

Brambles
SEAFOOD GRILL
fresh laid back dining
open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
why not try our two course lunch.

Auchrannie Resort, Brodick
call 01770 302234 or book online at
www.auchrannie.co.uk/brambles

THE ARRAN BANNER

Arran
ESTATE AGENTS

See all our properties on

s1homes.com zoopla.co.uk primelocation.com

www.arranestateagents.co.uk
Tel: 01770 302310

Famous shorefront shop to be given a new lease of life

REPORT
by HUGH BOAG
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

The famous Bilslands shop on Brodick shorefront is to reopen next year, The Banner can reveal.

It has been taken over by Andrew Walsh of Arran Active who plans to run it as a community store.

A lease on the premises has now been finalised and there will be a soft launch in February. It will be fully open before the start of the summer season next Easter.

Andrew, 48, said he was 'very excited' to be taking over such a prominent shop site, and confirmed that the Arran Active shop at Cladach would also remain open.

He said the new Bilslands, which does not yet have a name, would sell outdoor clothes, but would not be simply an outdoor shop.

He said he would be using 'a lot of Bilslands strengths' in stocking the new shop with items such as bedding, workwear and casual clothes.

He said he wanted it to be a 'shop for the island community' and added that he wants to spend the next few months finding out what people want the shop to sell.

Andrew said: 'It is all very exciting. The shop is such a large space and, at the moment, it is a blank canvas. We want the shop to be part of the island community and we want to stock what people

can't buy here at the moment. We want to talk to people and find out what they want us to sell.'

In addition, Andrew has plans to offer the upstairs former cafe space for possible exhibition use but he added: 'It is very early days'.

Andrew has ran Arran Active for 10 years since he moved to the island with his young family from Salisbury.

He lives in Whiting Bay with his wife, Juliette, and their two teenage daughters, Bethany and Lucy.

He said: 'Alastair and Alison (Bilsland) have been very helpful. While it is a business opportunity, part of the reason for doing it is for the community. The rumour was that Bilslands was going to be taken over by a national chain and that would not have been good for us, or any of the other shops on the island.'

Bilslands shut its doors exactly a year ago when the previous owners retired after 44 years of trading.

There were firm plans by Tesco to take over the site which was confirmed several times by the supermarket giant, who went as far as securing licensing and planning approvals. However, their profits crisis earlier this year finally put paid to the plans.

Andrew is considering putting a suggestion box in his Arran Active shop and people are welcome to post any comments or ideas on the shop's Facebook page.



Andrew and Juliette outside the former Bilslands shop they will open in the new year b42bilslands42

John Thomson Construction, Lamlash, Isle of Arran www.thomsonconstruction.co.uk Telephone: 01770 600242 Fax: 01770 600714

JTC John Thomson Construction Ltd

New Homes on Arran

We have several properties nearing completion, and land also available for bespoke development

Guitar workshop ahead of concert

Legendary American singer songwriter and guitar virtuoso, Willy Porter, ends his 13 date UK Human Kindness Tour returning to Arran to play a special benefit concert for Casa Alianza street children's charity tomorrow (Saturday) at the Atlachorvie Island Retreat at 8pm.

In the afternoon, Willy is holding a guitar workshop for all abilities, from beginners to experienced players including children, a rare opportunity not to be missed as Willy is an ambassador and featured artist for Guild and Fender guitars.

Delighted

Fred Shortland of Lochranza, CEO of Casa Alianza said: 'We are delighted to welcome Willy back following his amazing performance in November 2013,' he said.

Concert tickets, which cost £10, are still available from Brodick Post Office, Atlachorvie on 600468 and Arran Events www.arranevents.com. The guitar workshop at 3pm costs £10 adults, £5 children.

Casa Alianza Charity provides rehabilitation and residential support to more than 2,000 street children a year in Central America and Mexico, www.casa-alianza.org.uk

Road closure sparks demand for answers

Businesses are demanding urgent answers after it was confirmed that eight weeks of roadworks at Cladach will require the road to be completely closed at times.

At a meeting today (Friday) council bosses will try and thrash out a solution which will cause the minimum of disruption.

But businesses at Home Farm and Cladach remain concerned at the impact any road closures could have.

And with the Arran Haulage yard also affected by the roadworks, bosses at the firm will be seeking answers at the meeting.

The major roadworks involve a 1.1km stretch of the A841 between the Glen Rosa Bridge and Cladach and will cost £700,000.

The work will take eight weeks over two phases and a convoy system will be required at times for traffic management during the second phase which will start next February.

These works were originally planned before Christmas, but after consultation with businesses and community groups, it was agreed to delay them until the new year.

North Ayrshire Council have now pledged there will be no road closures before Christmas as the preparatory work is carried out, but



The sign warning drivers that they will face delays because of roadworks. b20_b42works01

there will be temporary traffic lights from early next month.

The new SSE warning sign, which is now permanently on the island, has already been sited on the road out of Brodick to warn drivers.

At a recent meeting of Arran Community Council, vice chairman Bill Calderwood said the original plan had been to carry out the works between October and December, but said that businesses in that part of the village had been worried this would have 'a significant adverse effect on their businesses'.

The meeting also heard that a proposal to put a diversion through the castle drive had been abandoned.

The main roadworks will now start next February with a pledge they will be completed before Easter. But there

remain concerns at how the roadworks will affect businesses in the area, particularly by any road closures.

Owner of the Friday's Child giftshop at Home Farm, Sheila Barr said: 'To have closed the road before Christmas would have been disastrous for us. As it is with the cheaper fares there are no really quiet months any more and from February onwards it can be quite busy as there are mid-term school holidays then. Any road closures need to be kept to an absolute minimum and there needs to be good communication, even through ferry announcements, when it is open and when it is closed.'

'If people think the road is closed, they won't even try coming. We also have to ensure there are still good ac-

cess for pedestrians during the works as many people walk out here.'

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'We received £700,000 from Scottish Passenger Transport which will be used to make major improvements to this stretch of road.'

'The work will be carried out over two stages covering a total of around eight weeks. The enabling works, which will see drainage and other preparation works carried out, will begin on Monday, November 2 and last for around five weeks. Temporary traffic lights will be put in place for the protection of the travelling public and the workforce during this period, but disruption to motorists will be kept to a minimum.'

'The second stage is due to start in February when major reconstruction of the road will take place and will require the road to be closed.'

'We met with Arran Community Council and businesses and agreed that the road will only close when certain activities dictate, which will be during off-peak times still to be agreed. We have yet to finalise our timetable but will endeavour to find the best options available. We will be meeting with businesses and the community council to keep them informed.'

CPR training at fire station

Scottish Fire and Rescue has joined forces with the British Heart Foundation to help save lives across the country by providing 356 fire stations across Scotland as a base for members of the public to teach themselves CPR.

The partnership will be launched on Arran today (Friday) between 2pm and 4pm at Lamlash Fire Station when members of the public are invited to attend.

There will be educational manikins available, which visitors will be able to use, along with an instructional DVD which will give them the information they need to become a life saver.

Paramedics from the Scottish Ambulance Service will also be in attendance.

This partnership is part of the commitment of the fire service to support the Scottish government's out of hospital cardiac arrest strategy, which aims to save an extra 1,000 lives in Scotland by 2020.

Got a story for The Arran Banner?
Call 01770 302142

ARRAN HAULAGE SERVICES LTD
Home Farm, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DD
Tel: 01770 302777 Fax: 01770 302500
Email: info@arranhaulage.co.uk

PARCELS Daily mainland collections and deliveries

CALOR Gas GAS DEALER FOR THE ISLAND

ANIMAL FEED

GLASGOW DEPOT Competitive rates for all building materials

Coal merchant TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED

Sponsored by NFU Mutual
Campbeltown call Rhona Millar on 01586 552 428 for your insurance needs.
Agent of The National Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Society Limited.

NFU Mutual

ANDREW GRAY & CO. (FUELS) LTD
PORTLAND DEPOT • LONDON ROAD
KILMARNOCK • KA3 7DD
TEL: 01563 525215 FAX: 01563 541146
Email: andrew@graysfuels.co.uk
www.graysfuels.org.uk
Heating Oil Gas Oil Farm Fuels Derv
'Due to popular demand, we are offering a regular fuel delivery service to Arran'

Q8 Oils

Jolly Molly
Gift Shop
Brodick Isle of Arran
01770 302162
www.jollymolly.co.uk

DIRECT TAXIS
01294 60-2005
8-seater taxis available
Ardrossan Harbour to:
Glasgow Airport £35.00
Prestwick Airport £25.00
Return bookings and other prices on request.

THE WHINS CRAFT WORKSHOP
North Newton, Lochranza
Home of the Arran Stonemasons
Hand painted stone characters & animals
trinket boxes, candles & more.
Handmade on the premises
Working craftsmen
Open to the public
7 days 10am - 6pm Walking only please
Sign posted from Lochranza with scenic views
Tel: 01770 830 650

like us on facebook
www.facebook.com/arranbanner

It pays to advertise in the Banner

Kilmichael is named the best hotel in Scotland

REPORT

by COLIN SMEETON
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

The owner of a five star hotel on Arran has described being named the best hotel in Scotland as a 'remarkable accolade'.

The Kilmichael Hotel in Brodick, was awarded the prestigious Scottish Hotel of the Year Award at a glitzy event held in London where owners, Geoffrey Botterill and Antony Butterworth, collected their award.

It was also named one of the 10 best hotels in the whole of the UK in the 2016 awards, which are always announced the previous October.

The Good Hotel Guide's César Awards are the hotel industry's equivalent of the Oscars of the film world, honouring the crème de la crème of hotels. Named after noted Swiss hotelier, César Ritz, only 10 César awards



The multi-award winning Kilmichael Hotel in Glen Cloy with the peacocks outside 02_b42hotel01

are presented to the guide's most celebrated hoteliers every year.

The Good Hotel Guide, describes itself as the last bastion of independent and impartial advice. Hotels cannot apply or pay to be in it and inclusion is entirely dependent on positive, confidential

reports from real guests over a number of years, which are followed up by secret inspections.

Geoffrey and Antony have run the hotel for more than 25 years and are no strangers to receiving awards. There is an entire wall in the country house dedicated to all of the honours that they have received over the years including the gold star award in the VisitScotland grading and classification scheme.

Highest levels

A gold award means that they have 'consistently achieved the highest levels of excellence within the grading' a rare achievement and one that not many hotels in Scotland have achieved.

Very highly rated by TripAdvisor, the Guardian, Country Homes and Interiors and many other organisations, too many to mention, the establishment still manages to charm visitors with one patron from Falkirk on

Tripadvisor noting that: 'You feel like a visiting guest in a country house rather than a hotel'.

Geoffrey runs the front of house while partner, Antony, serves up delicious treats in the kitchen. Another aspect of the hotel is that the building is arguably the oldest house on Arran. Dating back to, what is believed to be at least, the 14th century, the hotel having been restored and upgraded considerably over the years now offers guests the choice of elegant rooms in the main house or a choice of four deluxe cottages in the expansive and beautifully manicured gardens.

Geoffrey said: 'We have received many awards over the past 25 years, but we are particularly pleased and honoured to receive this one, coming as it does as a direct result of generous praise from past guests. We are especially grateful to our many hardworking and loyal staff who have remained with us over the years and who have all contributed in helping us achieve this remarkable accolade.'



