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Arran's broadband provision 'disgraceful'

Diamond wedding joy

A chance meeting at the Isle of Arran Drama Club more than half a century ago has led to 60 years of happy marriage for a couple from Brodick.

On Monday, Margaret and Jim Alexander will celebrate their diamond-wedding anniversary.

When asked for their secret to a happy marriage, Margaret said: 'I'm not sure. The years seem to have flown by but we have just always been very happy.'

Margaret, now aged 84, and 87-year-old Jim will be joined by their three children – Ron, Susan and Claire – and eight grandchildren on Monday night for a special celebration at their home in Brodick.

More than 60 years ago the young amateur actress Margaret Sillars appeared in a one-act play called 'The Happy Journey' by Thornton Wilder in the Arran Drama Festival.

Starring alongside her was Jim Alexander, a young man who had recently moved to the island after being discharged from the army.

A year later, the couple were married in St Brides Church in Brodick on October 19, 1949 by the Reverend Thomas Lithgow.

Margaret said: 'We appeared in just that one one-act play together which won the drama festival here.' Both young actors travelled to the Lyric Theatre in Glasgow to star in the production of the play at a national competition and it was while here that Jim proposed.



Margaret and Jim Alexander of Brodick will celebrate their diamond wedding on Monday. 01_b42wed01

It soon became apparent that Jim had simply joined the group to get to know Margaret, and he never appeared in another play.

Margaret was born in Brodick and has lived on Arran her whole life but Jim and his brother Tom moved to the island in 1947 and opened the much-loved Alexander's newsagent in Brodick.

Politicians from Ayrshire and Arran are jointly condemning what they describe as the 'disgraceful' provision of broadband services throughout large parts of the county.

Arran's MP Katy Clark has joined forces with MPs Brian Donohoe (Central Ayrshire), Des Browne (Kilmarnock and Loudoun), Sandra Osborne (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock), and MSPs Cathy Jamieson (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley) and Irene Oldfather (Cunninghame South) to appeal to Ofcom – the communications watchdog – to 'stop fussing about relatively small problems in London and get a handle on the real problems in predominantly rural areas such as Ayrshire'.

The politicians say it is time the service providers were 'held to account', so that they only receive payment for the actual service provided to their customers.

Disgrace
Katy Clark said: 'It's a disgrace that people on Arran are paying for a service which their internet provider is not delivering.'

'I understand that many of my constituents are paying for 8Mbps speeds and receiving less than 1Mbps, well below the national average of 4.1Mbps. The speed advertised and paid for should be the speed delivered.'

The major exchanges of Brodick, Lamlash, Whiting Bay and Blackwaterfoot all provide good connection speeds for nearby households and businesses.

Report by JENNIFER LYON

But pockets of the island are still struggling on with a slow dial-up connection, increasingly isolated from the online mainstream.

The exchanges at both Slidery and Machrie cannot take any further bandwidth without a significant upgrade.

Bill Stewart of the Arran Computer Shop is an internet service provider based on the island.

'At the moment everyone pays for an 'up to' 8Mbps package but here on Arran very few people will ever get more than 4Mbps,' he said.

Sense
'It makes perfect sense that people should only be paying for the actual connection speed because in essence what is happening is people with better services are paying less.'

With business communication increasingly done via the internet, there is a very real problem looming for some businesses based in the island's more remote areas.

Last year Katy conducted a survey of the constituency and the results on satisfaction in broadband coverage were shocking – 10 per cent of respondents from Arran said they had difficulty getting broadband.

'The survey asked a wide range of questions and so there is no reason to believe that the responses were simply from people who had broadband problems,' said Katy.

'It is clear this is a real problem and the regulator Ofgem has so far not acted.'



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Two charged with CalMac store thefts

Two men are alleged to have broken into the store at Brodick Pier on Saturday night and stolen a number of personal effects belonging to CalMac staff members including a mobile phone and a wallet.

Police said that three men had arrived on the 6pm ferry from Ardrossan and after leaving the ship at 7pm access was somehow gained to the store area of the pier building.

Odd

A 35-year-old Kilwinning man and a 33-year-old man from Belshill in Glasgow were charged with theft after police discovered them on Shore

Road behaving oddly later that night. When the police officers tried to calm the two men a number of stolen goods were found.

A third man, aged 33, from Kilsyth was charged with breach of the peace.

'When we picked up the men they were clearly under the influence of alcohol,' said Sergeant Bob MacKay. 'After officers searched them, the items that had been stolen from the pier were discovered.'

'All three were kept in the cells overnight and released the next morning when they were sober.'

Misery of Arran turns into horror success

The celebrated crime writer Edgar Allan Poe may have been influenced by what has been described as 'a miserable trip to Arran'.

The life and works of Poe, who died 160 years ago, are being celebrated with a macabre re-enactment of his fu-

neral at Westminster Church, Baltimore.

Edgar Allan Poe was credited with inventing the genre of horror stories which are thought to have been inspired by a traumatic two-month visit to Ayrshire he made as an orphaned child.

Poe was never able to forget that stay in Scotland with his foster father, a wealthy Scots merchant. During the visit in 1815, the six-year-old boy was 'forced to play in a graveyard, was haunted by apparitions, and endured a miserable trip to Arran'.

The Arran effect may just have been the inspiration for such classics as *The Pit* and *The Pendulum* or *The Haunted Palace*.



Kids get crafty at Brodick library

Five youngsters had a chance to get their hands sticky on Monday morning when they took part in a special craft day at Brodick library.

Charli McKillop, Isla Agnew, Mary Smythe and Tenzin and Yeshe Gautier all took part the event.

Organised by North Ayrshire Council's Library Services, two willing helpers came over for the day to teach the youngsters how to make some unusual Halloween decorations - a colourful pumpkin lantern and a hanging ghost. 01_b42lib01

First parking tickets issued

Arran's new traffic warden William Welsh was back in Brodick last Tuesday.

While the ferry was approaching at 1.30pm traffic was moving freely in the pier area as drivers made no attempt to stop on the double yellow lines outside the Cal Mac office.

Mr Welsh said that his first booking on Arran was a £30 fixed penalty ticket for a car parked in the bus bay near the Royal Bank of Scotland.

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Roads survey for residents

Arran residents have just been asked what they think about the island's roads.

They have received a four-page document as a customer survey questionnaire from Ronnie Small, head of infrastructure and design services, (roads) North Ayrshire Council. The questionnaire is accompanied by a pre-paid envelope for replies.

An NAC spokesperson said: 'The surveys were sent to a random selection of 310 Arran households which represents 10.7 percent of the houses on

the island.'

There are 15 questions, most of which require a tick in the appropriate box, and a space for any other comments.

The topics covered range from street lighting to flood prevention, traffic management and road maintenance.

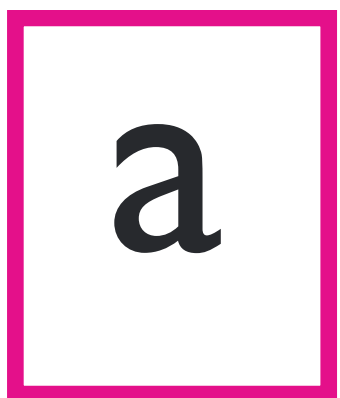
One Brodick resident handed her completed form to Community Councillor Ian Small for his information.

He told the Banner: 'Question 9b says 'The roads section has pre-paid postcards for reporting faults. Have you used

these in the past?' to which the lady answered: 'I didn't know they existed'. Neither did I.'

'Question 9a asks if you are aware of the freephone reporting system. I called the number on 0845 6030594 to report a pothole and a lady from the council asked me a series of questions for three minutes including a code number and my date of birth. I told her that I only wanted to report a pothole. Let's hope they put these questionnaires to some good use.'

Residents are asked to return the completed forms by Monday October 19.



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Chairs urgently wanted

Staff at the Brodick ArCaS charity shop are urgently looking for four chairs.

Last Wednesday October 7 a lady went into the shop and left two dining chairs. She said that she had another four like them at home and as space is at a premium in the shop, would bring them in at a later date.

Since then another lady has been in to ArCaS and bought all six chairs, with the member of staff believing that the other four were in the storeroom. So now the volunteer workers in the Brodick cancer support charity shop are issuing a plea to the first mystery lady to please come forward and bring in the other four dining chairs so that the second lady and her family can sit down to dinner.

Please contact ArCaS on 302928 or 860498.

Charity walk a big success

More than £2,000 has been raised for Leukaemia Research through an island wide charity walk that took place on Saturday.

The 22-mile off road walk was organised by Neil Gillies of Lamlash and followed a route from Lochranza over the moor to Laggan then the Fallen Rocks, Glen Sannox, The Saddle, Glen Rosa, Brodick and Lamlash.

'I'd like to say a big thank you to all who participated in or contributed,' said Neil.

'More than £2,000 was raised and has been donated to Leukaemia Research. Special thanks should go to Stagecoach and to The Drift Inn for the much appreciated hospitality and donation.'



Stewart Buchanan catches some waves on his surfboard at Blackwaterfoot Beach last week.

Surfer takes to the seas at Blackwaterfoot

Walkers on the beach at Blackwaterfoot could have mistaken the area for Australia's Gold Coast last week as a lone surfer took to the waves.

Stewart Buchanan hopped onto his board and spent about an hour riding the crests of the waves.

Stewart lives in Germany but has been

visiting the island since he was a child.

He started surfing when he retired from football at the age of 40 (five years ago).

Wondering

'I enjoyed a few hours surfing (not windsurfing) at Blackwaterfoot beach was I was wondering whether any of your

readers had heard of anyone surfing on Arran before,' he said.

'I asked a number of my friends and relatives who live in the Shiskine/ Blackwaterfoot area and they think I'm the first one daft enough to try. It would be excellent to find out if I was a surfing pioneer on the beach where I learnt to swim.'

Creamery scoops three awards

Employees at the Torrylinn Creamery in Kilmory are celebrating after picking up a silver and two bronze awards for their Isle of Arran cheddar at this year's British Cheese Awards – the 'Oscars' of the cheese industry.

Their tally of two gold, six silver and seven bronze titles, brings the creamery's sum for 2009 so far to 15 – beating the

2008 total of 11.

The silver at the British Cheese Awards came for the creamery's traditional Isle of Arran Dunlop and the two bronze awards came in for the Arran Mature Cheddar Truckle and The Torrylinn, a new cheddar.

Creamery manager, Alex Home, said his team was absolutely delighted at the success.

'It is really important for the reputation of the Isle of Arran Creamery to be renowned as a producer of award-winning cheddar,' he said. 'Both new and existing customers take notice of which creameries are winning the awards, so it is crucial for the profile of our brand to be successful at these shows.'

The Torrylinn Creamery,

which employs seven staff, is at the heart of Arran's dairy industry.

