to all members including new members too.

This was the first meet-

ing of the new season for 2012/2013 and we were treated to a super cookery demonstration by Jerry Arthur of Simple Suppers which we were able to sample and very delicious too.

Our competition of Bramble Jelly was won by Jenny Harper and second was Fiona Scott.

The Exhibition of an Autumn Photograph was won by Kate Macintosh and second was Morag Murchie and the raffle was won by Eleanor Kinnaird.

We were reminded that the annual WRI Rally will be held at the Kinloch Hotel on Thursday 1 November.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7 November the competition is a 'beauty limerick' and the exhibition is a compact.

McLellan Festival says thank you

The Arran Theatre and Arts Trust would like to thank all those who were involved with, and who supported in any way, the recent McLellan Arts Festival.

It was a particularly successful festival and for this thanks are due to all those who worked so hard on the steering group to bring this success to fruition.

Particular thanks to Ian Watt and Sarah Cook for tireless fund raising, to Sarah Cook and Josephine Pomeroy for organising and running the highly successful Arran open Studio event, to John Sillars for hours of rehearsal and skilful direction of Jeddart Justice, to Cicely Gill and David Underdown for organising such a successful Poetry Competition and joyous visit from Jackie Kay, to Ed O'Donnolly for magnificent work on the Arran on Film project, to Margo

Wheeler for unstinting work on publicity and printing, to Margaret Wright for indefatigably organising front of house with sterling help from Sarah Cook, Colin Guthrie, Maureen Moore and Alison Prince, to Colin Guthrie for arranging tuning of the piano and to Diana Hamilton for organising and providing the impetus for the wonderful final concert.

Generously

There were many others, outside the steering group, who made the Festival possible by generously giving of their time and talents and we are extremely grateful to all of them – to John Inglis and Tom McNeish for set design and building, to the casts and backstage teams of Jeddart Justice and Sweet Largie Bay, to Robin Fisher, Jon Hollingworth and Andy McCallum of Arran Events for lighting and sound expertise, to the guest

performers at Arran Connections Concert, to Ain't Misbehavin for supporting music at the poetry night, to Angus Adamson and Aranach, to Arran Jazz Café Band, Mike Bailey, Sheila Gilmore, Tim Pomeroy and John Sillars for wonderful ceilidh entertainment, to those who provided food, newspaper copy, to Peter Alexander Wilson, tutors and students who organised and took part in the summer music school and performances, to Assja Baumgartner and Josephine Pomeroy for feeding the students so well and to all those who provided accommodation and hospitality – Ann and John Bruce, Colin Guthrie, David Pfluger, Fay Reid, and Claire and David Underdown.

Warm gratitude also extends to those who gave support financially: Auchrannie Leisure and Iain Johnston for generous sponsorship of the Music

School; North Ayrshire Council, The Scottish Community Foundation and the Heritage Lottery Fund ; and to those who supported in other ways - that stalwart supporter of all local productions, the Book and Card shop in Brodick for selling tickets – an irksome and thankless task but so appreciated; Corrie and Sannox Village Hall, Brodick Hall, KA Leisure and MITE staff at the Community Theatre, Corrie Church, Lamash Church and Brodick Bar for providing welcoming and helpful venues.

Finally, to all those who came as audiences to the events – thank you so much; the support this year was particularly warm and generous.

Look out later in the year for the results of our exciting Young Person's Film Project. Meanwhile, if you have any ideas for the McLellan Arts Festival, please be in touch.

Art in Mind benefits from relay race

Sheridan Waldon from Isle of Arran Homes presented Felicity Walker, Art in Mind tutor, with a cheque for £243 on Friday 29 September at Brodick Castle Ranger Centre.

A Round Arran Relay was organised by Isle of Arran Homes and all sponsorship money raised was divided between Art in Mind and Arran

Riding for the Disabled.

Art in Mind has become a vibrant and innovative group, helping many local people, with the power of artistic endeavour, to feel better in themselves and gain confidence within the wider community.

Sarah Hay said: 'A lot of us have improved enough to sell



Felicity Walker receiving a cheque from Sheridan Waldon at the Ranger Centre. b41art01

our creations in local art exhibitions, organised by Arran Visual Arts and the National Trust for Scotland Brodick Castle exhibitions. Art in

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Bird Notes for September

By Jim Cassels

September was 50 percent wetter than last year with several stormy days.