Owners Antony Butterworth and Geoffrey Botterill with their award 02_b42hotel03

The Kilmichael Hotel usually operates between March and October and reverts back to a private house during the winter, but the self-catering cottages are open all year round. For more information visit www.kilmichael.com or telephone 01770 302219 to book a table in their award-winning restaurant.

How the Good Hotel Guide describes Kilmichael

'A very special small hotel which feels like a well-cared-for home. Excellent service is given in a personal way.'

A guide inspector was greeted in the wooded drive by peacocks (there are 22 of them, 'but no bother to visitors'); then by name at the door by Geoffrey Botterill, who owns Kilmichael with Antony Butterworth (who cooks).

'He made us very welcome and gave us tea and melt-in-the-mouth shortbread. He was interesting and informative about the Isle of Arran.'

The ground-floor Rose Room was 'spacious, with rose-patterned curtains and bedspread, fresh-cut flowers; good lighting'.

Drinks and canapés are taken in one of the two drawing rooms, which 'have ornaments, pictures and books from all over the world'.

A set menu is served in the 'light' dining room (it is shown ahead of time and changes can be made).

'The meals are first class with interesting dishes; a warm salad of figs and chicken livers with leaves and flowers from the potager; guinea fowl marinated in rum and lime juice.'

Breakfast has 'delicious compotes', new-laid eggs from the hen coop and home-made jams.'

THE DOUGLAS
Hotel · Bistro · Bar
www.thedouglashotel.co.uk
Tel: 01770 302968

DELICIOUS HOME BAKING
SHARING PLATTERS
MEALS, NIBBLES
WINES, WHISKIES
AND COCKTAILS

BAR OPEN ALL DAY
BISTRO OPENS AT 6PM DAILY
FOOD SERVED UNTIL 9.30PM

ARDROSSAN HARBOUR
TO YOUR DESTINATION

Mainland Taxis
07921 998457
01294 463556

Glasgow City Centre	£42
Glasgow Airport	£35
Prestwick Airport	£25
Irvine Central Hospital	£14
Crosshouse Hospital	£20
Ayr Hospital	£32
Troon Harbour	£22
Kilmarnock	£23
Ayr	£28

For other quotes just ask!
Friendly Reliable Service
www.mainland-taxis.co.uk

7 SEATER WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE AVAILABLE

Altachorvie
Island Retreat

"A FEARLESS AND RELAXED PERFORMER WHO'LL ENTERTAIN YOU AS WELL AS MOVE YOU"
Acoustic Guitar Magazine

WILLY PORTER
Sat 17th Oct

Guitar Workshop 3pm-5pm Adults £10 Children £5
Gig 8pm Tickets £10

Available on the door or online at www.arranevents.com

New Early Bird Menu
5.30pm-6.30pm
All Early Bird Mains only £7.50
Booking Recommended

Lamlash
Isle of Arran
KA27 8LQ
www.altachorvie.com
01770 600468

Arran Active
Outdoor Shop

OCTOBER CLEARANCE
- up to **50% OFF**
on selected lines

ALSO

10% OFF
Everything when you spend £50 or over

Voucher valid until 31 October 2015.
Not valid in conjunction with other offers.

OPEN 7 DAYS
Mon-Sat 9.30 - 5.00
Sun 10.00 - 5.00
Cladach, Brodick, KA27 8DE
Tel 01770 302416
andrew@arranactive.co.uk



Commanding Officer Major Alisdair Colville of 2 Scots presenting the Queen with the composition, with Pipe Major Stuart Gillies in the centre

Sixty mile trip for Arran waste disposal

Household waste from Arran will be taken more than 60 miles to North Lanarkshire for processing, under a new scheme which took a major step forward this week.

Viridor has been selected as preferred bidder for a £700m contract to process household waste for a consortium of Scottish councils, including North Ayrshire.

The 25-year contract was awarded by the Clyde Valley Residual Waste Partners which also includes East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, North Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire councils.

The deal will see Viridor process about 190,000 tonnes of residual waste per year, serving a population of more than 845,000 people.

The project follows a review by former NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde chairman Sir John Arbuthnott of the potential for sharing council services across the Clyde Valley.

Under the contract, Viridor will transport waste collected by each council to its primary treatment facility in Bargeddie, North Lanarkshire.

Primary treatment will remove recyclable material from the waste and prepare a refuse-derived fuel, which will be handled by Viridor's planned energy recovery facility in Dunbar.

North Ayrshire councillor, Tony Gurney, said: 'We are continually investing in green projects and making real and significant progress.'

'We've already invested heavily in our LED lighting scheme, while earlier this month we announced £19 million proposals that will turn North Ayrshire into a sustainable centre of excellence.'

'This latest development is further good news and will benefit residents and businesses within all partner council areas as the project will see Viridor investing to deliver community benefits.'

'This is another example of working together and sharing a service which will see an end to domestic waste being dumped in landfill. It will deliver savings and service improvements and crucially it will offer best value for money to taxpayers in the five council areas.'

Ian McAulay, chief executive of Viridor, said: 'We look forward to working towards financial close and to helping deliver their sustainability, zero waste and community benefit objectives.'

MacMillan coffee morning

Lamlash Church held a coffee morning on Friday, September 25, as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, held every year in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.

The organisers wish to thank everyone who assisted and donated items. The event raised £358.42 for the charity.

Arran piper composes tune for the Queen

An Arran piper has had the honour of composing a tune for the Queen.

Stuart Gillies, who attended Lamlash Primary and Arran High School, is now the Pipe Major in the the Royal Highland Fusiliers second battalion, based in Edinburgh.

He had the honour of being asked to compose a tune to commemorate the Queen becoming

Composition marks HRH becoming Britain's longest serving monarch

the longest ever serving British monarch. The tune, aptly named The Longest Reign, was presented to the Queen at Balmoral Castle on Wednesday, September 9, the date she became the

longest-serving monarch. An engraved copy of the tune which Stuart composed now hangs in Buckingham Palace. Stuart has been in the army for 12 years, having served in many countries

including a tour of Afghanistan as commander of a machine gun section. He has played Lone Piper at the Edinburgh Tattoo, and is looking forward to attending the Australian and New Zealand Tattoos in February.

A video of the tune, which was shot in the hills above Balmoral Estate, is available on the 'Army in Scotland' Facebook page.

MBS BUILDING AND TIMBER SUPPLIES

Gas, Coal, Surefire Coal, Logs, Kindling

SCAFFOLD
Haki quick form scaffold CITB registered

TOOL HIRE
per day, weekend or weekly
Hand Power Tools • Dumper • Loadal • Ladders
Power Barrow • Cement Mixer • Floor Sander • Carpet Cleaner

ROOFING
Mineral Felt
Bitumen Products
Corrugated Sheeting
Guttering

PAINT
Masonry
Exterior Eggshell
Exterior Acrylic Satin
Johnstone's Trade
Sandtex Trade

SPRING BULBS
now in stock

Whiting Bay
Tel: 700202 Fax: 700711
mbsbuild@yahoo.co.uk
Open: Mon - Sat
8am - 5pm
CLOSED SUNDAYS

Petrol, Diesel, JGAS and Key Cutting Service

like us on facebook
www.facebook.com/arranbanner

Campbell Fuel Oils DISTRIBUTOR
 Your local, family run, oil distributor
 for prompt and efficient service

We are now operating a weekly top-up service on the Isle of Arran supplying Heating Oil, Tractor Diesel, Derv and a wide range of Lubricants.

Call us on 01563 521925

Hurlford Road, Riccarton, Kilmarnock KA1 3LS
www.campbellfuels.co.uk

Friends of Brodick Castle garden talk

The Friends of Brodick Castle will be meeting on Wednesday, October 21 in the tearoom at the castle.

The speaker will be Tim Keyworth, who will host a talk titled; 'A year in Brodick Castle gardens' which will start at 7.30pm.

New and old friends are welcome to attend.

Got a story?
Call 01770 302142



Fiona Laing at Edinburgh Castle with Arran MSP, Kenneth Gibson, and First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, where she received the award

Bravery award for Fiona after crash rescue

An Arran woman who pulled two people to safety from a car which had crashed down an embankment has been given a national award.

At Edinburgh Castle last week, Fiona Laing of Pirn-mill received a Brave@Heart award from First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, in recognition of her act of bravery.

Fiona was nominated for her award by the Scottish Ambulance Service following consideration by an independent validation panel who selected Fiona as a winner for an incident which happened on the island.

While driving, Fiona came across a car accident where a small van was lying on its side, perilously close to the edge of an embankment. It was stuck up against a tree with two occupants and three dogs trapped inside.

She sent a family member

to call the emergency services while she descended the steep embankment and assessed the medical condition of the victims before pulling the two occupants through the car's windows to safety. She then returned down the embankment and rescued the three dogs.

Kenneth Gibson MSP who attended the event said: 'It is right to take the time to celebrate the acts of bravery shown by not only the emergency services, but also members of the public who acted when faced with danger or exceptional circumstances. Fiona is recognised as the driving force behind North Arran's first responder group which has provided 24/7 cover to patients on the island for over 10 years and has been selfless in training members of the group and fundraising for life saving medical equip-

ment. Her calmness and decision-making skills helped a couple who were in serious distress.'

Fiona said: 'It's all a bit embarrassing really, but I did enjoy a lovely evening in Edinburgh. I am sure that plenty of folk on Arran would have done the same as I did, I just happened to be in the right place at the right time to help out. I'm just glad that no-one was injured.'

The award, one of 35 is given annually in recognition and celebration of acts of bravery by members of the blue-light services, voluntary rescue organisations and members of the public.

Previous recipients have been emergency workers who assisted with the Clutha Vaults helicopter crash and a teenage boy from Livingston who saved two young children from drowning in 2011.

Old photos sought by island museum

Do any island residents have old photos, slides or negatives of Arran?

If so archive artist, Debbie Adele Cooper, resident artist for NHS Ayrshire and Arran, is looking for community help with a project that aims to help hospital patients as well as the Isle of Arran Heritage Museum.

The project seeks to make artworks for hospital walls, something which has proved to help patients recover more quickly when they are surrounded by images that share a sense of place and of local history.

One of the hospitals that will house these artworks, and that many Arran residents make use of, will be Crosshouse Hospital where Debbie hopes Arran will be represented.

A free photo scanning event is being held at the heritage museum where Debbie will scan the photos, return the original and offer a digital copy to take home. The pictures can be in the form of photos, slides or negatives and could be antique or from as recently as the 1990s.

Benefit

In conjunction with this initiative, the museum, which holds an archive of documents and images of island life, will also benefit by having the images scanned to their social history archive which is available to members of the public to access.

If you wish to contribute to this exhibition and the archive, the free photo scanning event will be at the museum on Thursday, October, 22, between 11am and 4pm.



Find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/arranbanner

auchrannie resort

This week at Auchrannie

eighteen69 - speciality cocktails

Enjoy a wide range of locally inspired small plates in our Scottish Tapas restaurant. Located in our glasshouse, overlooking the gardens, why not also sample some of our speciality cocktails.

Open for dinner Thursday to Monday from 5.30pm

Book now by calling: 01770 302234



Experience Arran Adventure

Take the plunge gorge walking, learn to become a bowman with an archery lesson or get in the saddle for a spot of mountain biking.

Open 7 days a week. Full brochure on our website.