'We have three producers on the island so it is a very tight-knit area,' said Alex. 'Our members are delighted that they own their own creamery which is right on their doorstep and produces 100 per cent Scottish cheddar using only 100 per cent Scottish milk.'

CalMac director forced to pay back expenses

A senior director of ferry operator CalMac has been forced to repay nearly £13,000 of taxpayers' money after a probe into irregular expenses.

Alan Moffat, the group's human resources director, returned the money last month after being issued with a final warning over 'inappropriate' spending, including nearly £5,000 on takeaway meals, more than £1,200 in off-licenses and a £17 fee for an application made to university clearing system UCAS.

Explanation

CalMac's parent company, David MacBrayne, is understood to have accepted his explanation for thousands of pounds including more than £1,750 for five-star hotels.

A spokesman for David MacBrayne said: 'An audit of Mr Moffat's expenses identified a number of items which we considered merited closer examination.'

'Mr Moffat gave a full account of these but agreed on reflection that some were inappropriate and agreed to repay in full the relevant amounts.'

'Mr Moffat is a valued member of staff and we are entirely satisfied there was no intention to defraud.'

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Echofela, one of Scotland's most talked about new bands at Whiting Bay Hall on Saturday night. 01_b12ech01

Echofela raise the roof in Whiting Bay

They've been known under a number of different guises since 2005 but since becoming Echofela in 2007 they've supported The Zutons, headlined Retrofest and played at the world famous King Tuts in Glasgow.

And on Saturday night it was Whiting Bay Hall's turn to play host to one of Scotland's most talked about up-and-coming bands.

The hall was not exactly jam-packed with people but it was full enough to provide the necessary atmosphere.

Regular Visitor

Echofela's current line-up includes bass-guitarist Graeme Mack who has been a regular visitor to Whiting Bay for many years.

The band have had airplay on some of the nation's biggest radio stations and the

crowds seemed to enjoy the playlist which was a combination of their own songs and some more well-known hits.

After the gig the crowd seem to unanimously agree that they were a great band to see live and they will be following their future career with interest.

Echofela were a great band to see live and no doubt the crowd will now be eagerly anticipating the release of their new album early next year.

Free Rally of Scotland tickets for Banner readers

Arran Banner readers have the chance to win tickets to the Rally of Scotland on Friday November 20. We have got two family passes to give away, each for two adults and two children, for the middle day of the three-day rally.

Covering Stirling and Perth and Kinross over the weekend of November 19-21, the Rally will showcase some of Scotland's most breathtaking scenery and challenging terrain.

The Rally will feature two Service Parks, where the cars are repaired and refuelled, allowing you to get up close to all the action. One situated in the beautiful grounds of Blair Castle, and the other in Stirling city centre with picturesque surroundings and excellent amenities.

We have teamed up with the Rally of Scotland to offer you the chance to win one of a pair of family passes to access all stages of the action-packed rally on Friday 20 November. The day's

action will start at Scone Palace then take in the 19 kilometre section of Drummond Hill, described as the most legendary and best rally stage in the world. The stage will finish in the Service Park at Blair Castle.

Family Passes

We've got two family passes to give away in total, so make sure you don't miss out. Normal ticket value is £20 per adult and £10 per child.

Visit www.rallyofscotland.com for more information or to buy tickets.

To enter, answer the following question.

On which Fife farm would you find Scotland's National Motor Sports Centre? Answers by letter to the Banner office, or email to editor@arranbanner.co.uk The first two correct answers drawn on Friday October 30 will each win a family pass for two adults and two children.

C.diff rates fall in Ayrshire and Arran

Infections of elderly people in North Ayrshire and Arran caused by the Clostridium difficile hospital bug have fallen to a record low, figures have revealed.

Between April and June there were 112 cases of C.diff, compared with 160 in the same period last year and 125 in the previous quarter.

Health secretary Nicola Sturgeon said the sustained drop in infection rates showed efforts to stamp out the so-called superbugs appeared to be reaping rewards.

Ms Sturgeon said: 'I have made tackling hospital infections a top priority and I am encouraged that today's figures show our strenuous efforts appear to be reaping rewards in Ayrshire and Arran.'

'We are confident that we now have the right initiatives in place and the figures back this up. We are seeing significant and sustained reductions in infections which is good news for patients throughout Scotland.'

'However, there is no room for complacency. I want us

to continue this excellent progress as we drive to eliminate all avoidable infections from our hospitals.'

Arran livestock sales

United Auctions had forward 1,806 store cattle and 11,216 prime and store lambs at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last Wednesday.

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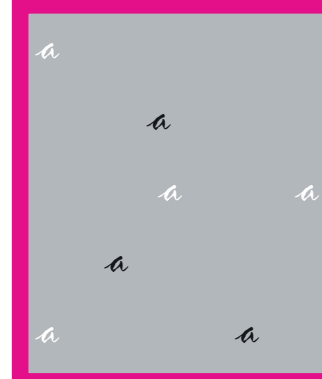
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Arran goes to the Singing Kettle

By popular demand, a trip for parents and young children to the Singing Kettle Christmas Pyjama Party at Braehead in Glasgow, will take place on Thursday, December 10.

This is a full day's outing with a private coach to take you from Ardrossan Harbour to Braehead and back. There will be lots of opportunity to get the Christmas shopping, have lunch and a coffee, and still see the show, before getting the bus back to the ferry with all your friends.

Places are limited and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. If you and your children would like to attend, contact Sheila or Nina on 01770 600247 for further details.

Nae soup and nae sandwiches

There was not a single sandwich or bowl of soup left in Brodick Church Hall on Saturday afternoon after a very successful Soup 'n' Sandwiches lunch in aid of Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong.

'Eventually, there was standing room only with people actually having to be turned away,' said Janice Small, one of the organisers of the event. 'It was quite an overwhelming turnout.'

The 'Arran Friends' would like to thank everyone from all round the island who gave such massive support for this event and helped to raise an outstanding £882.70p.

'This is a truly magnificent amount for this worthwhile cause,' said Janice.

Kilmory residents criticised by shop owner

The good people of Kilmory have just been roundly criticised by a former local shopkeeper.

John Sullivan and Linda Rose bought Kilmory shop, tearoom and post office in December 2005 and closed it down in February 2007. It has been empty and for sale ever since.

Now Mr Sullivan has blamed the Kilmory folk for not supporting the business. In a letter to a national newspaper from

his Essex home he says: 'The local attitude seemed to be that we should consider ourselves fortunate to be serving the village. Providing a meeting place and selling some bacon and eggs doesn't allow a business to survive.'

'Very few locals used the shop as their main source of household shopping, preferring to drive almost 20 miles to the Co-op supermarket.'

At the time of closure he said: 'We've shown our com-

mitment but if I was looking to feed my family from the business I would have closed it sooner.'

Phyllis Picken of Lenamhor said: 'Between the shop closing and getting C class roads the Southend is becoming a third world.' Former community councillor Alastair Yates said: 'It's sad that it has come to this. There's nothing else in the village.'

Kilmory shop has seen several owners since 1987. Then

owner Gerry Ambler built the flat above the shop. Paul and Alison Bagnall took over in 1989 and the post office closed temporarily.

Bernard and Kate Duffy bought it in 1993 and tried to build up the grocery side. In 1997 John and Jean Fitzpatrick bought the business and started the weekend chip-pie.

The building that was once the centre of the community continues to lie empty today.

Corrie path a step closer

The provision of a safer passage between Brodick and Corrie took one step closer last week.

A meeting of the multi-user trail group at Brodick Castle ranger centre on Tuesday explored the possibility of accessing funding for the path, and the likelihood of it being adopted by the local authority.

No decision has yet been made over which side of the road the new path should be. Councillor Margie Currie said: 'There was a lot of discussion about how far the path should go and whether it should be on the seaward or landward side.'

'The respective landowners are Arran Estates and the National Trust for Scotland. We have had long negotiations with NTS and agreements have been reached with both parties. Murray Boal and Don McNeish went out to survey the route after the meeting.'

Other members of the group at the meeting were Gerard Tattersfield, Brodie Pearcey, Joyce and Alan Beasley, Kate Sampson, sergeant Bob MacKay and Dave Freeman of Sustrans, the UK's leading sustainable transport charity.

Birthday celebrations mark bright future for Valdete

As Valdete Gjonpalj celebrated her 19th birthday on Saturday it was clear that this is a young girl who has a very bright future ahead of her.

On Saturday she attended a special birthday party in Whiting Bay and was joined by many of her Arran friends and supporters who all wish to see her walk again.

Two years ago Sue and Julian Davidson from Whiting Bay met the 17-year-old Valdete in Tehran.

She had been confined to a wheel chair for most of her life after a small bleed in her brain at the age of two affected her feet and hands.

Albanian doctors had been able to do very little to help her but Sue and Julian knew that British doctors would be able to help her walk again.

Now two-years and one life-changing operation to straighten one of her feet later, Valdete is well on the way to be able to walk again.

'I think it is hard for people to understand just how different Valdete's life is when she's in this country,' said Sue. 'In Albania she is treated as a nobody because she is in

a wheelchair. When we took her to the Metro Centre shopping, Valdete found it really hard to believe that not only were disabled people actively encouraged to come to the centre but that they were able to use buses and trains to get there in the first place.'

Back home in Tehran, Valdete and others like her are often confined to small flats two or three stories above ground.

Because there are no lifts or even wheelchairs, many will never leave their homes.

'I think what Vally has to do is go home and try to spread the word that being disabled is nothing to be ashamed of,' said Sue. 'I want her to use her experiences of this country to explain to those in Albania what can be done to make the lives of less abled people easier.'

Valdete celebrated her 19th birthday with her Arran friends on Saturday.
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Lamlash artist impresses with solo exhibition

Last week Lamlash artist Josephine Broekhuizen celebrated her latest solo exhibition of paintings and prints in the Harbour Arts Centre in Irvine with a private view.

Thirty-five paintings are on

display; some large, some small, some seen on Arran before but also many new pieces that will delight and challenge the viewer.

This show demonstrates Josephine's assured tonality and fresh colour and no less decisive is her choice of subject.

The female nude, the window-scape, the still life, the many versions of the barn, all glow from the walls of this excellent space in the HAC but, predictably for those who know Broekhuizen's work, none of them are ever as straightforward as they first seem.

The nudes are not the exami-



Lamlash artist Josephine Broekhuizen.

nations of form but more of psychology.

They inhabit silhouette and

shadow and are being exposed but only out of the light.

The landscapes are stylised and simplified.

Clauchlands point is still recognisable but it is portrayed with the flatness of fabric print.

Broekhuizen's other passions of her smallholding and animals pervade the rest of the show.

The barn paintings, in an almost child-like way, demonstrate the importance of the barn to the artist's life.

The lino-prints make up the last element of the show.

The two mysterious striped figures in grey have a prayer-like quality while the strident



'One Spring Night' by Josephine Broekhuizen.

and humorous *Revolution of the Smallholding* shows a heroic woman holding in her arms, offering to the world, a huge cockerel.