With September 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. It was certainly the time to expect the unexpected.

Unusual records included a Great Skua flying south through Machrie Bay on 8th. This is the first report in Arran waters this year. There were three reports of female Merlin - at Laggan on the 8th, Shiskine on 9th and Auchenhew on 23rd.

An Osprey at Slidderwaterfoot on 10th was only the second record this year. A group of eight Common Scoter in Brodick Bay on 11th is a large group for Arran. Two Tufted Duck in Whiting Bay on 21st is only the fourth record for Arran this year and the first of more than one bird.

A Ptarmigan on the slopes of Beinn Nuis on 19th is the second record in this area this year. There were no records in 2011. A female Scaup on the sea off Blackwaterfoot on 27th is the first record this year.

Other birds on migration included: a Whimbrel at Slidder on 7th, three Sandwich Tern at Machriewaterfoot on 8th, 30 Manx Shearwater at Auchenhew on 9th, four Dunlin at Cleats Shore on 12th, five Sanderling at Machriewaterfoot on 12th, six Wheatear at Glenashdalewaterfoot on 12th, a Bar-tailed Godwit at Machriewaterfoot on 15th, a Knot at Blackwaterfoot also on 15th and 15 White Wagtail at Auchenhew Bay on 23rd.

The ringing of 250 Lesser

Redpolls by licensed bird ringers in one area in Auchenhew Bay over 22nd and 23rd gives an indication of the number of birds on the move in September.

At this time of year, birds begin to flock together, often in preparation for migration. Reports included: 14 Black-throated Divers off Cosyden on 8th, eight Red-throated Divers in Whiting Bay on 12th, 150 Starling and 100 Meadow Pipit on Kildonan shore on 16th, 60 Swallow in Kildonan on 22nd, 1,000 Kittiwake in Whiting Bay on 23rd, 200 Goldfinch on Cleats Shore on 26th and 50 Linnets at Drumadoon Point on 27th.

With the approach of winter some birds move to the milder coast. Dipper was reported at the mouth of the Machriewater on 8th and the mouth of the Glenashdalewater on 17th. Other birds more associated with winter included: a Greenshank at Clachlands on 21st, four Wigeon in Auchenhew Bay on 27th and a Whooper Swan flying over Slidder on 29th.

Having said that, some summer visitors were still around including: 50 Sand Martin at Corrie Golf Course on 26th, a Chiffchaff at Auchenhew on 23rd and a Willow Warbler at Margnaehlish on 28th. There were two unusually late reports of young being fed in nests: Swallow in Whiting Bay on 28th and House Martin in Sandbraes on 30th. October should see the last of the Swallows departing south.

Other sightings this month included: 150 Shag at Kildonan on 9th, a Snipe in Glen Sannox on 16th, three Moorhen at Port-na-Lochan on 23rd and a Water Rail was found dead on the Dhunan track in



Huge numbers of Lesser Redpoll moved through the island in September. b41red01



Only the second report of an Osprey on the island this year. b41osp01

Corriegills on 27th. This secretive species is easily overlooked.

Finally, my thanks to all the volunteers who took part in the Eider survey in September. Total number of birds recorded round Arran was 131. Last year the total for Arran was 50. Ten years previously it was considerably more at over 600.

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

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Swallows were still in the nest in Whiting Bay at the end of September. b41swa01

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up by local architect Alan Mochrie.

Clive wins village lottery

Clive Hughes of the Grange House Hotel in Whiting Bay has won the first annual prize

of £250 in the new village lottery that looks to raise funds to reinstate the putting green after storm damage.

Land Court for Brodick surgery

On Thursday the Land Court sat in Brodick Hall to decide whether CDC should be granted a feu-waiver from Arran Estates so that it could sell the ground in front of the Brodick bowling green for a new doctors' surgery.

The tribunal is expected to last two days with the verdict being announced within two months.

Fugitives on the run on island

Watch out, there's a fugitive about. Next Sunday an army exercise will commence on the island that will involve 20 'enemy prisoners' escaping in the Southend.