For more information or to book call: 01770 303349

Dining with a difference at Brambles

For a truly different dining experience in a relaxed and bustling atmosphere try Brambles. Have a drink at the bar, enjoy a frothy coffee by the fire or a glass of wine on the terrace. All produce is sourced as locally as possible and freshly prepared. Open daily for breakfast, lunch & dinner.

To make a reservation please call: 01770 302234



Brothers find a message in a bottle

Four young brothers from Brodick had an exciting find while out walking during the school holidays last week.

Harris, Innes, Lachlan and Struan McNicol take up the story: 'We found a message in a bottle on a glorious sunny October day. We were so excited! Walking along Sannox beach we spotted an empty glass bottle with a rolled up piece of paper in it! We thought, wow, where has this come from? We read the message which was from Ayr Harbour and was thrown into the sea on September 27. They left a mobile number so we sent them a text to say where we found it 11 days later. They were happy to hear from us. Maybe it will be a pirate message next time!'



The McNicol brothers with the bottle and the note they found inside.

Group calls for end to MPA delays

Delays to the passing of Marine Conservation Orders into law threaten marine recovery, according to the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST)

COAST's concerns are that delays to establish firm policy on Marine Protected Area's (MPA'S) are allowing certain sectors to 'water down' poli-

cy on MPA's that were designated last year.

Considerable pressure from the mobile fishing industry has meant that MPA'S are being compromised by mobile fishers. Already, the South Arran MPA has been asked to accept trawling in 36 per cent of its MPA while Upper Loch Fyne will nearly all be

open to trawlers. Rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead, MSP said at a recent Inshore Fisheries conference: 'Scotland's sea's are not owned by any one individual or vested interest' and pointed out that representatives from a particular sector have no right to turn public policy on its head.

COAST believes that when areas were designated as MPA's that compromise was already built into the networks and that any further watering down and delays will not allow for marine recovery. This also comes at a time when expansion plans of a Salmon fish farm in the

Lamlash Bay MPA is being considered by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. (SEPA)

A COAST spokesman said: 'Coastal communities need healthy biodiverse seas that support a diversity of marine jobs, not vulnerable monocultures benefiting only a few. MPAs have a critical part to play in marine recovery and in creating jobs for young and old. We therefore encourage the Rural Affairs Committee to give Richard Lochhead its full support in passing his MPA Marine Conservation Orders into law without further delay.'

New fuel system will help reduce greenhouse gasses

The Caledonian Isles is the first Caledonian Macbrayne vessel to be fitted with a new state of the art fuel monitoring system.

The system is to be installed on all 10 major CalMac vessels, the first UK ferry operator to roll out such a system across so much of its fleet, and promises to reduce greenhouse gasses and save the taxpayer £450,000 per annum.

Dubbed project Ecoship, this new technology links sensors on the vessels' engines to a touch screen display in both the bridge and engine room where the ship's master and chief engineer are able to monitor fuel consumption in line with speed and power, but are also able, in real time, to identify any engine variations as they occur and make adjustments as appropriate.

The move is part of CalMac's commitment to reduce its carbon emissions and improve on its green credentials in line with National Transport Strategy and CalMac's

commitment to the sensitive marine environment of Scotland.

Minister for transport and islands Derek Mackay MSP said: 'I warmly welcome the launch of Project Ecoship, which once again shows CalMac is at the forefront of ferry innovation.'

'This state-of-the-art technology has the potential to have a significant impact on the fleet's emissions, cutting its carbon footprint in some of Scotland's most striking coastlines and sensitive marine environments.'

'Our commitment to the taxpayer and the environment has come together with Project Ecoship,' said CalMac's technical director Peter Breslin.

'Environmental kindness and major shipping vessels may seem like unlikely bedfellows, but we are committed to taking steps to improve our green credentials as we pass through some of the least polluted and most unspoilt areas in Europe during our day-to-day work.'



The Caledonian Isles has been fitted with the new fuel monitoring system.

Scottish Field

NOVEMBER ISSUE OUT NOW

Dougie MacLean

ON LIFE IN PERTSHIRE

10 OF THE BEST SCOTTISH GHOST STORIES

WIN A CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR TEN

www.scottishfield.co.uk

WE REVEAL THE WINNERS IN OUR READERS' WHISKY CHALLENGE

The man who shot Lincoln Life-savers on two wheels Reeling around the world

The Green Tearoom & Restaurant

available for functions, licensed open to the public Tel: 01770 600296

Takeaway and delivery service available
Tel: 01770 600296

Delivery to Lamlash £3 / Brodick & Whiting Bay £5 per order
SAMPLE MENU (full menu available on facebook)

Arran Munchie Box £12

4 slices of fresh battered haddock, 4 Chicken Goujons, 4 Breaded Scampi, 4 Onion rings, 4 chicken chunks, 4 slices of garlic bread with dips & chips.

Fish and chips £7.50 • Scampi & chips (16 pieces) £10
Burger (beef or Chicken) Chips & Onion rings £7.50, add cheese or bacon £1 • Chicken chunks & Chips £7.50

OPEN FOR FOOD 12 NOON - 9PM Tue - Sun
COME TRY OUR WINTER WARMER MENU

Tuesday - Sunday 12noon - 9pm
2 courses £10 / 3 Courses £12

SUNDAY LUNCH SPECIAL - CHOICE OF 3 ROASTS!
2 course £11 or 3 courses £14
children under 12 - menu available

We are taking bookings for Christmas parties
3 course meal with bubbly on arrival £30
exclusive use of restaurant for parties of 30+ with DJ/Disco incl.

Isle of Arran HERITAGE MUSEUM

THE ISLAND'S FOUR STAR FAMILY DAY OUT

Rosaburn, Brodick, Open Daily 10.30am to 4.30pm

Learn about the island's Social History, Archaeology, The Arran Clearances, Farming, Geology and Lots More.

Visit the 19th Century Cottage, 1940's Schoolroom, and Blacksmith's Forge.

Archives and Genealogy researchers welcomed
(on Wednesdays only from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm. or by appointment.)

Children's Quiz and Playhouse
Riverside Picnic Area • Gift Shop
Lovely Snacks and Meals at Café Rosaburn



Graduates Euan Stout and Seonaid Anderson with Arran campus manager, Maureen McKenna

Arran students graduate in Oban

Two students have graduated from the Arran campus of Argyll College UHI.

Euan Stout, who achieved an HNC in hospitality and Seonaid Anderson an HNC in computing, were among those who attended this year's graduation ceremony at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls in Oban.

College principal, Fraser Durie, said: 'The graduation ceremony is a high point of the year for us. It is an amazing effort and you can't be anything but proud,' and he reaffirmed the college's commitment to the people of Argyll and the Isles.

'This year has been a very exciting year for us, our portfolio of courses has continued to grow - putting us at the heart of further and higher education in Argyll. Indeed, in terms of higher education, we continue to be the fastest growing academic partner

within the University of the Highlands and Islands, as measured by student numbers.

'Argyll College UHI is very much your local college and your local university. Our courses are constructed and developed to meet the needs of the people of Argyll, to allow them access to the education they want, to provide the skills training local employers are looking for and to contribute to the local economy of the region.

Aspirations

'We are proud to live and work in our many communities, not as a branch of some distant organisation, but right here, sharing the aspirations of those communities that we serve.'

More than 1,500 students enrolled with the college across its 14 centres throughout Argyll during 2014/15 to take advantage of the wide

variety of courses on offer which can be done full-time or part-time.

The newest course on Arran, Classical Mythology: Tales of Mischief and Madness, is being presented by new island resident, Dr Marie Martin, who has taught courses in classics, ancient social history, literature and art at Glasgow University as well as being an associate lecturer in the Faculty of Arts at the Open University.

The eight week course, starting on Friday, October 23 is an illustrated discussion-based look at some of the most famous myths of ancient Greece and Rome. It uses a range of literary and visual sources from the ancient world to consider how myth works in this context.

For information on this course or any other courses you can visit www.argyll.uhi.ac.uk

Boost for Scottish solar projects as long-term support maintained

The SNP government has confirmed that Scotland's solar projects below five megawatts will continue to receive support following the UK government's decision to close the renewables obligation.

The UK government wants to exclude such projects from the policy that guarantees the same levels of funding for the lifetime of the project, known as grandfathering, over which Holyrood has devolved powers.

Arran's MSP Kenneth Gibson said: 'The UK government's decision to slash support for renewables is misplaced and actively discourages investment in clean energy.'

'This growing industry needs clarity and certainty to allow long-term investment decisions to be taken and I am delighted that the SNP government will support the

3,000 solar jobs in Scotland that are under threat.'

John Forster, chairman of the Solar Trade Association Scotland added: 'This shows that the SNP government is fully committed to solar providing as much as possible of its 100 per cent renewables target for Scotland.'

'Solar projects in this country now know what level of support they are going to

get, and that they will get it for the full 20 years. It won't be possible to cut funding for Scottish projects down the line in, for example, year 15 of 20. We particularly appreciate that the Scottish Energy Minister, Fergus Ewing MSP, has moved quickly to make this decision, allowing solar businesses to plan ahead and focus their efforts on their Scottish projects.'

Play, talk and read onboard Bessie

Parents and their wee ones are invited to jump on board the free PlayTalkRead bus, Bessie, as it visits Arran.

Designed as a free drop-in playground, Bessie offers parents and carers a fun and relaxed environment to pick up exciting new ideas and tips to play, talk and read more with their little ones which will help make a positive difference to their health and happiness.

Bessie will be at the big Co-op in Brodick on Tuesday, October 20, from 10am till 1pm and 2pm till 4pm.

The qualified and experienced play leaders will showcase lots of great low-cost or free activities that can fit into parents' daily routines. For more information - plus lots of handy tips and advice - visit <http://playtalkread.scot/>

The New Instant

THE ARRAN BANNER

Digital Edition

AVAILABLE NOW

Our new E-Edition is delivered direct to your inbox on the day of publication.

Receive it even when you're away from home - anywhere where you have internet access.

- User friendly, professional page viewer
- 'Flip' through pages
- Zoom in and out
- Print pages
- Search

Need some Christmas Gift inspiration?

...Get organised with a Personalised Calendar!

Simply provide us with your photos, we will do the rest.

The perfect personal gift!

krisp print

01586 554975

Find us on Facebook

Main Street/Longrow South, Campbeltown
 email: staff@krispprint.co.uk www.krispprint.co.uk

THE ARRAN BANNER

Communication is key

Roadworks on Arran are always a cause for concern.

This is simply because they can cause islanders and visitors alike a huge amount of inconvenience because there are very few places where a short detour can be put in place.

But it is good to see the council and the parties affected by the latest planned roadworks at Cladach are sitting round the table and trying to come up with a solution which will cause the least disruption.

Common sense has already prevailed in halting any road closures until after Christmas but, as the council have confirmed, the road between the Glen Rosa Bridge and Cladach will have to be shut at times when work resumes in February.

No one is disputing that the works do not need done. The state of the roads is a constant complaint on the island so we certainly do not want to turn out noses up at the offer of a £700,000 stretch of new road.

But road closures can be a nightmare for everyone and not just businesses but people trying to go about their daily business.

Convoy systems can work, but, as one shop owner told The Banner this week, the most important thing is communication. As she said, even if people only think the road is closed, they simply will not even try going.

During the last extended closure of The String there was a general feeling there had been an improvement in communication, but there was still felt more could still be done.