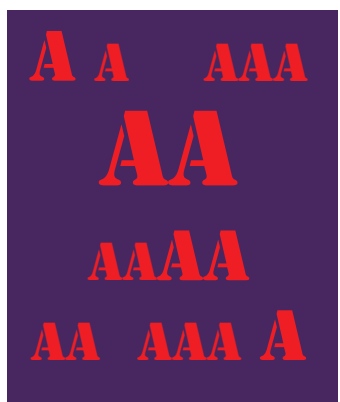
It unashamedly boasts its deference to all those agit-prop post-revolutionary posters calling the proletariat to the nobility of work, to the nobility of the land.

And it seems all the more

fitting in a day and age when we examine anew the minutiae of our relationship to the land, to echo that call back to it.

The exhibition runs until Sunday 15 November.

For more details phone 01770 600287 or HAC on 01294 274059 or visit the website the artist's website www.broekhuizen.me.uk



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Round the Rurals

Kilmory WRI

At the meeting of Kilmory WRI on Monday 5 October, David Napier showed a most interesting film on Ailsa Craig and he also told many amusing stories about his friends who had lived there.

Janet Mulholland won the

competition for rock cakes and Phyllis Picken won the competition for a pretty pebble.

The next meeting will be on Monday 9 November when Jerry Arthur will give a cookery demonstration.

The competitions are for a knitted scarf and an unusual spoon.

Shiskine SWRI

What a wonderful attendance Shiskine SWRI had at the first meeting of the season on Wednesday 30 September in Shiskine Hall.

President Jerry Arthur welcomed all the ladies and they then enjoyed a very interesting cookery demonstration by Hilary McMaster who made four delicious vegetarian dishes, which they were invited to taste and did so with much enjoyment.

Alice Anderson gave the vote of thanks on the group's

behalf. Morag Murchie won the competition for plum Jam and Jerry Arthur came in second.

Yvonne Randall was named the winner of the decorative preserve dish and Mary Betley won the raffle.

Before leaving everyone was reminded of the SWRI Rally at the Kinloch Hotel on the Thursday 12 November.

At the next meeting on Wednesday 4 November, the ladies look forward to welcoming Janine Crisp and her Body Shop beauty products.

The competition is for a homemade cosmetics bag and the exhibition is a scent bottle.

Lamlash SWRI

The first meeting of the new session of Lamlash SWRI was held on Wednesday 7 October when Alison Prince, once again, entertained the ladies with family stories from her childhood.

When the hilarity had died down, Cath Turner proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks.

Ann Miller won the exhibition and Grace Sillars won the competition.

It was noted that all members going to the SWRI Rally on Thursday 12 November should please bring their remittance to the next meeting on Wednesday 4 November.

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The Future is Solar

Paragliding gran did it for the kids

Julia Le Masurier, the courageous grandmother who undertook a charity paraglide over Arran to raise more than £900 for the island's teenagers, donated a fantastic computer gaming system to the Arran Youth Foundations on Monday.

Julia had asked Arran's teenagers what they would like her to buy with the money and one of their ideas was a Nintendo Wii.

'I did the paraglide to raise money for Arran's youngsters so it made sense to ask them what they wanted me to buy with the money,' said Julia. 'The Wii was their first choice and they also suggested a pool table which we might try to buy in the future.'

In August, Julia took to the skies above Catacol in a tandem paraglide.

'It was an absolutely wonderful experience,' said Julia. 'It felt timeless as you floated gently above everything.'

'One of the greatest things about it, which I hadn't even considered before, was being able to fly above the birds and see them from above as they fly. That was amazing.'

The mother of five and grandmother to 14 is a volunteer at Arran Youth Foundations and pledged to give every penny raised from her extreme-sport fundraiser to the youth project.

'I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped me raise the magnificent sum of £985,' said Julia. 'A special thank you should go to Zabdi and Maurice of Arran Flying Fever who allowed me to have this wonderful experience here on Arran.'

The Youth Cabin in Brodick will re-open for the new term on Friday 23 October at 7pm.

The following Thursday (October 29) there will be an 'open mic' night in the cabin at 7pm run by Cams Campbell of Brodick Post Office.

This will take place every Thursday throughout the winter and all High School pupils are invited to come along - with or without an instrument - and jam.

On Saturday evenings the Youth Café will be opening its doors again in Brodick Church hall to all High School Pupils.



Julia Le Masurier has donated a Nintendo Wii console to the Arran Youth Foundations group in Brodick. 01_b42wii01

Archie is an international star

Banner dog Archie attracted a lot of attention last week.

Answers to the 'Where's Archie?' feature came from far and wide. Wilma Conner emailed from Calgary, Alberta to say: 'Archie is on the String Road in front of the oldest mailbox. I have been to it many times on my travels.'

Andrew from Fife said: 'He is on the junction of the String Road and the turn off to Machrie, next to the Celtic post box. Always like to post my cards home there.'

Janette Beggs of Durham, Barry and Michelle Dobson of Richmond, North Yorkshire

and Rob Nixon of Whitley Bay were also on the ball, as was Gordon McGinn of Troon.

Kate Russell said: 'Archie is sitting at the junction of the String Road and the road that goes to Dougarie opposite the Fairy post box.'

Lookout

'We didn't see him when we were up in September but we will keep a sharp lookout next time we visit.'

Dave and Sue Greenman emailed: 'We have been coming to Arran for over 37 years and it is the first time I have been absolutely certain of

Archie or his predecessor Murphy's location. 'Machrie golf is my favourite course on the island so have driven past the post box many times.'

Eric Gilmour of Lochwinnoch said: 'The post box is one of only a handful of Victorian boxes left in the country which means it's been around for a very long time, and the roads would have been dirt tracks when it was built.'

Brooke Young emailed: 'Hello Archie. I'm a black lab just like you and I come from Lanark to Arran on my holidays. Woof, woof.'

See this week's Where's Archie feature, sponsored by Cottages and Castles and The Arran Team, on page 14.



Archie at the Viking Fort at Kings Cross. b42arc02

QM2 to visit the Clyde

Cunard's magnificent ocean liner, Queen Mary 2, will make her first visit to the Clyde next week.

Built in 2003, the vessel's home port is Southampton, and she will be arriving in Greenock at 8am next Monday October 19.

Passengers

She can carry up to 3,000 passengers in style and her latest cruise is an eight-day journey around Britain calling at South Queensferry, Greenock, Liverpool, Cork and Cherbourg before returning to Southampton.

Queen Mary 2 will leave

Greenock at 6pm on Monday and should be visible from Arran, steaming down the Clyde between 7pm and 8pm.

Enthusiasts can take a special trip from the Glasgow Science Centre on board paddle steamer Waverley to view the great ocean liner from the water at Greenock.

Waverley leaves her berth at 11am on Monday and again at 4pm to escort Queen Mary 2 down the Clyde.

Bike goes walkabout

A ladies bike has disappeared from behind Brodick Bar.

The blue 'ridgeback' two-wheeler with silver mudguards has gone missing in the centre of Brodick. A £30 reward is being offered for its safe return.

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Broadband essential for island business success

Prince Charles is apparently concerned that people on Arran could find it difficult to survive without good quality high-speed broadband connections.

Writing in a national newspaper this week the Prince of Wales expressed concerns that schools, doctors' surgeries and other essential services in rural areas were being left in the internet 'slow lane' and the British countryside was in danger of becoming a series of 'ghost villages populated by little more than second home owners'.

In his impassioned plea to the telecom operators to provide high-speed broadband connections in rural areas without which 'no community can survive, let alone flourish,' Prince Charles warned that 'the lack of access to high speed broadband - is putting many of those who work in rural communities at a severe disadvantage'.

This week Arran's broadband provision has come under the spotlight of the region's politicians who believe that it is a disgrace.

Islanders might be paying for 8Mbps but very few will ever get more than 4Mbps. The handicap this places on Arran's businesses, schools, doctors' surgeries and even the local authority is immense.

According to The Commission for Rural Communities, more than two million people living in rural areas of Britain are being deprived of the benefits enjoyed by their urban counterparts, such as fast broadband speeds.

Out of two million, at least 166,000 people live in 'not spots' where there is no broadband at all - and there are a number of these on Arran.

In the past 20 years we have become more and more reliant upon the internet.

Most people living on Arran will use the internet not just for social and recreational reasons but also for work too.

Island businesses are using the internet to expand their sales - Arran Aromatics, the Island Cheese Company and the Arran Brewery are just three which as well as having island shops also rely upon the internet for international sales. Sadly the volume of business these companies are able to do online may be restricted by the speed of the internet connection.

Prince Charles is perhaps right when he suggests that without proper broadband provision increasing numbers of rural businesses are going to suffer financially.

Unfortunately, it looks as though there is little reason to hope that Arran's broadband service will improve soon.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!' (Isaiah 30:18)

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Letters to the Editor



Naming applauded

Sir,
As a former local newspaper editor and experienced freelance court reporter, I heartily applaud your decision to name and shame islanders who are convicted in court.

To my mind it is a long overdue change in policy. I discovered during my days in the 'hot seat' that the fear of negative publicity tended to prove more of a deterrent to would-be offenders than the actual penalties potentially handed down by sheriffs or magistrates.

In fact, on an almost daily basis I was offered financial incentives from miscreants and their families to leave certain court stories out of the next edition.

The sums involved were often considerably higher than the fines which had been imposed. Needless to say, not a penny-piece changed hands - but I could have made a fortune!

Additionally, publishing details serves to clear the names of any other individuals who - through neighbourhood tittle-tattle or rumour - may wrongly come under suspicion.

The bottom line is that if you don't transgress, you won't feature in the court reports.

Yours,
David Kelso
Sannox

Saving history

Sir,
Congratulations on an excellent article and comment on the fate of that significant historic little building, Sannox Congregational Church.

I was privileged to conduct the funerals of both Reg and Peggy Bulley in turn as they ended their lives in a place they loved and looked after for many years.

A church without a minister and hardly any congregation could not last as such but the site has two buildings - the church/manse is one, Dundarroch is the other and the latter has been run successfully for years as a small retreat and conference centre by the Congregational Church.

I suppose the last event in the life of the church was Peggy's funeral.

As well as a number of visitors from the mainland nearly 300 Arran people were present, crammed into the building and seated on the grass outside.

It spoke of the regard the folk of Arran had for the Bulleys and the wee church, a precious historical site.

I hope the Canadians of Megantic County who have regard for their historic roots read *The Arran Banner*.

Now that Scottish Congregationalists have been incorporated into the UK-wide denominations it seems there is little concern for the historic significance of Sannox and the possibility of four houses in exchange for history is a good one.

That may be so but it appears that the current Church approach is to find an escape clause for Sannox rather than confer a blessing, one which will generate cash rather than cost ill affordable funds.

A real pity.