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Big American cheese order

An order for over five tonnes of cheese for America has been won by Torrylin Creamery. They will be red and



Sue Girbow of Bay News gives Clive Hughes his lottery cheque. b41twe01

black wax 14 and six kilo truckles.

Rugby walloping by Arran

Arran Rugby Club beat St Modans by 62 points to nine last Saturday with Paul Jameison running in four tries and Jimmy Morrison slotting six conversions.

Lamlash seafront scheme

Plans for an environmental improvement scheme for Lamlash seafront were outlined this week in a series of meetings at the Council Offices in Lamlash.

Stuart Gough clowning it up at the Kilmory charity auction.



One of the fugitive soldiers on the run on Arran.

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Saturday 13th October

Army Cadets, Auchrannie Road 11am – 1 p.m.
 Over 21s Disco Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Karate Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am-12.30pm
 Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Arran Dancers (4yrs & up) Arran High School, 10am
 Junior Badminton Club Auchrannie Sports Hall 1-3pm Ages 5-16

Sunday 14th October

Alcoholics Anonymous Church Hall, Brodick, 4.30pm
 New Al-Anon Meeting Brodick Church Hall, 4.30 – 6 pm.
 Family Games Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Fun in the pool Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Live Music Ormidale, 8.30pm
 Open Mic Session Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 2pm-5pm
 Sunday folk Session Ormidale, 9pm
 Bluegrass Concert, The Ballinger Farm Band Lamlash Parish Church 7.30 pm

Monday 15th October

Over 50s Badminton Lochranza Village Hall, 2pm-4pm
 Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Weight Wise Hospital Bungalow, 5pm –5.30pm
 Ladies Netball High School sports hall – seniors, 7.30-9pm
 Citizens Advice Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30-1.30pm
 Breathe Walk class Kinneil, Lamlash, 5.15pm
 Table Tennis Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Come Dance with me – LeRoc modern Jive Whiting Bay Hall, 7.30pm
 Arran junior Football Ormidale Park, 6pm-7pm
 Quiz Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm
 Badminton Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Lamlash Bridge Club, Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm
 Rink Game Lamlash Bowling Club 6.30pm
 Outside Boot Camp Whiting Bay Park 6am
 Boot Camp Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
 Volleyball Club Auchrannie Games Hall, 7-8pm
 Arran junior football Club Ormidale Park, 6pm –7.30pm
 Scottish Country Dancing for Begin. & Improv. Corrie & Sannox Village Hall 2 pm
 Arran Antiquarians Ian Marshall, Glasgow Brodick Public Hall 2 pm

Tuesday 16th October

Pop Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Youth Club Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Rotary Club Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 7.15pm
 Melody Movement, Ballet Class 2 ½ yrs up Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
 Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class 2 ½ yrs up Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm
 Youth Club Brodick Hall, 6.30pm-8pm
 Zumba Fitness Class Arran High School, 6.30-7.30pm
 Weight Watchers St Molios, Church Hall, 7pm
 Rink Games Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm
 Junior Hockey Club 8yrs up Ormidale Park, 6-7pm
 Country Dancing Brodick Hall 7.30pm
 Rowan Singers Rehearsals Lamlash Church 7.30pm
 Brodick Improvements Committee AGM Ormidale Pavilion 7.30pm
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
 Healthy Outdoors: Conservation, exercise, well being 10am-1pm NTS ranger centre
 Brodick Castle Autumn Art Attack 2-4pm

Wednesday 17th October

Hockey Auchrannie Games Hall, 6.30-7.30pm
 Tae KwonDo Arran high School – kids, 6.30-7.30pm, Adults, 7.30-8.30pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
 Arran Brass Rehearsal Whiting Bay Hall, 7.15pm
 Senior Badminton Arran High School, 8-9pm
 Yogalates Auchrannie Studio, 9.30-10.30am
 Aquafizz Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
 Music Mayhem Class Parents & little ones Auchrannie Dance Studio 10.45am
 Kids Games Playbarn, Auchrannie, 5-6pm
 AYF Film Making Club Brodick Church Hall, 4.30-6.30pm
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy Services 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 Arran Absolute Beginners Runners 5.30pm, Auchrannie Spa Car Park.
 Arran Advance Beginners Runners 6pm Auchrannie Spa Car Park
 Bridge Drive Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm
 Rink Game Lamlash Bowling Club, 7pm
 Northend Football Training Lochranza, 7pm
 Outside Boot Camp Whiting Bay Park 6am
 Boot Camp Outside Kinloch Hotel, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
 Friends of Brodick Castle Tearoom, 7.30pm
 Arran Elderly Forum Ormidale Pavillion 11 am