These roadworks give council chiefs another chance to get it right this time.

Good luck with new venture

We are pleased to report the reopening of Bilislands next year. We were as surprised as anyone that it was exactly a year since it closed its doors. Since then there has been considerable speculation about what was going to happen to it with Tesco at the front of the queue until the internal troubles at the supermarket giant put paid to their honest interest.

Great then to see a local businessman has now stepped forward and is offering to set up an outlet 'for the island community'. He is willing to listen to what people want and supply the demand.

We wish him well and hope the community will get behind the new enterprise.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.' Ecclesiastes 3:1

press policy

WE AT the Arran Banner endeavour to ensure that all our reports are fair and accurate and comply with the Editors' Code of Practice set by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO). We realise, however, that mistakes happen from time to time.

If you think we have made a significant mistake and you wish to discuss this with us, please let us know as soon as possible by any of the three methods: emailing editor@arranbanner.co.uk; telephoning the senior reporter on 01770 302142 or write to the Editor at Wyvex Media, Crannog Lane, Lochavullin estate, Oban, PA34 4HB.

We will attempt to resolve your issue in a timeous, reasonable and amicable manner. However, if you are unsatisfied with our response, you can contact IPSO, which will investigate the matter. You can either telephone IPSO on 0300 123 2220 or email inquiries@ipso.co.uk. IPSO is an independent body which deals with complaints from the public about the editorial content of newspapers and magazines. We will abide by the decision of IPSO.

your letters

THE EDITOR welcomes letters of approximately 200 words in length for publication on this page. The editor also reserves the right to shorten, to amend or to refuse to print them. Names and postal addresses must be supplied, including on e-mails, to indicate good faith. A daytime telephone number is also required for verification. Anonymous letters or those supplied without a contact telephone number will not be printed. Please write or fax to: Letters Page, The Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran. E-mail editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Letters to the Editor



Fish farm fears

Sir,
I am writing to support COAST's rejection of the application to expand St Molios fish farm and to make people aware of some background information about fish farms in general.

Enormous quantities of chemicals are used by fish farms every year and they are only needed because the fish are kept at such a high density that they are vulnerable to both disease and sea lice. More than 15 million litres of treatments containing hydrogen peroxide was used by the fish farm company in 2013, according to one internet article.

Tony Andrews, chief executive of the Atlantic Salmon Trust, has said the use of hydrogen peroxide was 'a last resort' for the industry after sea lice developed resistance to other treatments.

According to the Salmon and Trout Association (Scotland), sea lice data published by the Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation showed that in June 2013 average sea lice numbers at the locations of almost 50 fish farms on the Scottish mainland and in the Hebrides exceeded industry limits.

In 2014, it was reported that the Scottish government plans to increase salmon farming production by 50 per cent by 2020, despite concerns that sea lice from fish farms are threatening the health of wild fish, including wild salmon.

St Molios fish farm has suffered from fish disease in the past, necessitating the transportation and incineration of tonnes of stock. An increase in the carrying capacity of the cages will only exacerbate the potential for disease.

The community on Arran, with the backing of North Ayrshire Council, has already made its position clear with regard to an increase of fish farm activity in the Lamlash area and around Arran. The community strongly rejected the proposal for a fish farm north of Hamilton Rock and

has been opposed to any other increase in activity. Lamlash Bay frequently fails to meet the Food Standard Agency criteria for Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs).

More organic waste from more fish and fish feed will not help to improve this situation.

Lamlash Bay is one of the most scenic bays in the Clyde and a huge draw for tourists and leisure craft.

The fish farm is already an unsightly industrial installation and a source of noise pollution in one of the most natural areas of the bay.

An increase in capacity will inevitably lead to an increase in associated operations, infrastructure and noise pollution.

And last but not least, many people presume that The Scottish Salmon Company, which owns St Molios fish farm and many others in Scotland, is Scottish owned.

Although the company has an Edinburgh address it is a subsidiary of The Scottish Salmon Company plc, which is registered in Jersey.

For these reasons, I think an expansion of activities at St Molios fish farm is not in our interest and I encourage anyone who cares about Lamlash Bay to write to SEPA and their elected representatives expressing their concerns.

Yours,
Stuart Turner
Lamlash

Research flaws

Copy of a letter to Dr Ian Duncan, Conservative MEP for Scotland

Sir,
I read the article in the Arran Banner about the challenges facing island businesses and was more than happy that Gerald Michaluk is bringing this issue to the forefront of the European Parliament's mind.

However, your research team did not do a very good job and I am less than happy that they reported 'Mr Michaluk, who founded the Arran Brewery, said ...'

To put the record straight, he may have founded Arran

Brew Ltd, in June 2008, but he did not found the brewery from its commencement in Jan 2000.

That was done by Richard and Elisabeth Roberts, together with a number of shareholders.

Not only that, but together with a loyal team of Arran-based workers, managed to achieve a great deal in those eight years.

In fact, it could be argued that it became a victim of its own success.

Had it not been for the recession and for the Royal Bank of Scotland pulling the plug on the company's finance arrangements, The Arran Brewery Company Ltd

(in administration) may still be thriving today.

The actual facts are that he (Mr Michaluk) bought the company out of administration and I also have it on the best authority that he bought it at a 'bargain basement' price.

Now that the record is straight, I bear no rancour with Mr Michaluk, and will always continue to support the beers he makes as being some of the best around, but make no mistake, the original recipe for their best seller - Arran Blonde - was the recipe that Richard Roberts devised.

Yours,
Elisabeth Roberts
Brodick

THE ARRAN BANNER

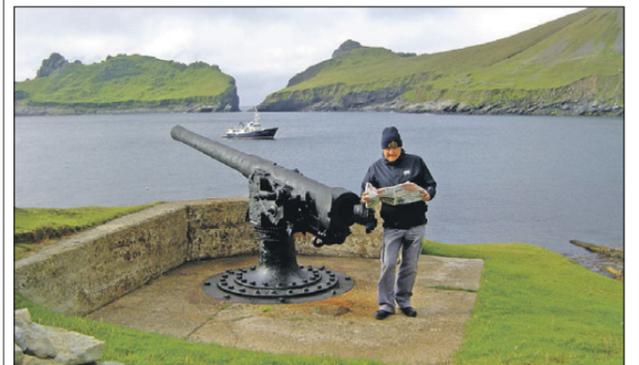
ON HOLIDAY

The good readers of The Banner have been remembering to take their favourite paper on holiday with them and lots have been coming in from some far flung parts of the world.

Alan Milligan from Brodick took time to read his Banner beside the St Kilda gun emplacement on the island of Hirta.

While Alistair McGowan reads a copy of the Arran Banner at the Blue Lagoon in Iceland. He also visited Norway and the Faroe islands.

If you have a holiday photo with The Banner please send them to us either by email to editor@arranbanner.co.uk or to The Arran Banner, Douglas Centre, Brodick, KA27 8AJ.



Alan Milligan beside the St Kilda gun emplacement



Alistair McGowan at the Blue Lagoon in Iceland

Arran Deliveries

Arran Deliveries
The Parcel Point
Harbour Road,
Ardrossan
North Ayrshire
KA22 8BZ

Open Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm
Daily collection throughout Ayrshire,
Glasgow and surrounding districts

Tel: 01475 676 255
Fax: 01294 469 492

Glasgow Depot
Arran Deliveries
149 Balmoral Street
Glasgow G14 0HB

Open Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
Accepting goods destined
for the island

We deliver the goods
not excuses

Dedicated dementia support service launched on island



Arran's dementia support worker, Helen MacDonald

Arran now has a dedicated dementia support service aimed at helping those affected by the condition and their carers.

The Dementia Support Service launched on the island last week with the introduction of Helen MacDonald, Arran's very own dementia support worker.

Access

To mark the introduction of the service on Arran, local craft group, The Machrie Ladies, donated £500 to purchase a tablet for Helen enabling her to access a wide range of publications, reminiscence pictures and games which will also benefit the service-users.

Helen's role is to provide specialised and flexible sup-

port to residents and their carers to help improve both their lives. She will be an important point of contact for those seeking advice and information on the different types of dementia, as well as being the linchpin between the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership and the residents and carers on the island.

Speaking about her role, Helen said: 'Dementia can be a very difficult condition to come to terms with, for both you and those around you, and that's why support is so essential.'

'My role is to provide that all-important support and reassurance to those affected by the condition that they are not alone and that there is plenty of help out there.'

'I'll work with the individuals and their carers to come up with a tailored care plan that will help to maintain and develop their quality of life, as that's ultimately the goal.'

Support

In addition to individual support, the service also hosts 'memory cafes' which offer a friendly, relaxed and welcoming environment where people with dementia and their carers have the opportunity to access practical information, emotional support and allows them to meet other people with shared experiences of dementia.

If you feel that you or someone you know would benefit from the Dementia Support Service, please contact them on 01294 602720.



The Machrie Ladies presenting Helen with the tablet

Society hears how the hum of the bumblebee is under serious threat

Listening to the hum of the bumblebee is surely one of the sounds of summer. But it's a sound that is becoming ever rarer due to loss of habitat, the use of pesticides and climate change, writes Alan Bellamy.

In the UK over the last 70 years, two of our 24 bumblebee species have become extinct, and seven have been put on 'at risk' lists. It's important to remember, of course, that bumblebees are not just there for our summer listening pleasure. The free pollination work they do on crops and wild flowers plays a vital part in our fragile eco-system, helping UK farmers to the tune of £600 million a year.

On Thursday, October 1, the Arran Natural History Society meeting listened to a talk by Anthony McCluskey, a national expert on bumblebee conservation. He has worked in environmental conservation for most of his career. Most of this time has been spent working with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, (BBCT) where he has been the outreach officer and outreach manager and has been responsible for taking forward BBCT's programme of engaging with the public and volunteers. There was no more appropriate person to inform us of the plight of the bumblebee and what we can do.



A bumblebee at work. Photo courtesy of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Anthony described in vivid terms the life cycle of the bumblebee and how its numbers have seen a huge decline in the past 60 years. In this period, we have lost some 98 per cent of our flower-rich meadows, a truly frightening figure. In the Western Isles the machair, rich in red clover, vetch, and other wild flowers, has been vital for the bumblebee's survival, but even this is under threat.

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust is working hard to save key bumblebee habitats, but Anthony explained how we can all help, by choosing garden plants beneficial to bumblebees, and by contributing bee sightings to the Trust so that accurate counts

can be built up around the country and major changes noted. Go to <http://bumblebeeconservation.org/> to find out more.

The next meeting is on Thursday, November 5, at

8pm in the Ranger Centre, Brodick, when Pizza Chow will be talking about the behaviour of squirrels. The committee look forward to welcoming all those interested to the talk.

REMOVALS
REMOVALS : STORAGE : DISTRIBUTION
 Local - Long Distance - Continental - Estimates Free
 Contact Hugh McClelland on **840272**

HUGH McCLELLAND & SON Estd. 1886

UNIT 7, CADZOW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HAMILTON, ML3 7QU
 Tel: (01698) 283314 - 283555.
 Fax (01698) 286677

COTTAGES & CASTLES
 THE VERY BEST OF SCOTLAND

Join us. We're the biggest holiday letting company in Arran, the biggest in Scotland and we've the biggest customer base by a long way. Add a state of the art website and booking system and you know you're going to get the occupancy levels your property deserves.

cottages-and-castles.co.uk

HENDRY FUNERAL SERVICES LTD

15 Glen Avenue, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8DQ
 Tel: 01770 302233 Fax: 01770 302883

Independent Funeral Directors • All Funeral arrangements
 Agents for Golden charter Funeral Plans,
 Robertson and MacIntyre Memorials
 A member of S.A.I.F

Telephone David or Clair Tel: 01770 302233

An Upcycled Evening with Eco Savvy
 'A brand new version of a classic tale.'