Yours,
Reverend Robert Waters
Gartcows Drive
Falkirk

All squirreled out

Sir,
I'm bored with reading about squirrels.

Whether it is in your articles or letters column, these over-rated red rodents seem to be attracting a disproportionate amount of attention over the past few weeks.

I admit that my attitude may have been affected by the little squirrel who scuttled across the road as I was attempting to leave the car park at the Arran War Memorial Hospital last week - thereby causing me to attempt the fiercest emergency stop since cable brakes changed to hydraulic.

No doubt he was rushing down for a nut cutlet at Alta-chorvie.

Incidentally, local restaurateurs might note that, should their next American theme evenings include the traditional roast squirrel main course, menus must incorporate the following - 'Warning: May Contain Nuts'.

However, and more to the point, the alleged carnage of the furry blighters on the roads

suggests that there are a lot of them about.

It's a blessing that we don't have lemmings on Arran, or their human protagonists would be throwing themselves off Bennan Head in protest about the lack of counselling regarding their suicidal tendencies.

So it's back to natural selection. In the absence of any predators (and I'm assuming that local cats and raptors have minimal effect on the population) the number of squirrels will increase as far as the food supply allows.

Should they wish to play on the roads, then I see little difference between them and the youngsters who drive about at excessive speeds during the hours of darkness.

One nutter is much like another.

Yours,
Iain Auld
Kinneil Park
Lamlash

No use for plastic bags

Sir,
The Co-op has started to offer plastic bags for shopping again. This is after promoting and encouraging the use of alternative non-plastic and reusable and changing the mindset of shoppers, who increasingly took their own bags to the supermarket. Plastic bags do huge damage to the creatures in the marine environment; they pollute the beaches around Arran and indeed the world.

They float: unsuspecting sea creatures like turtles mistake them for jellyfish and die a slow death; dead chick albatrosses have been found with up to 400 small pieces of plastic in their stomachs, which their parents have picked out of the water probably believing them to be fish.

More than 160 different species of marine life swallow our plastic debris floating in the sea. It takes time to re-educate the public, to change a mindset that is about throwaway and ask for another.

But before plastics we took reusable baskets and bags to the shops.

For those who want a bag

for their daily paper or for a small amount of shopping, keep a foldable one in your car or pocket.

Please Co-op, change your policy and be determined to assist in re-educating us all - don't give in to the complaints of a few.

Alternatively charge 10p a bag - that might help the mindset to change to re-usables.

Yours,
Sally Campbell
Blairbeg House
Lamlash

Save our castles

Sir,
As a regular visitor to Arran and with a very strong interest in Scottish-British tourism, I would be interested in the views of the people of Arran - but in particular of Lochranza - to a suggestion regarding the scenic Lochranza Castle.

Some months ago I believe I overheard an MSP commenting on the radio that some of Scotland's ruined castles and properties could be refurbished and restored to their original design to help boost Scotland's tourism and visitor potential.

It is of course not a new idea.

Brodick Castle has been renewed many times over the centuries.

And arguably Scotland's most photogenic castle Eilean Donan at the head of Loch Duich in northwest Scotland was reconstructed from a ruin in the 1920s.

So why not Lochranza castle?

Some might argue that it should simply remain a scenic ruin or that it would cost too much.

Yet think of the potential as an asset to Lochranza village and its people.

From a short distance away Lochranza Castle looks striking, however, at close range the building is little more than a pile of rubble with no roof.

By simply using some imagination think of how the castle could look restored to its former glory.

If possible there could perhaps be a small café either inside or out, tastefully designed

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to enhance the castle and at night subtle lighting could illuminate the building.

There is also the potential for some employment for locals, something I am sure is very welcome.

Since the local youth hostel is nearing completion, this would be a further asset to business and would also give the PS Waverley more reason to stop in Lochranza.

How might such a scheme be funded? There is a multitude of lottery grants, EU and local funding opportunities.

Yours,
Colin Thomson
Ruchazie Road
Glasgow

Obsession with cars

Sir,
I read your lengthy article by the eminent American professor with a holiday home in Kings Cross.

It took me a long time to digest so many words and figures.

To quote an old auntie of mine, perhaps he should 'save his breath to cool his porridge?'

I believe that this beautiful island is becoming far too obsessed by the motor vehicle.

I have travelled (slowly) for many years by public transport to enjoy the peace and serenity and beauty of Arran.

Perhaps a few potholes and rough surfaces on the road might be a boon if they slow down and discourage noisy speeding cars and lorries from racing about.

Yours,
Mrs C O'Hara
Clyfton Drive
Peterborough
Traffic transgressor

Sir,
After reading about the Mr Welsh, the Strathclyde Police traffic warden visiting Ar-

ran last week and diligently starting his work the minute he stepped off the ferry, I imagined the first transgressor he would meet would be the police vehicle parked on double yellows at the pier.

If so I also wondered if a ticket and fine was issued or does the law not apply here.

Yours,
Andy Surridge
Benview
Whiting Bay

Hospital staff praised

Sir,
The other week I had to attend Arran War Memorial Hospital for a medical procedure.

In my mind curiosity vied with apprehension which the welcoming smile of the reception lady allayed in some measure.

I waited for a few minutes and then it was into a ward for documentation and preliminaries such as blood pressure and samples.

Undressed, labelled and clad only in surgical gown I then waited – and waited.

I was aroused from my reverie – octogenarians are allowed reveries – by the entrance of two nurses manoeuvring a wheeled trolley. It seems that able-bodied patients such as I are not permitted to walk to theatre but had to be wheeled.

I swithered whether to lie flat or sit upright on the vehicle, upright would give our little cavalcade the ludicrous aspect of a triumphal progress, so I opted for flat.

Entering the theatre it crossed my mind that at this juncture a few bars of Mr Handel's music might not be inappropriate.

In theatre I was quickly decanted on to an operating table and the procedure carried out.

Happily there was no ab-

normality and no surgical action was necessary. I was free to go.

After my visit, I rate Lamalsh hospital as a happy ship.

The staff are a close-knit unit who work well together and are totally dedicated to the care and welfare of their patients.

Yours,
Bill Wood
Glen Court
Brodict

Happy in my tumbledown shack

Sir,
I am incredulous at the condescending, patronising attitude of Mr Ian Ferguson's letters!

I am one of the 'undeserving poor' that he presumes to speak for, and I can assure him that I am much happier in my, relatively isolated, tumbledown shack with its sustainable woodburner, than I ever was in the 'fascist dictatorship' of social housing.

In my humble, worthless opinion, HIFAR is a breath of fresh air and a ray of hope for all who aspire to something better than a breezeblock matchbox with enforced electric central heating (that us 'ignorant poor' can't afford to run) and a postage stamp garden where we are not allowed to keep a few chickens or a goat to help eke out our meagre income.

I have also been that single parent who had to walk a mile to a bus stop to go to the Co-op and I blessed every step of the way.

However, prior to the new Co-op, (why does everyone assume that the Co-op is the 'Holy Grail' of shopping?) there were several vans that ran from local shops, so we bought our shopping at our front door.

Some local businesses still deliver; Auchaleffan,

Braehead, Kirkend and Galbraiths.

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Yours,
Amanda Hunter
Tigh an Droigheann
Whiting Bay

Arran's influence

Sir,
I wrote a poem about my experiences on the Isle of Arran.

Our family used to visit Arran twice a year on holiday and stayed in cottages near Machrie at Cosyden.

Your island's influence is tremendous on my life and I often pop over for a round of golf at Sannox or Machrie.

I thought you might appreciate the poem as it conjures in me some feelings that make me want to return to Arran.

Arran in autumn is so spectacular to believe

The changing of the season brings colour to the leaves

The jet red sunsets are such an amazing sight

Which warms your rosy cheeks as day turns to night.

Goatfell rises like a mountain of fire

It's golden red colour, I will never tire

It can look no better than on a frosty winter's day

When the sun shines low and the clouds are grey.

Arran in winter all covered in snow

It's perishing and numbing for people who know

The great glens glisten with icicles, you'll see

If you come to Arran in winter with me.

Yours,
David Gall
Dumfries and Galloway
Council
English Street
Dumfries



Douglas McIntosh or 'Tosh' as he was known to his friends. b42tosh01

Fond memories of 'Tosh' recalled

Douglas McIntosh 'Tosh'
27 May 1944 – 1 October
2009-10-13

On Friday 9 October folks from all around the island and beyond congregated at St Molios Church in Shiskine for the funeral service of Douglas McIntosh.

The elderly to teenagers filled the church to capacity to say farewell to 'Tosh'.

Born in Turriff on 27 May 1944, Douglas spent his formative years at a Quarriers Home for Children in Bridge of Weir.

Arriving on Arran as a teenager, he was to spend the next 50 years of his life amongst us.

He worked initially at High Feorline and Tighanfreoch farms and later gained permanent employment in the garage at Blackwaterfoot where owner Duncan Bannatyne was one of the main people responsible for getting Tosh set up in his own house.

Over the years he became a well-known face in the Kinloch Hotel where owners Jan and Lawrence Crawford, and generations of staff, looked after him.

Tosh suffered a stroke in early September and received excellent care from his local surgery and at Arran War Me-

morial Hospital before finally being transferred to Cross-house Hospital in Kilmarnock where he passed away on October 1.

As stated at his service Tosh may have arrived both into the world and to Arran as a somewhat lonely soul but on leaving he left with one big family.

The stories about Tosh will be told for many years to come.

From your 'Freens', Toshie; goodbye.

Change of speaker

Ken Currie was due to give his talk entitled 'Heritage in America' to the Arran Anti-quarians on Monday 19 October but unfortunately Ken is unwell and unable to attend.

At very short notice David Aitchison, our 'resident archaeologist on Arran', has kindly agreed to give one of his outstanding archaeology talks.

It will take place at 2pm on Monday in Brodict Hall.

Visitors and non-members are very welcome.

Islanders invited to consult on Local Development Plan

North Ayrshire Council has begun working on a new Local Development Plan (LDP). As part of an island wide consultation on the proposed plan for Arran, a public meeting will be held in Whiting Bay Hall on Friday 23 October at 8pm.

The meeting has been arranged by the Isle of Arran Community Council, who have been asked by NAC to consult with the Arran people about their opinions on the plan.

Copies of the community council's draft response to the proposals will soon be

made widely available across the island. This draft response has not been finalised and is still open to amendments or to fresh suggestions from any member of the public.

Residents from all over Arran are invited to attend the meeting and all opinions will be carefully noted.

The LDP will be finally adopted in 2012 and the emphasis is on community consultation every step of the way.

The council's LDP committee chairman, councillor John Reid, said: 'Every member

of the council sits on this committee, a measure of how important the plan is to the shaping of North Ayrshire.

'The way we are drawing up the plan will reflect Scotland's modernised planning system. It has just undergone the most significant overhaul for 60 years and at its heart is the need to get local people more involved.'