Thursday 18th October

General Knowledge Quiz Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Lochranza Craft Club Hall, 2pm
 Youth Club Youth Cabin, Lamlash, 7-9pm
 General knowledge Quiz Kinloch Bar, 9pm
 Zumba Fitness Club Arran high School, 6.30-7.30pm
 Live Country/Folk music Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay 8.30-10.30pm
 Brodick Embroidery Group Brodick Library 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 pm
 Brodick Bridge Club Brodick Golf Club, 7.15pm for 7.30pm
 Auchrannie Winter Bowls Auchrannie, 7pm-9pm
 Lunchbox Ormidale Pavillion 12.30 – 2.30
 Brodick Castle Red Squirrel Stroll 2-4 pm

Friday 19th October

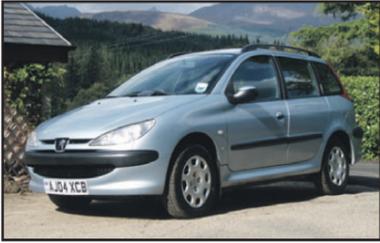
Aqua Fizz Auchrannie Hotel Pool, 9.45-10.30am
 Yogalates Auchrannie Studio, 10am-11am
 Arran Youth Foundations Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Weight Watchers Ormidale Pavilion, 5.30pm
 Lochranza Kids Badminton Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Adults Badminton Lochranza Hall, 8pm
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Wednesday 17th October
Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
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Sunday 14th October
Brodick Church, 10.30am,
Corrie Church, 12noon,
Lochranza Church, 9.30am,
Pirmill Church, 10.45am,
Shiskine Church, 12noon.
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DEATHS

ROSS - Peacefully on the 8th October 2012, after a long illness, fought with dignity, Helen (nee Marshall), aged 59 years, beloved wife of David, cherished mum of Sharon and Jacqui and devoted gran to Jordan, Kyle, Holly, Jack, Lee and Adam. Forever in our hearts. Helen's family would like to thank all nursing staff who were involved in the tender care she received. Funeral service on Monday 15th October 2012 at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium, Dregorn at 12 noon to which all friends are respectfully invited.

ISABELLE ALLAN - Peacefully, at Arran War Memorial Hospital, on Monday, 8th October 2012. Isabella, aged 88 years, beloved sister of the late Margaret and daughter of the late Isabel and Jimmy Allan. Funeral service in Lamlash Church on Tuesday, 16th October at 11.30 am and thereafter to Lamlash Cemetery to which all friends are invited. No flowers please. Donations, if desired to Cancer Research.



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Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: On Thursday 4 October, Brodick Ladies enjoyed an outing to Machrie Golf Club and were pleased to be joined by some of the Machrie ladies.

The weather was kind to us but conditions underfoot were very wet which made scoring difficult. Twenty-one ladies played in a 9-hole Tri-am Competition in the morning. After a break for a delicious soup and sandwich lunch followed by coffee and tablet 12 ladies played in a 9-hole Greensome Competition in the afternoon. Thank you to Felicity and Tom for re-opening specially for us and catering for us so well. It was greatly appreciated. Also a big thank you to Pat Reid for spoiling us once again with her delicious tablet to enjoy with our coffee. Thank you to all who played golf and to those who joined us for lunch, you

all helped to make our outing a very happy, successful day.

Congratulations to the winners of the competitions who were as follows: Tri-am Competition Jenny Turnbull, Heather Raeside and Carole Stewart. Greensome Competition Elizabeth Kelso and Yvonne Brothers.

Gents: Sunday 7 October, Brandon 22 played CSS 65. 1 K McMillan (12)65, 2 R McCrae (6)72, 3 L Hartley (17)67 BIH. There were five twos.