Friday 23rd October, 7.30pm
 Whiting Bay village hall
FREE ENTRY - BYOB

Double, double toil and trouble, as witches stir up a brew in Brodick



A warlock outside the Book and Card shop enthralled children with his pyrotechnics
02_b42thumble01

Good turnout for author's potion hunt

In what seemed like an early start to Halloween, Brodick's seafront and shops were filled with witches and warlocks on a treasure hunt last weekend.

Enthusiastic treasure hunters collected ingredients from local shops to make a magical potion. This was then exchanged for a token that they took to James of Arran who rewarded them with a bar of chocolate.

The treasure hunt which saw Arran Aromatics, James's Chocolate, Jolly Molly, Red Door, The Byre at Brodick, Little Rock and The Boat-house taking part, was a fun event for children and adults to promote a series of books, based on Arran and written by author, Angela Proctor.

'Thumble Tumble and the

WORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY COLIN SMEETON
editor@arranbanner.co.uk

Ollpheist' is the first in the series which follows the adventures of an eight year-old Arran witch called Thumble Tumble. The book was released on August 28 and is available at all good book shops including The Book and Card Shop in Brodick.

VisitScotland regional director Annique Armstrong said: 'It's fantastic that the history and folklore of Arran has inspired the creation of this new children's book. Scotland has been a rich source of inspiration for writers for centuries and this magical new tale and enchanting backdrop is bound

to cast a spell on young readers. Our experience suggests that people visiting Scotland are often motivated to do so by the films they watch or the books they read, and our hope with this book is that after reading it, families will want to embark on their own adventures on Arran.'

While signing copies of the book for a large group of eager children, Angela told The Banner: 'I don't want to give too much away, but I can tell you that the next book is called Thumble Tumble and the Cauldron of Undry and will be released early next year.'



Above: Angela Proctor pictured at the book signing
02_b42thumble04

CASK & Still
MAGAZINE

A NEW
Free
84-PAGE
WHISKY
MAGAZINE

Keep up to date with all things whisky on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Facebook and Twitter icons followed by 'cask and still'

caskandstillmagazine.co.uk

AVAILABLE IN SELECTED WHISKY MERCHANTS & BARS



Above: Some of the witches and warlocks taking part in the event
02_b42thumble05



Right: Troll droppings, a vital ingredient for potions are obtained at The Byre from two helpful witches, Lorna Gunaydi and Jerry Arthur
02_b42thumble02



Young witches inspect their bags full of magical ingredients. 02_b42thumble07



A Book and Card witch Louise Haggarty and author Angela help two potion hunters in their quest. 02_b42thumble08



Above: Treasure hunters receive poison witch weed from Tracy Gibson at The Boathouse. 02_b42thumble06



Left: A chocolate reward at the end of the quest. 02_b42thumble09



Above: Author Angela surrounded by witches, Michelle Fallon and Roslyn Proctor. 02_b42thumble03



Right: Angela signs books for treasure hunters. 02_b42thumble10

SCOTTISH RURAL AWARDS 2016

HAVE YOU NOMINATED YET?

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 20.11.15

For the full list of categories visit www.scottishruralawards.org

PROUDLY PARTNERED BY **Scottish Field** **SCOTTISH COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE**

SPONSORED BY **Chiene+Tait** **STRATHALLAN** **hwenergy**

@ruralawards Scottish Rural Awards

Pupils learn about the great outdoors

Pupils of Whiting Bay Primary attended a forest school session which was held at Claulands Point in glorious sunshine before the October holidays.

The children were encouraged to explore the local environment while learning outdoor skills independently and as part of a group.

They were taught how to identify local flora, how to make useful knots and they were also fortunate enough to find enough ripe brambles to make some juice, an activity that many of the children rated as their favourite.

Castle building

Other activities included stone castle building, rock painting and making tree cookies and leaf crowns.

As with all of the forest school events the children were encouraged to share stories and express themselves artistically.

Once again the school would like to express their thanks to Keith Robertson and Elanor McNamara for sharing their expertise with the pupils.



Whiting Bay pupils pose for a picture at Claulands Point



Pupils display their outdoor inspired headwear



The youngsters learn a valuable lesson about teamwork

COLOUR
your life with **krisp** print

litho and digital printing
01586 554975
Main Street/Longrow South, Campbeltown
email: staff@krispprint.co.uk www.krispprint.co.uk

Candle-making display gets session off to a bright start

In the centenary year of the WI, Lamash SWI was delighted to be joined by Barbara Dunn, a member of a Kent institute, who was staying with friends in Whiting Bay. She and all present were warmly welcomed to the first meeting of the new session by president, Alison Thomson.

After such a long gap since the agm the business meeting took longer than usual. Minutes, correspondence, show report, gathering of names for attendance at the rally and plans for a fund-raising coffee morning were dealt with as speedily as possible. The trophies won at the show were presented now suitably engraved.

Alison then handed over to Jo Morgan the demonstrator for the evening. Jo has been making candles

for 45 years and what was a hobby soon developed into a business. She took us through the history of candle-making from the smokey tallow of early times to the paraffin wax which she uses for the delicious smelling, decorative ones she produces today. Using plain white shapes she had, in true Blue Peter fashion made earlier, she took us through the stages in producing the beautifully coloured and sometimes hand-moulded articles for sale.

Jo was thanked for an excellent demonstration which provide many gasps of amazement at the speed of the dyeing process and gave some early ideas for Christmas shopping.

During the delicious supper provided by Liz and Hilary, the raffle was

drawn and the winners of the competition and exhibition were Alison Thomson and Morag Campbell.

As well as the date of the next meeting and the rally, the other very important event is the coffee morning in the church hall on Wednesday, October 21 from 10 till 12noon. As this is in aid of the party fund for the local children, as much help as possible would be appreciated whether it be in the form of serving teas, donations of baking or coming along for excellent coffee and cake. The sales tables normally present at the regular church coffee mornings will hopefully also be there.

The institute looks forward to your support in helping to continue this long-standing children's party tradition.

Janet Mair



Patricia Gibson MP outside Arran Aromatics with Janet Russell, left, and new chief executive officer, Jacqui Gale, right.

MP nominates Arran firm for export award

Following a recent visit, North Ayrshire & Arran MP Patricia Gibson has nominated Arran Aromatics for a top business award.

The Brodick-based company, as many will know, makes a range of high quality

products ranging from soaps and body creams infused with original fragrances to sprays and candles, all inspired by the landscape and scents of the island.

Mrs Gibson has nominated the company for an 'Exported by Britain Award'.

She said: 'I have long been a huge admirer and customer of Arran Aromatics and there is no doubt that this is a company with global ambitions. Each product range is uniquely and authentically created and rooted in the beautiful island.'

'In nominating Arran Aromatics for this UK award, I am confident that it will succeed against any other UK exporters.'

She added: 'Arran Aromatics' fantastic products are now sold across Europe and the Middle East and it is hard

to believe that this company grew from its humble origins just over 25 years ago in the cottage of company founder, Janet Russell, and her late husband, Iain.

'I was very impressed to hear about the exciting plans for the company's future under the stewardship of new chief executive officer, Jacqui Gale, and enjoyed a fascinating tour of the factory floor.'

'This business is a real asset to the island of Arran. With a dedicated workforce, ambitious management and a growing and loyal customer base I have no doubt that Arran Aromatics will go from strength to strength in the months and years ahead.'



Acclaimed film to be screened in Brodick

A critically acclaimed film, which is in the running for a top European prize is to be shown on Arran next month.

The critically acclaimed feature film 'Mediterranea' will be shown at the Screen Machine in Brodick on Sunday, November 8 at 5.30pm.

This very topical feature film tells the story of Ayiva, a young man from Burkina Faso, who travels to Italy in search of a way to provide for

his sister and his daughter. Ayiva adapts to life in Italy, but when tensions with the local community rise, things become increasingly dangerous. Determined to make his new situation work he attempts to weather the storm.

'Mediterranea' is one of several films in the running for the Lux Prize. In Latin, 'Lux' means light and since 1997 the European Parliament's Lux Prize

casts an annual spotlight on films that cut to the heart of European public debate. The films competing for the prize help to air different views on some of the main social and political issues of the day and, as such, contribute to building a stronger European identity.

'Mediterranea' is certified 15 and will be screened in the original language version with English subtitles.

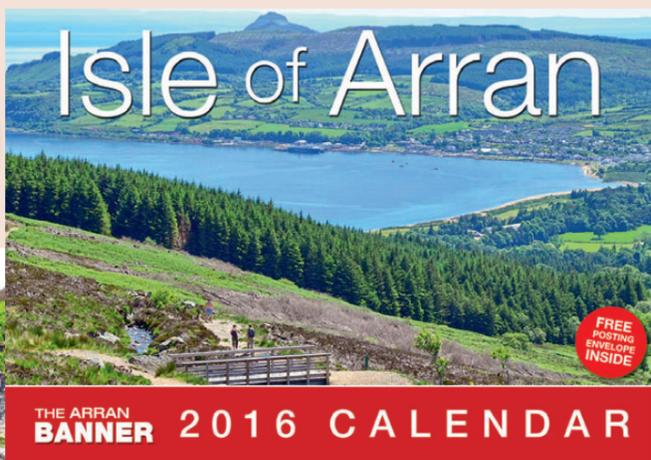
The cinema is wheelchair

accessible and provides a loop for hearing aid users. As usual, the Screen Machine will be parked at the Auchrannie Hotel car park.

This screening is proudly presented by the European Parliament in co-operation with Regional Screen Scotland and The Screen Machine. Entry will be free, but anyone wishing to attend should reserve their seat via the Screen Machine website to avoid disappointment.

Scottish Calendars 2016 *The ideal gift...*

FROM **£7.95** including P&P



THE ARRAN BANNER 2016 CALENDAR

There is something about the Isle of Arran which makes everyone who visits the island fall just a little bit in love with it – or even a lot!

It is more often than not referred to as 'Scotland in miniature' but we like to think of it as being absolutely unique.

We have set out to show some of those unique qualities in our Arran Banner Isle of Arran Calendar 2016 by scouring dozens of images of the island to find the best that represent the light, scenery and places dear to those who also love the island.

order form

I would like to order 2016 Calendars:

Calendar	U.K. inc P&P	R.O.W. inc P&P	Amount
Arran Banner Isle of Arran	£7.95	£8.50	£
Price			
Quantity			
Total			£

YOUR DETAILS:

Name _____
 Address _____
 Telephone _____ Date _____
 Email _____ To receive the 2017 brochure straight into your inbox please enter your email address here

If you wish we can send calendars direct to your friends and family on your behalf. Please provide the following details on a separate sheet: Name, address, your personal message, together with a note of which calendar you would like sent.