The first stage in the consultation programme is the Main Issue Report, due to be published in November.

This event will signal the start of a big consultation

programme.

It will run right through the spring of 2010 and will include online polling, public exhibitions and local public meetings. All of these activities will be widely publicised.

In the run up to this, some consultation has already taken place and more is in the pipeline.

Examples include planning aid workshops for North Ayrshire and Community Councilors, engaging with local young people and toolkits to help Community Councils to consult on the main issues.

The Conker Cup

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The Arran Golfers Association celebrates

Next July the Arran Golfers Association's leading golf competition, the Hope Cup, will celebrate its centenary year when it is played at Corrie Golf Club.

The Hope Cup has become the premier competition in the island's golfing calendar as it sees the finest competing against the very best.

To celebrate this significant anniversary one of Arran's greatest golfers and the current secretary of the association, Dougie Macfarlane, has provided *The Arran Banner* with a comprehensive history of the association's competitions.

'Arran has produced some remarkable golfers who have all played a part in the Arran Golfers Association's prestigious history,' said Dougie.

Donald Bell, Willie Kelso, JC Reid, Willie Innes, Stevie Bunyan, Dougie Macfarlane, Nicol Auld, Jamie and Ross Duncan, Gilbert and Ewan McKinnon - the list literally

goes on with far too many names to mention.

In 1906 the Arran Golfers Association was founded when a Mr Guy Spiers presented a trophy to the island to hold an annual handicapped competition.

All the island's clubs joined the association in order to organise the competition.

Those clubs were Lam-lash, Brodick, Whiting Bay, Machrie, Shiskine, Corrie, Lenamhor, Corriecravie and Kildonan.

During the past 100 years the Arran Golfers Association has amassed a number of illustrious golf competitions recognised in sporting circles nationwide.

'It is fantastic to see that the association will be in good hands in the future as the junior players are coming out in large numbers for the island competitions,' said Dougie.

'Hopefully the clubs will continue to encourage them

on an individual basis and we will be celebrating the next 100 years playing the gentleman's game on this wonderful island where we really are spoilt for choice with some great courses of varying difficulty to tantalise frustrate and tease for many years to come.'

Guy Spiers Spring Handicap

This was the first competition and was won in 1906 by Mr D Cook at Lochranza with an 87 less 18 net 69.

Apart from a five year break during the First World War and a six year break for the Second World War, it has been played every year since then.

The latest winner was Terry Raeside who won at Corrie with a splendid 65 less 9 net 56.

Hope Cup

In 1909 Mr Harry Hope from Dunoon presented the association with its second trophy and in 2001 Eddie Cannon presented a runners-up award.

The Hope Cup has become the premier competition in the island's golfing calendar. Lochranza won it once in 1980, Machrie twice, Corrie three times, Shiskine five times (including the first three in a row), Whiting bay 15 times, Lam-lash 26 and Brodick with a record 36 times.

The competition never ceases to amaze with the high standard of play and many Arran golfers will have fond memories of the competition.

Autumn Handicap, Drumadoon Cup

The Association started an autumn competition in 1926 to run alongside the spring competition.

Due to a number of things - like the Second World



The Whiting Bay team, Nicol Auld, Neil McKechnie, John Pennycott, Jamie MacPherson and Malcolm Pennycott, won the Hope Cup in 2005. b26hop01

War - the records are a little sketchy.

The first winner was Mr A Baird in 1926 with a 78 less 15 net 63. In 1967 the Reverend James Currie of Drumadoon farm in Blackwaterfoot presented the association with a trophy for the competition and the first winner of that was Jock Kelso in 1967 with a 76 less 20 net 56. Ian Bremner has won the trophy a number of times including an amazing hat trick of titles in 68, 69 and 83.

Thomson Cup

One of the most sought after trophies, as well as the most beautiful and valuable, this cup was added to the fixtures in 1939 by Mr Thomson of London who wanted a match play competition to take place with the top 16 scores from the Guy Spiers competition competing for the prize.

The first recipient was JC Robertson in 1939 and the

late great JC Reid won it four times with his great rival and nemesis Willie Innes one behind with three.

Duncan Trophy, winter league

In 1981 Russell and Robbie Duncan presented this cup on behalf of the Duncan family to form a Winter League that sees five teams take part in groups of eight.

Jim Henderson presented a

runners-up trophy in 1991. The format began as eight single matches but was changed to a four-ball betterball in 1994.

Machrie and Whiting Bay have won once each, Shiskine twice, Brodick seven times and are the present holders but out in front by some way are Lam-lash with 16 titles. This has become one of the most enjoyable and sociable fixtures in the calendar and with the



The 2004 Hope Cup winners were Corrie Golf Club, from left to right, Rab Logan, Gilbert and Ewan McKinnon and John McConnachie. The two McKinnon brothers have since secured their places as two of Arran's finest golfers. b27hop03



Willie Innes from Brodick is just one of Arran's greatest golfers - he's been Champion of Champions three times. b28gol01

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young players coming through it is getting harder to win each year.

Champion of Champions

The association started the Champion of Champions competition in 1982, which sees the seven club champions on the island and the defending champion playing for the title.

Eddie Cannon donated a runners up trophy in 2007.

This competition has become as respected as the Hope Cup and the standard of golf on display defies belief at times.

Willie Innes won the first three tournaments and Dougie Macfarlane then won six of the next seven - only losing once to JC Reid on his home course of Lamlash!

Dougie leads the titles with nine while this year's holder Ewan McKinnon has four. Nicol Auld and Willie Innes have both won three while surprisingly Stevie Bunyan has only the one although he has taken part in seven finals.

Junior Handicap

The Junior Handicap was started in 1982 to run along the same lines as the Guy Spiers competition where the eight top scorers compete for a match play shield.

In 1992 Eddie Cannon added a runners-up award for the match play.

The first winner of the medal shield was Murdo Henderson with a 58 net and the latest

winner is young Michael Macfarlane who was playing in his first competition. The match play was first won by J Kerr after beating C Rae by 3 and 1.

This year's winner was Gregor Adamson who defeated Kyle Barbour in an all Brodick final.



Young Jamie Duncan was crowned Champion of Champions in 2001. He is pictured with Dougie Macfarlane. b42gol02

Seniors Handicap

In 1986 Mr McVicar of Lochranza presented a trophy for seniors with a qualifying age of 60 that was reduced to 55 in 2001 and the first winner was 69-year-old J Bannatyne with an 80 less 19 net 61 at Brodick Golf Club.

Ken Western

Ken Western of Brodick who

serviced most of the island club's machinery presented two Cups for a Greensome pairs competition - one for net and one for scratch with one player of a high handicap and one a low.

Like other competitions this has become a great day out with some pairs playing together each and every year without fail.

The first winners were Eddie Cannon and Ewan McKinnon who also won the scratch.

Kelso Cup

Willie Kelso of Shiskine gave a cup to the juniors in 1997 with Eddie again providing a runners-up award.

The format was to be the same as the Hope Cup with handicaps coming into play in 2003.

This has become a very successful competition and the boys seem to really enjoy playing in front of a crowd.

Some of them have gone on to play in their club's Hope Cup teams.

Shiskine and Whiting Bay have each won once, Lamlash have five titles and Brodick hold a slim lead on six which includes this year's sudden death win over Lamlash.

Seniors Bowl

In April 2000 Mr K Kelsall of Whiting Bay presented a lovely crystal bowl for a senior's team competition similar to the Hope Cup.

The format was arranged by



The Kelso Cup team in 1996 – Blair McGunnigle, Jamie Murchie, Greg McCrae, Lee Girbow, David Hamilton, Ross and Jamie Duncan and Callum McFadzean.

Whiting Bay to be four-ball better-ball match play with strokes but was changed in 2002 to a two-ball.

This was changed back the next year to the preferred four-ball format.

Lamlash won the first competition and two in total while Lochranza and Whiting Bay have won one each but Brodick have the most titles with five wins.

Famous Grouse

There used to be a competi-

tion sponsored by Famous Grouse whisky but they withdrew their support in 2003 so the association decided to hold club qualifiers along a similar format with an annual finals day for winners and runners up from each course.

The first winners were Eddie Cannon and Ewan McKinnon with 64.5.

Dougie Macfarlane Award

The most recent trophy was presented this year to the

association by Dougie Macfarlane and is an award for services to Arran golf rather than an actual competition.

This is an annual award that will be presented at each year's Hope Cup final with the recipient being from the home club.

This year the first winner was the very popular Willie Innes, and many more illustrious names will surely get the recognition they deserve for the effort put into golf on Arran in the future.



Ten years ago Lamlash were the winners of the Hope Cup. The team from left to right was David Hamilton, Craig Young, Dan Bremner, Blair McGunnigle, Neil Young and Dougie Macfarlane. b40gol02NO



Winners of the Hope Cup back in the late 1970s were Brodick Golf Club – Jimmy Armit, Bobby McCrae, Stevie Bunyan and Willie Innes.

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Travels with my wheelchair on Arran 2009

John Glossop of Lancashire has been a regular visitor to Arran for 19 years. In June 1993 the Banner published an article by John called *Travels with my Wheelchair*. Now wheelchair-user John has contributed an update to see what has changed for the differently-abled visitor to the island.

I enjoy your island more and more. There have been some changes and most of the changes have been good ones.

One of the things that has not changed is the roads.

I am a wheelchair user and spend a lot of time being rattled and bumped about in the back of a van. The charm of

driving on a rustic cart track has now left me.

There is often something new on Arran, this year beach sculpture came to Whiting Bay. I sat on the beachfront in the evening sun with the dog.

It was good fun, but next year I'll bring the midge cream.

Damson is our canine companion. She is a beautiful black Labrador puppy and she was about 15 weeks old at the time. Every woman on the island must have stroked her.

I am very pleased with the number and quality of access improvements. All over the island there are schemes and finished facilities that show that you haven't just put your hand in your pocket but have put in care and feeling.

All holidays have high points but the very highest I've had for some time was the trip on the RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) with Russell and Elspeth Cheshire to Ailsa Craig. We were kitted out and then we were skipping across the sea in a large and powerful boat.

There was very little spray, but the wind in your face made you laugh and smile. There were a few birds at first, but as we got nearer, the sky became dark with thousands of what appeared to be small pterodactyls.

As we went round the island we saw that the rock face rose in a sheer wall that was covered in nesting birds gannets, puffins and kittiwakes. It was a strange eerie place and not



A sketch by John's wife Pru Glossop - Bennan Head.

particularly warm. The only sound was the birds wheeling and crying overhead, and the deserted island looked like something out of Jurassic Park.

I celebrated a joint 60th birthday on Arran this year. It

started with a feast on the foreshore in front of the house with the sea as the backdrop and Ailsa Craig in the distance. There were about 20 people, local and visitors.