Fixtures: Sunday 14 October, Winter Cup Open draws at 8.30am and 1pm. Sunday 21 October, Clochendichter.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Saturday 6 October, Mixed Salver. Ten played on a glorious warm autumn day. The winners of the Mixed Salver were Jenny Suggitt-Douglas and Keith Kelsall with a net 76, narrowly beating Lesley Wood and Richard Fletcher, who were second with a 76.5.

Sunday 7 October, 14 played in the first round of this year's Winter Cup - the best three scores out of a possible six to count. CSS-63. 1 John Dick (14)63 BIH, 2 David Mor-

rison (9)63, 3 Neil McKechnie 99)65. David Morrison won scratch with 72 and there were magic twos from Jamie MacPherson and David Morrison.

Fixtures: Sunday 14 October, Hamilton Salver. Draws at 9am and 10.30am. Wednesday 17 October, 12 hole competition.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday 4 October, Cross Country competition, front nine. 1 Paul Jameson 19-5.5=13.5, 2 Todd Jameson 18-3=15, scratch Todd Jameson 18. Twos from Ian Murchie. Yellow medal: 1 Allan Martin 71-17=54, 2 Colin Richardson 71-13=58. Twos Colin Richardson.

Sunday 7 October, Glenburn Cup. 1 Raymond Burke 77-13=64, 2 Drew Wales 73-7=66, 3 Jon Smith 84-15=69. Scratch Drew Wales 73. Twos Paul Jameson and Drew Wales.

Fixtures: Sunday 13 October, Stableford competition, 9.30am and 12.30pm starts.

ALGU

Saturday 6 October, Presidents Prize. A beautiful day on Saturday welcomed many ladies to



Quick lads! Lets get back to the 19th hole.

The Presidents Prize held at Lamlash this year in honour of the outgoing president, Sheena Murchie. Sheena held a 'three clubs and a putter' competition, over 18 holes - it was great fun and had many of us thinking why do we bother taking so many clubs round the course on such a regular basis! There were a few 'hole' prizes along the way and we were welcomed in to the clubhouse to some tea and sandwiches, along with home baking provided by some of the ladies. After the prize

giving, Lynn Walker (current president) - gave a vote of thanks to Sheena and for her contribution to the ALGU over the past two years.

The main results were: Runner up Gege Kroner (69), winner Trish Martin (67). This has been Trish's year with winning the Ladies Open at Lamlash earlier in the season! Least number of putts - Jean Barclay (29) the only person in the 20s - well done Jean.

Other 'hole' prizes were won by Jenni Turnbull, Steph Hill, June Richardson, Lynn Walker and Gege Kroner

Fixtures: Saturday 20 October, Drumadoon at Corrie - check your clubhouse for the sign up sheet and do so by Monday 15 October.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday 6 October, 14 played. 1 Peter McKinnon 85-24=61

BIH, 2 John McConnachie 67-6=61, 3 John Innes 72-8=62. Best scratch J McConnachie 67. Magic twos from P Bremner, J McConnachie and J McGovern.

Monday 8 October, Monday Cup, 20 played (excellent turnout), second round. 1 I Taylor 69-18=57, 2 L Hartley 73-17=56, 3 I McWilliam 70-18=52, 4 H McArthur 74-17=57.

Magic twos from H McArthur, A McDonald, B Rooney, J McGovern, I Taylor, J McConnachie. No one equals B Sherwood's six magic twos of last week.

Fixtures: Saturday 13 October, Medal Sweep, 8.30am and 12.30pm. Monday 15 October, Monday Cup, yellow tees, draw at 12.30am. Saturday 20 October, course closed 9am until 4pm. Arran ladies have courtesy of course on this date.

Teen riders enjoy camp just for them

The teen rebel members of Arran Riding Club gathered at Kings Cross during the last weekend in September for a camp organised solely for them.

It was the first time the riding club have held a 'Teen Camp'

where junior members enjoyed a weekend full of riding lessons, training and lots of fun!

The camp took place near to Whiting Bay by very kind permission of the Mutch and Warwick family.