PAYMENT DETAILS:

I enclose payment for £_____ by Cheque payable to Wyvex Media Debit/Credit Card
 Card Number _____
 Expiry Date _____ Start Date _____ Issue No _____ Security Code (last 3 digits on back of card) _____
 Signature _____
 Name/Title (BLOCK CAPITALS) _____

ORDER ONLINE AT www.scottishcalendars.co.uk or call us on 01371 851 868
 Quoting coupon code CAL16AB OR POST ALL ORDERS TO:
 Wyvex Media Limited, FREEPOST RTEY YUBG TYUB Trinity House, Sculpins Lane,
 Wethersfield, Braintree, Essex CM7 4AY

Tracking and rings will help to find out why gull populations are declining



The Lesser black-backed gull with the ring on its leg was photographed on a tip in Madrid, having flown there from the Clyde. Photo Javier Marchamato

To most of us, gulls are synonymous with the coast and are colloquially called 'seagulls'. Love them or loathe them, the coast would not be the same without their familiar cries.

Starting in 2013, researchers from Glasgow University have been studying herring gulls here in the Firth of Clyde. Three islands have been selected in the Clyde which have gull breeding colonies, Horse Island, Lady Isle and Pladda here off the south end of Arran.

In general, gull populations have been declining and to understand aspects of this decline, the researchers are looking at breeding success and adult gull foraging behaviour to see how the two are related.

In 2014, six adult herring gulls on Pladda were fitted with data-loggers - small, light electronic devices which are powered by mini solar panels. These devices record the movements of the gulls during their foraging

Bird notes

by Jim Cassels

trips. The information from the data-logger is relayed to a receiver unit which downloads the bird's movements, although the birds have to be within 1km of the receiver for the data to be down-loaded.

The map shows the movement of one gull between July 2014 and June 2015. In addition, over 40 adult and juvenile herring gulls and 27 adult and juvenile common gulls were fitted with unique colour rings allowing them to be individually identified without having to be caught again. These rings are marked with letters and numbers

which can be easily read using binoculars or a telescope (see photograph). It is hoped that sightings from these rings will show where both adults and juveniles spend their winters.

Running in conjunction with this study, five adult and 35 juvenile lesser black-back gulls have been colour ringed.

It is hoped to trace their movements both to and from their wintering grounds but also to locate their wintering sites in the Mediterranean and North Africa. The photo of the lesser black-backed gull ringed on the Clyde was taken in Madrid!

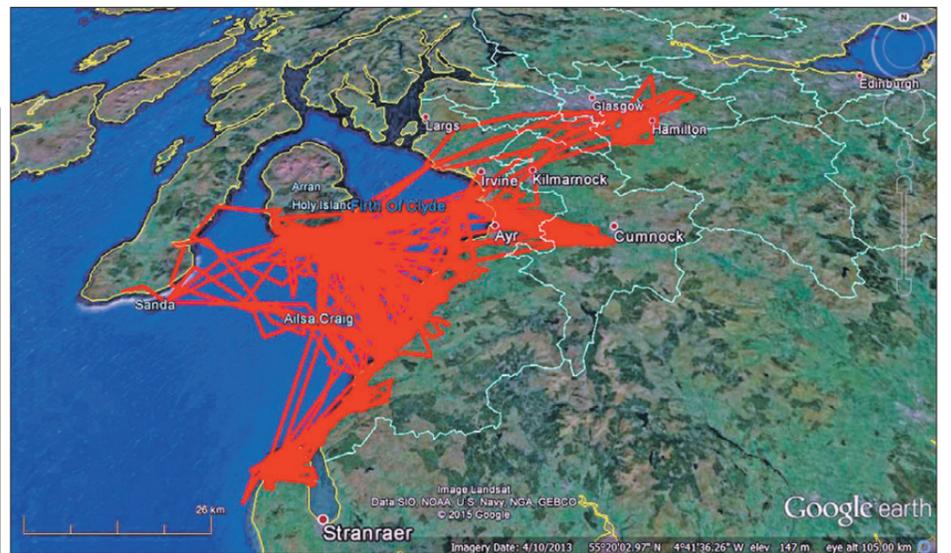
It is hoped to continue these colour ringing projects over the next few years to get a more comprehensive insight into the movements of our gulls here on Arran and the surrounding Firth of Clyde.

So the next time you come across a group of gulls, give them an extra look and see if you can spot and read a colour ringed bird.

All sightings of colour ringed gulls are welcome, even of birds that seem to be resident in that area. Please forward all sightings of colour ringed gulls to Terry Southall at terrysouthall789@btinternet.com

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 jim@arranbirding.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you.

For more information on birding on Arran purchase the Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012 as well as the Arran Bird Report 2014 and visit this website www.arranbirding.co.uk

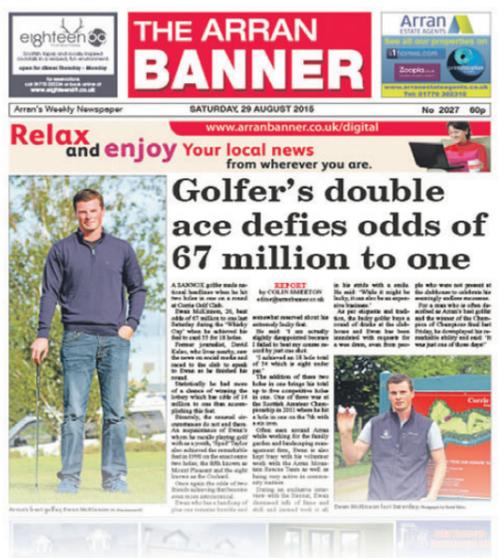


The wanderings of the herring gull. Graphic by Terry Southall



A gull with its leg ringed. Photo Terry Southall

subscribe to



Subscribe from £19*

Call subscriptions on
01371 851868
or subscribe online at

www.arranbanner.co.uk/subscribe

Subscribers should note that to keep down the cost of postage, some special supplements may, on occasions, be excluded from the subscribers editions of the paper. *£19 for 3 month UK subscription.

THE ARRAN

BANNER

THIRTY
YEARS AGO

1985

In the past The Banner closed for its annual two week holiday, so there will be no 20 years ago this week, but we have instead delved into our archives and have brought to you 30 years ago and we apologise for some of the picture quality. The 20 years ago feature will be back next week.



20 July 1985. Winners of the Banner's Rainbow Brite competition; Helen Bremner, Moira Galbraith, Rona Park and Megan Rice receiving their prizes of Twink Sprites and Rainbow dolls from competition judge and Brodick artist, Alison Moore. b42thirty04



6 July 1985. Members of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team, Joe Rae, David Oakes and Iain Frame were called out last Wednesday when a dog was reported to be on a small ledge on the A'Chir ridge. Iain Frame was lowered by rope and successfully managed to rescue the dog who was eventually returned to its rightful owner, Dr Malcolm Kerr, who was delighted to have it returned to him. b42thirty03



17 August 1985. At a recent British Rail auction, Berni Mitchell-Luker bought these two destination boards from Glasgow Central station for his Transport Museum at Cladach. b42thirty02

Cash innovation

19 January, 1985. That modern convenience that has so far been denied to Arran residents and holidaymakers requiring instant cash will soon be with us.

For at last the Bank of Scotland is having an autoteller cash dispenser installed at its Brodick branch.

Work will start on the 7 March on the front wall of the Brodick bank and it should be in operation in time for the first rush of holidaymakers at Easter.

Initially the machine will only dispense cash to Bank of Scotland customers, but manager, Stuart Chalmers,

said he hoped that it would eventually be extended to use cards from other banks.

Asked if it would make a difference to the bank Mr Chalmers replied: 'I don't know if it will make a difference to me, but in the summer time it should help holidaymakers requiring cash as they will be able to use it without having to queue at the counter.'

The reason that it has taken so long for Arran to have an autoteller cash dispenser has been the lack of a 'high resolution' link with the main Edinburgh computer that handles the bank transactions.

Neolithic discovery

13 July 1985. Knowledge of how Neolithic man lived in Scotland over 4,000 years ago should be greatly increased by the unexpected find of a 'complete Neolithic landscape' underneath stone circles at Machrie Moor during what is being described as a 'routine clear up' by archaeologists over the last few weeks. Below

the stone circles, evidence of timber circles have been found along with utensils described as 'grooved ware' similar in type to that found in Skara Brae, Orkney.

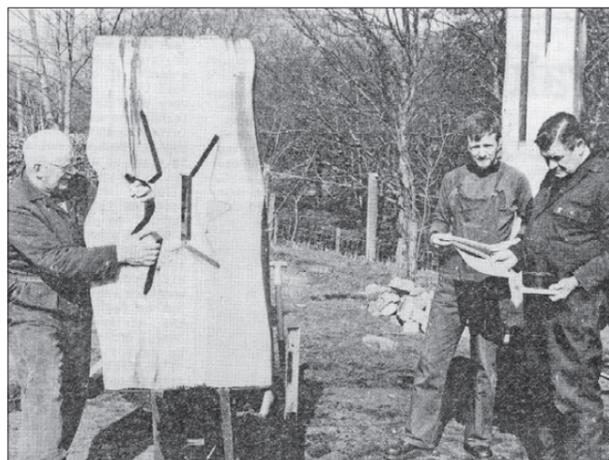
Gordon Barclay, inspector of Ancient Monuments said: 'This find will assist greatly in piecing together how Neolithic people actually lived.'

Buried

14 September 1985. George MacIver of Kilmory was almost buried alive in cheese last weekend. Working on his own at the creamery, some shelves collapsed depositing mounds of cheese on top of him. He called for help but nobody heard and after about 20 minutes he managed to get himself out.

Famous visitor

5 October 1985. Arran has many rich and famous visitors and one who was the most famous man on earth for a day in 1969 visited the island with his wife last week. Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, turned up at Brodick Castle with a group of Americans last Sunday. They were taking a break from a golfing holiday in Turnberry.