After the dancing and as the daylight faded away we

moved onto the beach and the bonfire where marshmallows were toasted (incinerated), songs were sung, and drink taken. Faces glowed in the bonfire light, and everyone seemed to be smiling. I'm glad I'm 60.



Kildonan Breakfast by Pru Glossop

Irene's bright idea continues to entertain

Though now into her 90th year, Irene McNicol from Brodick still keeps her interests in music and drama going strong.

As a founding member of the 'Arran Gilbert and Sullivan Society', Irene played the lead of Yum Yum in the very first 'Mikado', before passing on her musical talent to daughters Ailsa and Ann, who both sang with the fabulous folk group 'The Kilmory Girls'.

Although she no longer 'treads the boards' herself, Irene thought up a great idea a few years ago to give Arran's

older people an afternoon tea/outing/concert, which also raises some funds for Montrose House in Brodick and the Stronach Centre.

Residents of Kilmory village have rallied around ever since, providing their legendary nosh-up in their hall.

Enthusiastic

After the disappointing summer weather, this year's concert was blessed with a nice sunny afternoon where John Sillars welcomed the large audience to a variety of entertainment, which began with the enthusiastic pupils of Kilmory Primary, to whet the appetite for more!

And 'more' the old folks certainly got with poems from Sheila Gilmore and Kirsty

McMaster, songs accompanied on his ukulele by Kirsty's grandfather, Bill McLaughlin and more songs from Jean Bowden.

Jim Arnold then played a selection of wartime favourites on the his accordion and ended by singing a requested music hall song while accompanying himself on the accordion.

Before the delicious baking and tea was served, compere John Sillars cheered everyone with some more of his humorous jokes.

Another enjoyable Kilmory concert ended as the mini buses drove the visitors back to their homes around Arran.

A big thank you to Irene, who sat at the front in her wheelchair.

Arran Ceilidh Dance Group begins new season

The 10 weekly sessions of the Arran Ceilidh Dance Group

will begin again on Friday 16 October from 8pm until 10pm in Corrie Hall and in Lamlash Church Hall on Friday 23 October.

Dancers of all stages – old timers, improvers, beginners – are very welcome to attend.

All dances will be called and demonstrated.

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The annual dance will take place in Corrie Village Hall on Tuesday 29 December.

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Diana opens Arran provisions

Diana, Princess of Wales, charmed the people of Arran on Wednesday on a visit to the island to open the Arran Provisions factory in Lamlash.

By 12.30pm more than 1,000 people had gathered outside Arran Provisions' Lamlash factory while the 250 invited guests, dressed to the nines, had come from the special marquee to see the princess arrive.

Entering the factory with founder and managing director Iain Russell she next appeared in a white coat and hat and spent some 15 minutes moving down the production line asking questions with staff.

'She was a very charming young lady which made it very easy for me,' said Iain.

And she had fun too he said. 'Right from the moment she entered I said we had to put these white coats on and I took my jacket off and asked if she wanted to do the same. 'Well I'd love to' she said to me, 'but I've got nothing on underneath.'

First bottle bank

Arran's first bottle bank will

be formally declared ready to receive bottles at 3.30pm this afternoon (Saturday).

Situated behind Curries in Brodick, it represents the culmination of eight months of work by Alison Prince and the Arran Recycling Company.

Bye bye Jak

An era ended last Sunday night when Jak Milroy 'retired' from presenting his hard rock disco in the Ormidale greenhouse.

Fifteen years of no nonsense stomping music was famous throughout the select circles of British motorcyclists and hirsute campers.

When asked how he managed to keep control of so many unruly crowds over the years, including one guy who lost his teeth on the dance floor, Jak said: 'Music hath charms to sooth the savage beast.'

New Post Office 'office'

Brodick Post Office has opened a 'caller's office' for undelivered mail and any other queries or problems.

Access to the caller's office is through a gate to the left of the post office door.

Arran Tourist Board co ltd!

The Arran Tourist board is to become a company limited by guarantee.

This was a move put forward - and passed without a murmur - at their AGM in the Kinloch Hotel last week.

And the reason?

So that the members will not find themselves liable to what, based on forward projections, could be mounting debts.

For sale

Drimla Lodge, Kildonan. Large colonial style detached villa on the seafront. set in approximately three to four acres of ground.

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Right: Where did you get those pantaloons, exclaims Lady Jean Fforde to clown Stuart Gough at Kilmory fete last Saturday. b42twe05



The princess Diana took time to meet as many people in the crowd as she could. b42twe02



Princess Diana tells teacher Mrs Crawley that she's 'no spring chicken' after one of the pupils asked Her Royal Highness how old she was. b42twe01



The ladies of 'Nags Bags' pulled a tractor through Whiting Bay to raise money for the British Heart Foundation last Saturday. b42twe04



Jack Lennox, Ralston Green and Dave Warwick with the new Arran Coaches bus. b42twe03

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The group were being recognised for an astonishing 50,000 hours of continuous ambulance service

A special celebration was held in the Lochranza distillery last week as the North Arran First Responder Association marked a monumental milestone in their seven-year history.

The group were being recognised by the Scottish Ambulance Service for an astonishing 50,000 hours of continuous service.

Arran's group are the only first responders in the country

to achieve this distinction. The emergency volunteers gathered at the distillery on Tuesday night to be presented with certificates by the general manager of the southwest Scottish Ambulance Service, Darren Mochrie.

Councillors

As well as Darren, Bryce Herbert the relief area service manager and Vicki Moyes, community resuscitation officer were present.

Also invited were councillor Margie Currie and community councillor Gillian Langley who have both been great supporters of the emergency volunteers.

Local paramedic Emma Campbell was also there with her seven-week-old baby, Shaila.

Emma has been largely responsible for the ongoing training of the unit for about three years.



First responders Lindsay Patrick, Gemma Blythe and Vicki Milne.



Gemma Blythe with baby Shaila, the daughter of local paramedic Emma Campbell.



Ray Evans from Pirnmill and Darren Mochrie of the southwest Scottish Ambulance Service.



First responder Stuart Blake of Lochranza with ambulance general manager, Darren Mochrie.



First Responders Chris Traill and Julie Graham.



Julie Graham of Lochranza with Darren Mochrie.



Norman Bond with Darren Mochrie.



Gillian Langley, Lochranza's community councillor, with Councillor Margie Currie.

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Last week Archie was sitting by the postbox at the Machrie roadend. The east coast of England was a clear winner, with Janette Beggs of Durham just pipping Rob Nixon of Whitley Bay. Barry Dobson beat wife Michelle by 48 minutes, and Judith, Stuart and Shep weren't far behind. This week Archie is behind the railings, but where is that green shack? b42arc01



Bird Notes - The Weather

By Jim Cassels

Weather, a major talking point for humans, can be a matter of life or death for birds.

The weather influences the timing of bird migration.

This year, March had twice as much rain as February but a dry settled spell from the 17th to the 23rd seemed to encourage the arrival of the spring migrants.

April had a few dry spells, but overall the month had more rain than March.

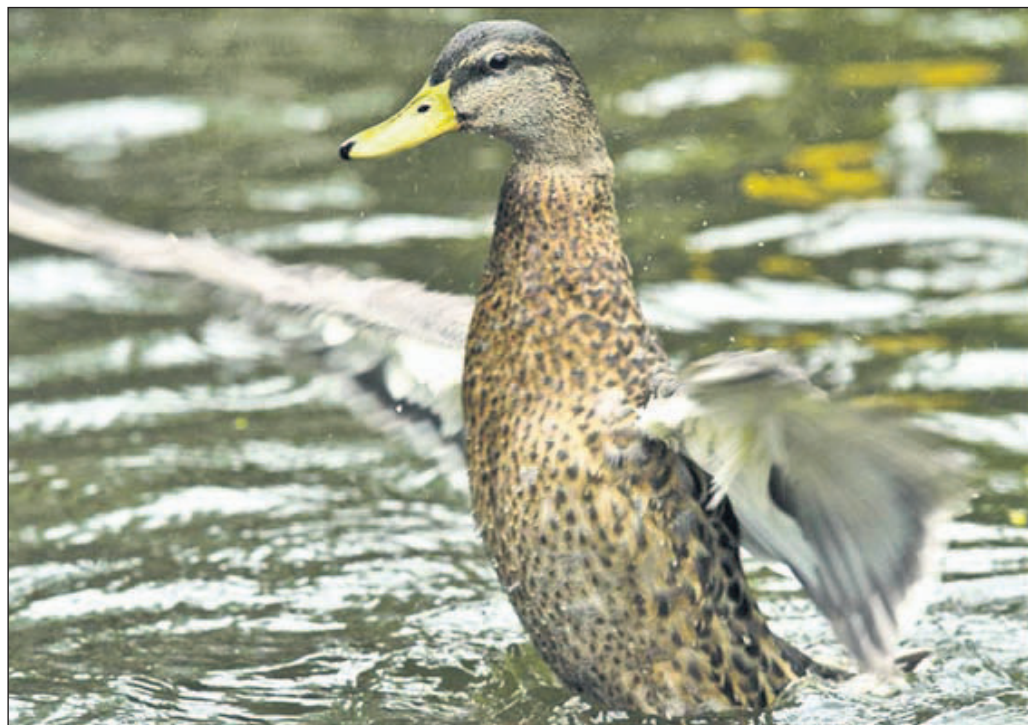
With the wind mainly from southerly directions, the summer migrants arrived generally a few days earlier than last year.

Influences

The weather influences the timing of breeding. In comparison with May 2008, May 2009 was cooler and wetter.

This may have delayed the timing of the breeding of some of our summer visitors. In particular house martins and swallows seem to have been later in establishing their nests.

The weather influences the success of breeding. The cold northerly winds in June and heavy rain in both July and August may have had an



Weather plays a huge part in the life of birds.

impact on the poor breeding records for some of our raptors.

It is because weather has such a marked impact on the lives of birds that the Arran Natural History Society in their 2009 bird report would like to include weather data. Not just the data from one weather station but, knowing that the weather does vary

across the island, the data from a range of weather stations across Arran.

Records

If you are keeping records of the weather where you live on Arran and would like to share these records with me for inclusion in the 'Arran Bird Report for 2009' I would like to hear from you.

Enjoy your birding.

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

I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the 'Arran Bird Report 2008' and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk.

It's time to prepare your garden for the Arran winter

Bob McCaw advises Arran gardeners how to prepare for winter

With the first frosts of winter approaching, it is time to lift any half hardy fuchsia plants that you want for next year, pot them up, reduce water, cut back their stems by 50 percent and keep them in a cool, frost free environment until spring.

Dahlias should also be lifted and allowed to dry out for a few days. The main stem should be cut back to between 12 and 15 centimetres, labelled with type, variety and colour.

Excess soil should be carefully removed from the tubers and a dusting of Flowers of Sulphur applied before storing them in a box or tray of dry peat in a cool, dark frost-free place.

Check them every few weeks to see that none of the tubers are rotting as this could spread through the boxes. They should be restarted at the beginning of March.