Hannah Bone and Lilly at the riding club's teen camp. 02_b41rid02



This was the first time a camp for teen riders has been held. 02_b41rid01

21ST BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday Peter, love from Mum & Jecca. xx



GOLDEN WEDDING



Celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary On 17th October 2012 are Peter and Mary Mackenzie Congratulations Dad and Mum With love from all the family

WEDDINGS



Kathryn Elwis and Stewart Macfarlane were married at St. Bride's Church, Brodick on 29th September. Kathryn is the only daughter of Norma Davidson of Brodick and Anthony Elwis of Sheffield, and the step-daughter of Harry Davidson.

Stewart is the only son of Ann and the late John Macfarlane of East Kilbride.

Kathryn is a Clinical Nurse specialist at Guys and St. Thomas Hospital, London and Stewart an Engineer at Hunterston Nuclear Power Station

The Bride was attended by her nieces, Jenny Elwis and Laura Davidson and Stewart his best man, Duncan Watson. The couple are honeymooning in Canada.



Married on 22nd September at Ayii Anargyri, Cyprus were John Leyden and Hannah McLellan. Both were brought up on Arran and met at Arran High School but have lived and worked in Cyprus for the last 9 years. Over 40 friends and family made the journey from Arran for the wedding, including Hannah's 91 year old Gran, Mary Morrison.

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Gregor Adamson displays his characteristic quick thinking as he powers towards the try line.

Sannox Cricket Club needs you

Sannox Cricket Club needs more members.

The club was founded in 1998 and has twice been Argyll League champions in 2009 and 2011. But this year they are struggling a bit with numbers.

It has been a less than successful season, but the current members are determined to move on.

Chairman Eric Dunn said: 'We want to make a push to

get new members. We are resurrecting winter practice sessions in Auchrannie Sports Hall on Tuesday nights.

Welcome

'It starts on Tuesday 23 October, from 7pm to 9pm and anyone is welcome to come along, and they don't need to have any experience.

'There will be no charge to non-members for the first few weeks so they can turn up and have a go for free. We have

got indoor equipment; it's the shortage of people that's the problem.

'I have put a notice round the High School; if demand is sufficient, club members will assist with transport.'

The club currently has up to 18 playing members plus around 30 non-playing members.

For more information visit the club website www.sannoxcricketclub.com

Arran bow out of the Bowl to Birkmyre

With several key players missing Arran struggled against the Division Four side

Arran 14 Birkmyre 20
Missingsomeoftheirkeyplayers, Arran Rugby Club struggled against Birkmyre RFC in the first round of the RBS Scottish Rugby Union Bowl competition last Saturday. Birkmyre are currently top of division four, one division below Arran, but that didn't stop them running all over the Arran team.

With it being the start of the October holidays, Arran were missing fly-half Lachlan Jones' super-boot, the power of Donald Murchie and the quick thinking of Jamie Picken - and boy did it show.

The game didn't start well for the home team after a couple of silly mistakes gifted Birkmyre two early penalties.

But when going for goal the visitors missed to keep the score line at 0-0.

Quick ball from Birkmyre almost saw them score but an offside Arran interception stopped the ball and killed any momentum that the visitors had.

Birkmyre were given another penalty that this time they slotted through the posts to make the score 0-3.

Arran struggled to get out of their own half for the next 15 minutes and sadly this led to the opposition scoring and converting a try. 0-10

Frantic Arran play from Sean Higgins and Gregor Adamson didn't gain much ground and it was Birkmyre who scored again. 0-17

With sighs from the specta-

tors Arran quickly realised they had to pick up the pace and Gregor Adamson had a superb run down the field and almost reached the try line when the ball was knocked on.

Another penalty to Birkmyre just before half time left the score 0-20 at the break.

In the second half Arran improved markedly although captain Niall McMaster received his second sin binning of the season, this time for illegal use of the boot.

Things went from bad to worse when Arran's number eight Danny Head went off with a dislocated shoulder.

But Arran hadn't given up yet and the defense was

strong which kept Birkmyre from scoring in the second half.

A brilliant dash down the wing by Gregor Adamson scored Arran's first points of the game.

Converted by Euan Evans, the score was now a more acceptable 7-20.

With sustained pressure on the Birkmyre line Arran came close to scoring another try several times.

It was Birkmyre's mistakes though which eventually led to the referee awarding a penalty try to Arran.

Converted once again by Euan Evans the final score was left at 14-20 to Birkmyre.



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