30 March 1985. The 21 year-old elm monument that used to stand proudly at the top of the Lamlash hill where it succumbed to water damage is to be put on display again. The three standing stones monument by David Gilbert will this week be re-erected with a new base constructed by Henry Murdo under the guidance of the Arran Society of Glasgow who originally commissioned the work at a cost of £130. The monument is being re-sited at the Arran Heritage Museum with Fred Robson, Alistair Sillars and Paul McAuley ensuring that it is being positioned correctly b42thirty01

What's on

in association with Isle of Arran Brewery

www.arranbrewery.com



Everyday

Trout Fly Fishing
 Brodick Castle, Garden Open
 Arran Brewery
 Arran Brewery Tour
 Lamlash Tennis Courts/Putting Green
 Arran Heritage Museum

Loch Garbad, bank & boat fishing
 9am-Dusk
 Mon - Sat: 10am - 5pm, Sun: 12.30 - 5pm
 2pm (limited spaces call for availability)
 Open all day
 Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am to 4.30pm

RunArran Run Coaching
 Open Cricket Session
 Garden Walk
 Bridge
 Scottish Country Dancing
 Lamlash Drama Club
 Metafit
 Isle of Arran Drama Association AGM

Lamlash, 5.30pm
 Brodick Astro Turf 7pm-9pm
 Brodick Castle, 2 - 3pm
 Brodick Golf Club, 7pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm
 Arran High School, 6pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 7.30pm

Saturday 17th October

Rugby Live
 Army Cadets
 Over 21s Disco
 Family Games
 Fun in the Pool
 Live Music
 Arran Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Clinic
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club Rink Game
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
 Sinopia String Quartet
 Willy Porter
 Biff and Friends

Corrie Hotel
 Auchrannie Road 11am - 1 pm.
 Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4-5pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 arranphysiotherapy.co.uk 9-12noon
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club, 2pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 2pm
 Brodick Hall, 7.30pm
 Altachorvie, Lamlash, 8pm
 Corrie Hotel, 8pm

Wednesday 21st October

Rock & Pop Bingo
 Tae Kwondo
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Arran Brass Rehearsal
 Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Heritage Museum Archives & Genealogy service
 RunArran Mixed Ability
 Yoga-Arran
 Live Music
 Drift Inn Quiz
 Mixed Hockey
 Dog Classes
 Knitting & Crochet drop in group
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club Rink Game
 Coffee Morning
 Brodick Church Coffee Morning
 Arran Elderly Forum
 Friends of Brodick Castle
 Lamlash SWI Coffee Morning

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
 Arran high School Kids-6.30-7.30pm Adults-7.30-8.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm
 Auchrannie Studio, 9.30am-10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30
 Brodick, 5.30pm
 Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Lamlash, 9pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
 Brodick Library, 4pm - 6pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club, 7pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall, 10.15am - 12noon
 Brodick Church Hall, 10.30am - 12noon
 Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 11am
 Castle Tearoom, Brodick, 7.30pm
 Lamlash Church Hall from 10am until noon

Sunday 18th October

Rugby Shown Live
 Family Games
 Fun in the Pool
 AA Meeting
 Open Session - All musicians & Singers Welcome

Corrie Hotel
 Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm-4pm
 Auchrannie Spa Pool, 4pm-5pm
 Brodick church Hall, 5pm-6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm

Monday 19th October

Over 50s Badminton
 Badminton
 Live Music
 Morning Fitness
 Table Tennis
 Badminton
 Arran Junior Football Club
 Circuit Training
 Lamlash Bowling Club Rink Game
 WBay Bowling Club Rink Game
 10/10 Total Body workout
 Citizens Advice
 Lamlash Aerobix
 RunArran Jogscotland Beginners
 RunArran Mixed Ability
 Bridge
 Scottish Country Dancing for beginners & improvers
 Tae Kwondo
 Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Corrie Hall, 6.30pm
 Auchrannie Sports Hall, 7-9pm
 Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm
 Auchrannie Gym, 6-7pm
 Lamlash Bowling Club, 7pm
 Whiting Bay Bowling Club, 6.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.45pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 9.30am - 1.30pm
 Arran High School Dance Studio, 7pm
 Whiting Bay, 5pm
 Whiting Bay, 5.30pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash, 6.30pm
 Corrie Hall, 2-4pm
 Brodick Church Hall Adults & over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 22nd October

Morning Fitness
 General Knowledge Quiz
 Ladies Hockey
 RunArran Jogscotland Beginners
 RunArran Mixed Ability
 Live Music
 Cardiac Rehab
 QuiltArran
 Brodick Embroidery Group
 Burger & Quiz

Auchrannie Gym, 9.30-10.30am
 Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
 Brodick, 9.30am
 Brodick, 6pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick from 8pm
 Auchrannie Leisure Club, 2-3.30pm
 Lamlash Fire Station, 2-4.30pm
 Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
 nightFelicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm

Tuesday 20th October

Pop Quiz
 Alcoholics Anonymous
 Youth Club
 Rotary club
 Healthy Outdoors
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club Rink Game

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
 Brodick Church Hall, 2pm
 Kildonan Hall, 7pm
 Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm
 NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
 Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 1.45pm

Friday 23rd October

Yoga
 Hydrofit
 Arran Youth Foundations
 Live Music
 Lochranza Kids Badminton
 Lochranza Adults Badminton
 Quiz
 AA Meeting
 Live music
 Tae Kwondo

Auchrannie Spa Leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Auchrannie Hotel Leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
 Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
 Lochranza Hall, 8pm
 Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
 Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
 Fiddlers, Brodick, 8pm
 Arran High School, Lamlash Adults, 7pm - 8.30pm



www.arranbrewery.com



Recruitment

Arran Deliveries Vacancy 1 Full Time Driver 1 Part Time Driver

Arran deliveries have been serving the island for 30 years we are looking for hardworking motivated people to join our existing team based at our Brodick Depot.

A clean driving licence and a good nature are essential a drivers CPC would be helpful. Rates of pay, holidays and our pension scheme starting 2016 will be discussed at interview with successful candidates.

If you think you have what it takes please apply only in writing to;

Arran Deliveries, The Parcel Point Harbour Rd, Ardrossan KA22 8BZ

Full Time Optical Assistant Required for McAlister Opticians Brodick

Please apply in writing with CV to;
A McAlister, McAlister Opticians,
182 Battlefield Road, Glasgow G42 9JT



THE PIERHEAD TAVERN

LAMLASH ISLE OF ARRAN KA27 8JN

The new look PHT plans to open in late November & requires:

- a qualified & experienced Bar Manager
- Cook/Chef to prepare food & manage the kitchen
- Part time waiting, kitchen & bar staff

Apply in writing with CV by 27th October to info@thepht.co.uk or by post

BANNER BANNER
RECRUITMENT RECRUITMENT

Job Opportunity with North Ayrshire Council

Cleaner (Temporary to cover maternity leave)

20 hrs per week | NAY00788

Grade 1 £6.50 - £6.70 per hour (subject to pay award)
Plus Living Wage Allowance

Arran Outdoor Education Centre, Lamlash

Closing Date: 30 October 2015. For further details and to apply visit
<https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/north-ayrshire-council>



We are an equal opportunities employer so please inform us of any special needs you may have.

Property

TO LET

Bungalow on Shean Drive in Brodick to let until the end of February.

2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, central heating. Unfurnished.

£500 per month.

Telephone 07947 459689

FOR SALE



A fabulous opportunity to purchase detached 2 bed bungalow at 10 Millhill Crescent, Lamlash - extremely energy efficient house with underfloor heating throughout comprising 1 ensuite bathroom, 1 bathroom, lounge/dining area, big kitchen and utility room plus garage.

Please telephone
07710 530142 or 07831 221537 to view.

Public Notices

THE NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES) (NO.3) ORDER 2015

On 7 October 2015, the North Ayrshire Council made the above named Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The Order which comes into operation on 27 November 2015 was advertised in the Ardrossan & Saltcoats Herald on the 30 June, the Arran Banner on 2 July, the Irvine Herald on the 1 July, the Irvine Times on 30 June and the Largs and Millport Weekly News on the 30 June 2015 and the effect of the Order is as stated in said notice.

Copies of the Order are available for inspection during normal working hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the offices of :-

Physical Environment (Roads)

North Ayrshire Council

3rd Floor East, Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE

Any person who wishes to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it, has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks from the 16 October 2015 apply to the Court of Session for this purpose.

Yvonne Baulk
Head of Physical Environment (Roads)
Cunninghame House, Irvine KA12 8EE

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

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine*, between 9am-4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk by 06.11.15. Any representations received will be open to public view.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)

Format: Application No; Address; Proposed Development

15/00537/PP; 5 Kinneil Park, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Erection of detached dwelling house.

15/00522/PP; Site to South East of BT Exchange, Lochranza, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Installation of 1 DSLAM telecoms cabinet.

15/00523/PP; Site to North of The Crag, Lochranza, Brodick, Isle of Arran; Installation of 1 DSLAM telecoms cabinet.

15/00521/PP; Site to South of 3 Newton Road, Lochranza, Brodick; Installation of 1 DSLAM telecoms cabinet.

Elma Murray
Chief Executive
Cunninghame House
IRVINE KA12 8EE



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Air a Tuath

EVENT TO PUBLICISE?

THE ARRAN BANNER

Tel: 01770 302142
www.arranbanner.co.uk

The New Instant

THE ARRAN BANNER

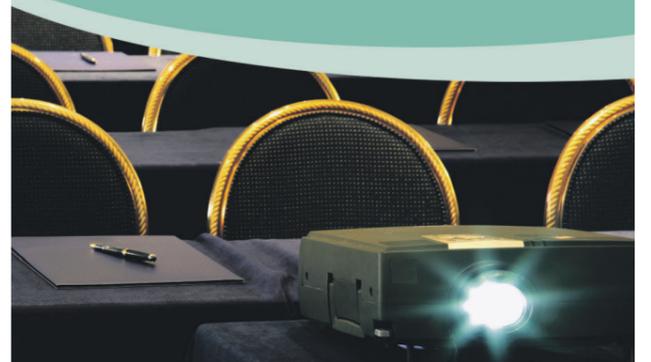
Digital Edition

AVAILABLE NOW

Our new E-Edition is delivered direct to your inbox on the day of publication.

Receive it even when you're away from home - anywhere where you have internet access.

- User friendly, professional page viewer
- 'Flip' through pages
- Zoom in and out
- Print pages
- Search



Trade Classified

PAINTER AND DECORATOR



FULTON
decorators

LAMLASH
TEL/FAX 01770 600705
Est. 1985

- All paintwork undertaken
- Any job, large or small
- Paper hanging
- Floor sanding & sealing
- Phone Gavin Fulton for a free estimate

CARTRISIDE DECORATORS

Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran

Commercial/ New build
Painting Decorating
Ames Taping and Coving

Tel: 01770 700214 Mobile: 07957315389

COMPUTING SERVICES



**INCIDENTALS
ARRAN**

Happy computers on
Arran since 1983

Bill Stewart
T. 830343

LOGS

Kiln Dried
Hardwood
LOGS

Small packs
or Pallets of
1 cubic metre

07522 860435
or 860435

**BANNER
CLASSIFIEDS
BANNER
CLASSIFIEDS**

FURNITURE RESTORATION

JOHN DIVINE

**FURNITURE
REPAIR &
RESTORATION**

Antique & Modern

**FRENCH
POLISHING
UPHOLSTERY**

Blackwaterfoot - Isle Of Arran

Tel: 01770 860878
Mob: 07733 738127

GARDEN SERVICES

**LORTON
SERVICES**

(Tony Brookes)

All types of fencing
(timber and wire),
garden works,
slabbing and
general handyman.

All work considered,
large or small

Tel:
01770 820247

YOUR attention is drawn to the following terms and conditions which relate to the placing of advertisements in all publications owned by Wyvex Media Limited. Parties to this agreement are the Publisher, Wyvex Media Limited on the one part and the Advertiser on the other part. The Publisher publishes newspapers, magazines, books and provides advertising space therein or providing the delivery of advertising materials to the public within these publications.