Also during October rose bushes should be pruned back by approximately 33 percent, this is to prevent the bush from rocking about in strong winds of winter as they can be damaged at the graft.



Dahlias should be lifted and allowed to dry.

Now that vegetables have been harvested it is now time to prepare the plots for next year.

Single digging is hard work but is by far the best. This involves digging to a single spade depth and is sufficient for most crops.

Firstly dig out a trench or spit and barrow it to the far end of your plot and leave it – this will be used to fill in your final trench.

Now fill in the trench with well-rotted farmyard manure with preferably a high straw content.

This is rich in nutrients and encourages earthworms, which help to aerate the soil. Now cover the manure with the

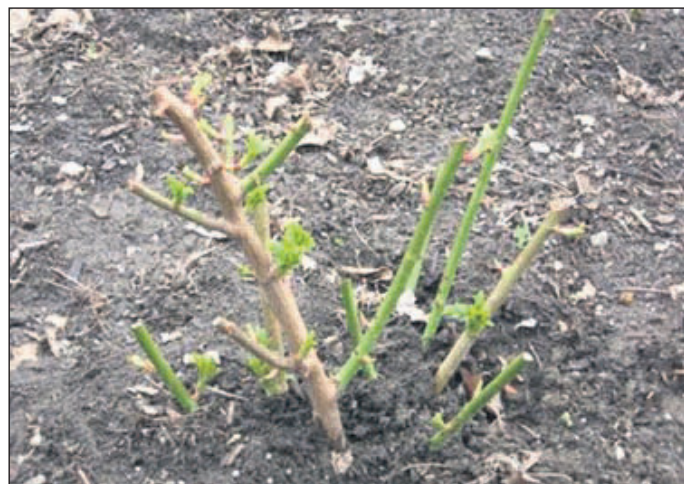
soil from the next trench and again fill it with manure. Repeat this process until the plot is completed. If you roughly level and break up large sods as you dig, this will save you time later on.

You can also turn in compost, leaves and annual weeds but remove any perennial roots as you go.

Digging is best done in short spells, but only do what you can in the time available comfortably, do not overstretch yourself by doing too much in one day.

Try to divide the work into manageable sessions and never dig in wet or frosty conditions.

Robert McCaw



Rose bushes should be pruned back by 30 percent

Musical evening at Whiting Bay Hall

George McCormack has sent The Arran Banner a report on the recent grand musical evening in Whiting Bay Hall.

As an event to raise funds for the hall we were very fortunate to have present a very talented group of entertainers whose musical ability gave us a really memorable evening.

The programme commenced with the very moving singing of songs of the 60s – 'The Sound of Silence' and 'The Streets of London' sung by the group Ain't Misbehavin.

A very smartly turned out Arran Brass followed on with a well played musical selection.

Pat Eyres entertained with two pieces, one her own composition and her second, a very sweet rendition of 'Scarborough Fair'. Each piece was self accompanied on the guitar.

The music came north again with Ain't Misbehavin giving us 'Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonny Doon', 'My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose', and 'Dream Angus', a performance very difficult to follow but Arran Brass managed it with their Skirl sing-a-long which got the audience alive as they sang a collection of well-known Scots songs.

Ain't Misbehavin got the second half going with four songs from the shows: 'No Business Like Show Business', 'Oh What a Beautiful Morning', 'I Hear Music', and 'Edelweiss' which were well sung and much appreciated.

What a pleasure was in store when the group Vivace, conducted by Tony Smith, sang to us in Latin the song 'Maria Mater Gratiae' and the Irish song about Carrickfergus.

Arran Brass then gave a very rousing 'Pase Doble' and John Cruickshank and Isobel Thomson entertained with three duets with a beautiful interpretation of 'Memories of Love'.

Ain't Misbehavin closed the evening with three of their favourite pieces: 'Alexander's Ragtime Band', 'Moon River' and 'You Raise Me Up'.

Moir told us a little of Whiting Bay hall's history and stresses that it was to the village's advantage that such a building was available for our use.

Finally no musical evening is complete without top class accompaniment so on behalf of the artistes and audience a bug thank you to Douglas and Diana Hamilton for their excellent professionalism. GM

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Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game	2.30pm
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)	Arran High School, 10am
Quiz	Catacol Bay Hotel 8.30pm
Stewart and Mary's Wedding	Pilling - 2pm

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

Alcoholics Anonymous	St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
Family Games Kids & Adults	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the Spa Pool	Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes	Library Annexe, 1.45pm
Corrie Film Club 'Tokyo Sonata'	Corrie and Sannox Village Hall 8.00pm
Folk Session	Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

MONDAY 19th OCTOBER

Senior Fitness	Auchrannie 10am & 11am (Gym)
Over 50's Badminton	Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Badminton	Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Cardiac Rehab	Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm
Circuit Training	Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
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Aerobics Class	KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm
Weight Wise	Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
Ladies Netball	High School Sports Hall - Seniors 8pm - 9pm
Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game	6.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game	6.30pm
Quiz Night	Eden Lodge Hotel Whiting Bay, 9.30pm
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games	Ormidale Park, 6pm
Lamlash Bridge Club	Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
Antiquarians "Heritage in America"	Brodick Hall, 2pm
Kickboxing	KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm

TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER

Lochranza Swimming Club	Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Legs Bums & Tums	Auchrannie Spa 6pm - 7pm (Studio)
Army Cadets	Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Pop Quiz	Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	Brodick Church Hall - 2pm
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)
Pulmonary Rehab	Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)
Open Music Session	Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Indoor Bowling	Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Junior Hockey Club	Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm
Brodick Toddler Group	Church Hall, 10am - 12pm
Body Conditioning Class	KA Leisure, dance studio 6pm - 7pm
Youth Club	Kildonan Hall - 6pm
Senior Fitness	Auchrannie, 10am - 11am
Step Aerobics	Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 8pm
Rotary Club	Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Motocross Practice	Southbank Farm track, 6pm - 7.30pm
Scottish Country Dancing	Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
Winter Bowling	Auchrannie, 7pm

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER

Hockey	Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm (Games Hall)
Core Strength	Auchrannie 5.30 - 6pm
Jnr Rugby Training	P4 - S4 Ormidale Park, 6pm - 7.15pm
Aquafizz	Auchrannie Hotel, 9.45am - 10.30am (Hotel Pool)
Circuit Training	Auchrannie, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy	10.30 - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm
Kickboxing	KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm - 9pm
Arran Rugby Club Seniors Training	Ormidale Park, 7.30pm
Arran Brass Rehearsal	Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm
Selt Making Class	Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm
Lamlash Bowling Club, Rink Game	6.30pm
Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Rink Game	6.30pm
Beavers	High School, Lamlash 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Yogalates	Auchrannie Gym, 10am - 11am
Pre school Music & Drama Classes	Auchrannie Dance Studio, Various Time
Healing Rooms	High School, 7.30pm - 9pm
Elderly Persons Forum	Ormidale Pavillion, 11am
Friends of Brodick Castle	Castle, 7.30pm

THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER

Senior Fitness	Auchrannie 10am - 11am
General Knowledge Quiz	The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
Lochranza Craft Club	Hall, 2pm
Coffee Morning	St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Cardiac Rehab	Auchrannie Gym 2pm - 3pm
Table Tennis	Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
Legs, Bums & Tums Class	KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Indoor Bowling	Auchrannie Hall 7pm
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Youth Club	Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
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The Wee Blether	Whiting Bay Hall, 11.30am - 1.30pm
Brodick Bridge Club	Ormidale Pavillion 7.15pm
Junior Scottish Country Dancing (P3 - P7)	Lamlash Church Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Winter Bowling	Auchrannie, 7pm
Scouts	Shiskine Hall 8-9.30pm

FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

Arran Pipe Band Practice	Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
Aquafizz	Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
Quiz	Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
Over 21's Disco	The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Yogalates	Auchrannie Gym, 10am - 11am
Street Dance	Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 8pm
Seniors Badminton (Over 50s)	Auchraannie Sports Hall, 2pm
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group	Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm - 10pm
Open Folk Session	Eden Lodge - 9.30pm

SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER

Table Top Sale	Kilmory Hall, 2pm
Coffee Morning	Lamlash Primary School Hall - 10.30am - 2.30pm
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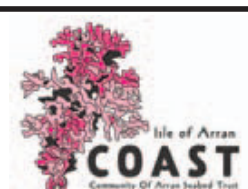
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Golf success 20 years on for Kevin

Kevin Jackson of Whiting Bay appeared in last week's Banner on the '20 years ago' page winning the Arran junior golf championship at just 12 years old.

Having been away from the island for some time, he returned this summer and carried on his winning ways by picking up the Whiting Bay Open championship in July.

As a youngster Kevin enjoyed considerable success on the golf course, winning the Daily Telegraph junior trophy in 1989 and 1990, and lifting his first senior trophy at 17 years old in 1994.

Now it looks as though his name may be appearing regularly again in the Banner golf reports.



Kevin Jackson with the Whiting Bay Open Bar Eden cup and the Royal Bank of Scotland cup in July. b42kev01

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Brodick Bridge Club

The results from last Thursday were as follows: N/S 1 Alison Bilsland and Elaine Duncan +370, 2 Jean Barclay and Morag Gardner -810, 3 Isabel McArthur and Elizabeth McKellar -1710. E/W 1 Evelyn Sillars and Margaret McGill +3100, 2 Janie McClure and Anne McKelvie +2430, 3 Helen Boyd and Trish Martin +2320.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results from Monday were as follows: N/S 1 A Bilsland and T Martin +4420, 2 I McArthur and E McKellar +2310, 3 H Boyd and E Robertson +1610. E/W 1 J Barclay and J McArthur -430, 2 M and V Iutz -680, 3 J and J Beattie -960 and M Macgill and E Jones -960.

Halloween lunch for Red Cross service

The annual Halloween lunch in aid of the transport and escort service of the British Red Cross will be held on Thursday October 29 at the Kinloch Hotel.

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Sunday 18 October
 (Church is on the road between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)
 Shiskine 11am
 Sunday School meets in the Church Hall
 Brodick 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)
 Rev David Karoon
 All welcome

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Vigil Mass: 7.30pm
 Sunday Morning Mass 11am

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH
Sunday 18 October
 Worship will be led by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am
 The service will include the sacrament of baptism, with the baptism of Lewis, son of Mark and Julie Hutchison of Australia.
 Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and cards.
 At 6.30pm in the Church transept, there will be an informal evening service of praise and discussion.
 All welcome

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 18 October
 Holy Communion, 11am.
 Revd Paul Fletcher
 Coffee after service
Wednesday 21 October
 Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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Sunday 18 October
 Rev. Gillean Maclean
 Kilmory 10am
 Mairi Duff
 Lamlash 11.30am
 Ian Watt
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 (continuing)
Sunday 18 October
 11am
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
 Evening Service, 7pm
 5 Glen Road, Brodick

Prayer Meeting
 Wednesday 21st, 7pm
 Rev. D. Macleod
 All welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.
 Ormidale Pavilion Brodick.
Sunday 18 October
 10.45am Communion
 Tea and coffee from 11.20am
 11.30am For all the family
 Speaker: Rev Willie Wright
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Sunday 18 October
 Brodick Church, 10.30am
 Corrie Church, 12pm
 Lochranza, 9.30am
 Pirmill, 10.45am
 Shiskine Church, 12pm
 A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

BIRTHS

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 Blair & Gloria nee Bueno are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Lucia Sandra, born 30th September at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. A beautiful wee sister for David. All well.

SINCLAIR
 John and Ann Marie are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Heather Jane, on Thursday, 8th October 2009, at Stirling Royal Maternity Unit. A sister for Donald.

DEATHS

TAYLOR - MARGARET
 Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Friday 9th October 2009. Margaret, beloved wife of the late John Taylor, Burlington, Whiting Bay, dear mother of Sandy and dear sister and aunt of the family. Funeral Private.

WHYTE
William Struthers
 Peacefully at home on Thursday, 8th October Bill, aged 86 years, of Highcroft, Lamlash, beloved husband of the late Nora, dear partner of Annie, loving father of Rona

and Kenneth, and a proud grandfather of his eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. Funeral Service at Lamlash Cemetery on Friday, 16th October at 1.15pm to which all relatives and friends are invited. No flowers please, but if desired, donations to the Marie Curie Foundation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SMITH
 The Family of Robert A. Smith, Soval Lodge, Blackwaterfoot, wishes to sincerely thank relatives, friends and neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy and support during their recent sad bereavement.

PARKINSON, Mary Ferguson
 Nan and the family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral service and sent cards and flowers; all those at Lamlash Hospital, Montrose House, Corriedoon and Lamlash Medical Practice who looked after Mary so well, and her many friends for their care, comfort & support.

PERSONALS

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**Arran Golfers Association**

Up and coming events:

Saturday 24 October, Arran Grouse finals at Machrie Bay from 1pm. Sunday 1 November, the first round of matches in Duncan Trophy/Winter league 2009/2010 will take place at Machrie Bay Golf Club. It was originally to be played at Shiskine but due to a mix up in dates Shiskine and Machrie have swapped months. Draw: Machrie v Lamlash 8.30am, Whiting Bay v Brodick 9.20am, Corrie v Shiskine 11.50am.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 7 October, the October Medal, stroke-play, CSS 67. A good few enjoyed a decent Wednesday afternoon game

of golf especially: 1 Elizabeth Ross 86-19=67, 2 Elizabeth Sinclair 82-15=67, Scratch was won by B J Livingsone 79. One mishap, after completing the first nine holes and with a good score at that point, Sheena Murchie's wheel came off her trolley, hobbling over the 10 and veering to one side up, along and down the triangle a good challenge in itself. She managed to complete the course.

Gents: Thursday 8 October, front nine competition, 16 played in very good conditions.

Scratch Iain Murchie 34, 1 I Murchie 34-1.5=32.5, 2 W O'Connor 43-10.5=32.5,

3 N McIntyre 38-4.5=33.5. There were no magic twos.

Sunday 11 October, Stableford, only six played in ideal conditions. Scratch L Girbow 75, 1 C MacEachen 38 points, 2 W O'Connor 34 points. There was one magic two by C MacEachen.

Fixtures: Thursday 15 and 22 October, back nine competition. Sunday 18 October, Glenburn Cup at 11am.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Ladies: Congratulations to Margaret Auld who won this month's monthly medal with a net 63! Second place went to Jean Davidson who just pipped Viv Parks to the post on the better inward half with a net 68. Don't forget, for those of you able to play next Saturday - we have a mixed foursomes at midday. Please find a partner and come along on the day.

Gents: Sunday 11 October, 10 played in the first round of the Winter Cup, SSS 63, CSS 64. 1 David Brookens (14)64, 2 Gordon Provan (10)67 BIH, 3 Graeme Crichton (16)67 BIH. Gordon Provan won

scratch with 77 and there were no magic twos.

Fixtures: Saturday 17 October, Mixed Fours Salver at 12pm. Sunday 18 October, Hamilton Salver. Sunday 25 October, Taylor Trophy, Greensome, one draw for partners at 11am.

Brodick Golf Club

Ladies: Tuesday 6 October, the October Medal, CSS 67. Silver: 1 Carole Stewart (17)67, 2 Liz Sinclair (15)68, 3 Brenda Livingstone (7)72. Bronze: 1 Gege Kroner (27)76, 2 Trish Martin (26)76, 3 Celia Butler (33)80. Scratch Brenda Livingstone 79. No twos were scored.

Corrie Golf Club

Monday 5 October, Gerry pot and Monday cup, 12 played. Winner of Gerry pot was David Wilkinson 71-17=54. Well done David!

Sweep: 1 D Wilkinson 71-17=54 BIH, 2 B Rooney 70-16=54, 3 H Taylor 74-22=55, best scratch J McGovern 69. There were magic twos from H Taylor, J McConachie, B Rooney, J McGovern and E I Cannon.

Saturday October 10, Stabelford. 1 A Napier 40pts, 2 E I Cannon 39pts, 3 T Cotton 38pts BIH.

Monday 12 October, 13 played. 1 E I Cannon 71-17=54, 2 K Barclay 79-23=56, 3 R Wellford 76-19=59, best scratch B Rooney 69. There were magic twos from J McGovern (3), D Crawford (2), K Barclay (1), B Barr (1), B Rooney (1), D price (1), J McConachie (1) and E I Cannon (1).

Fixtures: The Monday Cup will be played throughout the winter at 12pm off the yellow tees.

Saturday October 17, Medal, Draw at 1pm. Monday October 19 Monday Cup, Draw at 12pm. Saturday October 24, AGA Grouse Final.

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They are: The Drift Inn, PHT, Mac's Bar, Catacol, PT 1934, Kildonan, Bar Eden and Team Goil – the former Cameronia outfit who will be playing home games at Whiting Bay Golf Club. The main changes agreed for this season are that teams will play each other twice, home and away, instead of three times. After a poor turnout in the last two years, the team knockout competition will no longer be played on a Sunday afternoon but will be played on specific Thursday nights throughout the winter with teams being drawn against each other.

This will lead to a semi-finals and a final in the knockout shield and second chance salver groups, also on a Thursday night.

The gallon of beer game will now be discretionary, at the agreement of both team captains on a friendly basis.

Following a change in the licensing regulations, teams are no longer allowed to field any players under 18 years old.

There have been a number of rule changes this year and all teams will receive a copy of the amended rules and a fixture list before the season starts.



Arran's senior rugby team were pushed from the top spot in the league after being defeated by Uddingston on Saturday. 02_b37rug02

Arran lose top spot

Uddingston 11 Arran 5

Uddingston managed to push Arran's rugby team off the top spot in division two on Saturday after a narrow victory.

Arran travelled to the Bothwell Castle policies in Glasgow for the match, which saw them taking on their rivals for the top spot.

Arran never looked particularly threatening throughout the match but demonstrated

their ability to put up a good defence when it mattered most. Despite the low scoring, Uddingston have held on to their unbeaten home record and top spot in the league.

It was the home side that put the first points on the board through a penalty when Craig Kirkland kicked the ball cleanly between the posts giving Uddingston a three-point opener.

Throughout the first half, Uddingston took the game to the opposition with most of

the play-taking place in Arran's half.

Unfortunately, the home side failed to fully capitalise on the opportunities they had to score and this was a let off for the visitors.

In the 38th minute, Arran were penalised for handling in the ruck and Uddingston were on target with the penalty kick stretching the home side's lead to 6-0. With just a minute to go before half time, Arran looked like putting points on to the score sheet when they were awarded a penalty, but unfortunately the kick went wide. Uddingston started the second half very positively and within five minutes they were within five metres of the visitor's try line.

An infringement by Arran resulted in the home side being

awarded another penalty that infuriatingly led to a touch down over the line.

Realising that the game was now slipping away from them, Arran were desperate to redress the situation.

The visitors did manage to create a few try scoring opportunities from some breakaway attempts, but the home side remained solid in defence and were able to clear their lines.

It was just two minutes short of full time when Arran secured their consolation try. From their own 22, the ball was moved across the park into the hands of winger Jamie Picken who found space and thundered down the park outpacing the chasing Uddingston defence, to take the ball over the line.

The conversion went wide and the score was left 11-5.



Former chairman of the Arran Pool League Ross MacKay presenting champion Murray Picken with his prizes three years ago. b43pool01

ARRAN POOL FIXTURES 2009/2010

Thursday October 22: Bar Eden v Mac's Bar, PHT v Catacol, Drift v team GOIL, PT1934 v Kildonan.

Thursday October 29: Mac's Bar v PHT, Catacol v Drift, team GOIL v PT1934, Kildonan v Bar Eden.

Thursday November 5: Bar Eden v Catacol, PHT v team GOIL, Drift v Kildonan, PT1934 v Mac's Bar.

Thursday November 12: Mac's Bar v Drift, Catacol v PT1934, team GOIL v Bar Eden, Kildonan v PHT.

Thursday November 19: Bar Eden v PHT, Drift v PT1934, Mac's Bar v Catacol, team GOIL v Kildonan.

Thursday November 26: PHT v Drift,

PT1934 v Bar Eden, Catacol v team GOIL, Kildonan v Mac's Bar.

Thursday December 3: Bar Eden v Drift, PHT v PT1934, team Goil v Mac's Bar, Kildonan v Catacol.

Thursday December 12 (First round, first leg shield): Catacol v Drift, Mac's Bar v Bar Eden, PHT v PT1934, Kildonan v team GOIL.

Thursday December 17 (First round, second leg shield): Drift v Catacol, Bar Eden v Mac's Bar, PT1934 v PHT, team GOIL v Kildonan.

Thursday January 7 and 14: Semi-final shield and salver (to be arranged).

Thursday January 21: Mac's Bar v Bar Eden, Catacol v PHT, team GOIL v Drift, Kildonan v PT1934.

Thursday January 28: PHT v Mac's Bar, Drift v Catacol, PT1934 v team GOIL, Bar Eden v Kildonan.

Thursday February 4: Catacol v Bar Eden, team GOIL v PHT, Kildonan v Drift, Mac's Bar v PT1934.

Thursday February 11: Drift v Mac's Bar, PT1934 v Catacol, Bar Eden v team Goil, PHT v Kildonan.

Thursday February 18: PHT v Bar Eden, PT1934 v Drift, Catacol v Mac's Bar, Kildonan v team GOIL.

Thursday February 25: Drift v PHT, Bar Eden v PT1934, team GOIL v Catacol, Mac's Bar v Kildonan.

Thursday March 3: Drift v Bar Eden, PT1934 v PHT, Mac's Bar v team GOIL, Catacol v Kildonan.

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