1. Advertising copy shall be legal, decent, honest and truthful and comply with the British Code of Advertising Practice and all other codes.
2. The Publisher does not guarantee the insertion of any particular advertisement.
3. The Publisher reserves the right to cancel or alter the advertisement by giving reasonable notice.
4. An order for an advertisement shall be deemed to be made on acceptance of the advertiser's order by the Publisher whether placed by telephone, mail, fax or in person.
5. Cancellation of display advertising must be received by the Publisher before the publishing deadline, failing which, the publisher reserves the right to invoice the customer in full for the whole cost of the advertisement.
6. The parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts and Scots Law. In the event of any dispute or action by the Publisher to recover payment from an advertiser, it is agreed that matters will be settled in the Oban, Argyll Sheriff Court or such other Court as the Publisher may choose.
7. The Publisher shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned by any total or partial failure (however caused) of publication or distribution of any newspaper or edition in which any advertisement is scheduled to appear. In the event of any error, misprint or omission in the printing of an advertisement or part of an advertisement, the Publisher will either re-insert the advertisement or relevant part of the advertisement, as the case may be, or make reasonable refund or adjustment to the cost. No re-insertion, refund or adjustment will be made where the error, misprint or omission does not materially detract from the advertisement.
8. Errors must be notified to the Publisher in writing within fourteen days of publication. In no circumstances shall the total liability of the Publisher for any error, misprint or omission exceed the amount of a full refund of any price paid to the Publisher for the particular advertisement in connection with which liability arose or the cost of a further or corrective advertisement of a type and standard reasonably comparable to that in connection with which liability arose.
9. The Advertiser/Advertising Agency agrees to indemnify the Publisher in respect of all costs, damages or other charges falling upon the publication as the result of legal actions or threatened legal actions arising from the publication of the advertisement in any one or more of a series of advertisements published in accordance with copy instructions supplied to the publication in pursuance of the Advertiser/Advertising Agency order.
10. Adverts under the value of £75 must be paid on acceptance of order by the Publisher. All advertising on a credit basis must be agreed with the Publisher in advance.
11. Payment of any invoice raised by the Publisher will be due 15 days from the date of invoice or as otherwise directed on the invoice. In the event of non-payment the Publisher may charge late payment interest at a rate of 2% and this is chargeable on a daily basis from the due date until the bill is paid. In addition the Publisher may charge a late payment levy of £10 as an administration fee. In the event of late payment the Publisher reserves the right to disallow any discounts given and to raise an additional invoice for the discount which will be treated as though it has been raised on the original invoice.
12. A request to insert an advertisement assumes acceptance of our conditions.

Drive Times

Volvo V70S, 2002.



20 V. 2.4 Auto Estate. Many extras including tinted glass, sun roof, roof rails. Good condition for age. 102000 Miles. MOT.

Call 01770 302 168

Vauxhall Zafira 1.6

2002 Petrol Engine, MOT until Sept 2016, 99,000 miles, Dark Red.

£990

Tel: 01770 830239 after 7pm (Arran)

Cars sell **QUICKER** and for a **BETTER PRICE** when accompanied by a photograph. Our staff can take these for you for **FREE**. Just drive to our nearest office to place your ad.

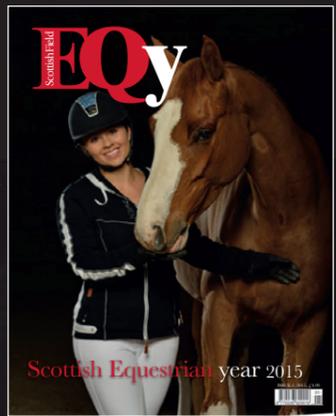
THE ARRAN
BANNER

Tel: 01770 302142
www.arranbanner.co.uk



OUT NOW!

SCOTLAND'S NEWEST AND
BEST EQUESTRIAN MAGAZINE



DRESSAGE
EVENTING
CARRIAGE DRIVING
SHOW JUMPING
BREEDING
POLO
PARALYMPICS
EQUESTRIAN ART
GREAT HACKS
PONIES
ENDURANCE
VAULTING
TOP PRODUCTS
FASHION
LEISURE RIDING
BOOKS
EVENTS

Available from all WH Smiths, all good Independent Newsagents or online.
www.eqymagazine.co.uk

Classified

£30 AND UNDER

2 Small white painted wooden chairs, £15 for both. Mahogany dressing table stool, £30. Tel 01770 302 383

Antique pine double bed with very good quality mattress. £30. Tel: 01770 700 235

Greenhouse 8ft x 6ft, Buyer collects £30.00 Tel: 01770 600330

OVER £30

Stoves 60cm cooker ceramic hob, double oven, very good condition £200 Tel: 01770 860400

Janome Overlocker, never used. First reasonable offer. 01770 601334

Toyota sewing machine, excellent condition. £40 01770 601334

FREE TO UPLIFT

Dining table, Mahogany Under £30 veneer (needs restoration). 66" plus insert of 21". Tel: 01770 302092

UNWANTED ITEM
TO SELL?

THE ARRAN
BANNER

Tel: 01770 302142
www.arranbanner.co.uk



ARRAN BANNER CLASSIFIEDS

TURN YOUR UNWANTED
ITEMS INTO CASH!

UNDER
£30
FREE!



Simply complete the
form and return to the
Arran Banner office

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE TUESDAY 4.00pm
NO MORE THAN 25 WORDS PLEASE

ITEM.....

DESCRIPTION.....

PRICE..... TELEPHONE.....

ONLY ONE ITEM PER COUPON

The Arran Banner, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8AJ
Tel: 01770 302142 Fax: 01770 302021
Email adverts@arranbanner.co.uk www.arranbanner.co.uk

The co-operative memorials



- Traditional and modern styles
- Free quotations
- Additional inscriptions
- Home visits

Visit our display area at Sorbie Road, Ardrossan opposite Cemetery Gates or phone

01294 461554



CHURCH NOTICES

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday, 18th October
Holy Communion, 11.00 am.
Mrs Janis Gallagher.
Coffee after service.
Wednesday, 21st October: Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine
Independent but working together
Minister:

Rev Angus Adamson
Parish assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:
Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

Sunday 18th October
Lochranza Church, 9.30am Morning Worship.
Pirmill Church, 10.45am Morning Worship.
Shiskine Church, 12noon Morning Worship.
Brodick Church, 10.30am Morning Worship.
Corrie Church, 11.30am Prayer Meeting
12noon Morning Worship.
There will also be a Service of Worship in Montrose House at 1.30pm..

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Kilmory linked with Lamlash "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 18th October
Kilmory 10am
Lamlash 11.30 am
Rev. Lily McKinnon
All welcome, including families; children's area
Scottish Charity SC015072

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)
Sunday 18th October
Morning Service 11am
Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
Evening Service 6.30pm
5 Glen Road, Brodick
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 21st October
at 7pm
5 Glen Road
All welcome

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 18th October
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm (Church behind post office)
Rev Benjamin von Rensberg

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)
Sunday 18th October
Worship will be led by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson at 10.30am.
Tea and coffee will be served in the transept after the service and there will be a sale of Traidcraft goods and Christmas cards for sale. All most welcome.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Morning Mass 11am

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings
Sunday 18th October
11am Morning worship in the Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick
Tea and Coffee after the service.
Wednesday at 7.30pm
Home Fellowship Group for Bible Study and Prayer.
Contact phone no 600222
Everyone warmly invited

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 18th October
Shiskine 11am (Church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)
Brodick 6pm (Church behind post office)
Rev Benjamin von Rensberg

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Quakes meet every Sunday at 11am. For meeting venue ring - 830622, 820223

DEATHS

FENTON - MAY - Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Thursday, 8th October 2015. Funeral service at St Brides Church, Lochranza, on Thursday, 22nd October at 12:15 pm. Family flowers only please, there will be a retiring collection to be divided between Arran Hospital Supporters League and the Montrose House Sunshine Fund.

McALLISTER - KITTY

- Peacefully at Crosshouse Hospital on Sunday 11th October. Much loved mother of Charlie, Willie, Catriona and Jean, grandmother, sister and mother-in-law. Funeral service at Shiskine Free Church on Tuesday 20th October at 11.30am, thereafter to Kilmory Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Retiring collection if desired in aid of the John Lynch Renal Unit, University Hospital Crosshouse.



Golf

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday, October 1, front 9 competition, 14 played. 1 John O'Sullivan 43-11=32, 2 Jim Young 41-6=35, 3 Iain-Murchie 40-2=38, BIH, last 3 holes over M Wren. Scratch Iain Murchie 40. No Magic twos.

Sunday, October 4. Glenburn Cup, 8 played. 1 John O'Sullivan 81-22=59, 2 Ian Bremner 72-7=65, Scratch Ian Bremner 72, Magic 2, Paul Jameson. Well done to Sully two wins in a week!

Thursday, October 8, front 9 medal, 9 played. 1 Ian Bremner 35-3.5=31.5, 2 Iain Murchie 35-2=33, BL6 Holes, Scratch, Iain Murchie 35, BL6 holes, no magic twos.

Leaders front 9 medal, Ian Bremner 31.5, John O'Sullivan 32, Iain Murchie 33.



The clubhouse at Whiting Bay

Sunday, October 11, Glenburn Cup, 9 played. 1 Allan Winship 76-14=62, 2 Jim Henderson 82-18=64, Scratch Todd Jameson 74, BIH, no magic twos.

Fixtures: Sunday, October 18, Glenburn Cup, tee times, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday, October 22, back 9 medal last game, see starter. Thursday, October 29, yellow medal, ballot, 10.45 am.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday, October 7, seven seniors enjoyed warm sunny conditions. One winner, Derek Roxburgh 68-6=62. There were two magic twos Charles O'Neill at 3rd and Derek Roxburgh at 13th. Tee off next Wednesday 12noon. All welcome.

Sunday, October 11, Winter Cup, 13 played, non counter. 1 Brian Alison 41pts, 2 Robert McCrae 39pts, 3 Brain Smith 37pts.

A great round from Brian. It is unfortunate it's not a counter, however the match secretary will be keeping an eye on this particular winner. Well done Bobby, never really missing from the prize list.

Fixture: Sunday, October 18, first round Clocheindichter, starts at 10.30am.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday, October 11, The Tay-

lor Trophy, 14 played in this popular greensome competition, a format that gives a very enjoyable stroke-play game without the pressure of handicaps being at risk.

The autumn mornings are now leaving a heavy dew on the course and, although the greens were receptive to approach shots, some putts needed a right good thump to get them near the hole.

For all that, scoring was reasonably good with only two shots separating the top four pairings.

1 David Brookens and Wolfi Kroner (12.8)60.2, 2 Douglas Graham and Christine Macleod (16.4)61.6, 3 Corey Allan and Stan Rainey (8.2)61.8, 4 John Dick and Adam Kelso (13.8)62.2. Corey and Stan carded a magic two @2nd and David and Wolfi matched that @4th.

Bridge Club results

The results of the Arran Bridge Club aggregate points competition at Brodick Thursday, October 8 were: N/S 1 Tricia Martin and Douglas Hamilton, 2 Brenda Livingstone and Elizabeth McKellar, 3 Jean Barclay and Morag Gardner. E/W 1 Jan and John Beattie, 2 Jennifer Wales and John Baraclough, 3 Ellie Jones and Jennifer McArthur.

The match points competition at Lamlash on Monday, October 12 finished: 1 David Campbell and Tricia Martin, 2 Linda Trickett and Pat Adamson, 3. John Baraclough and Jim Peacock.

Charlie cleans up as Brodick Bowling Club season finishes

The President's Bowl was played for on Saturday, September 5, and after a hard fought progressive individual pairs game, this year's winner was Andy McCrindle.

Official closing day on Saturday, September 26 saw Charlie Weir triumph in another progressive individual pairs game, after a single bowl shoot out with Lavinia Hendry, both having had the same scores and number of ends won.

Presided

At close of play, club president, Ann Hollingworth, presided over a very well

provisioned cuppa, nibbles, and cakes to mark the end of the season. She then presented the Stewart Cup for the highest points scored over this summer to who else but Charlie Weir, who was also presented with his club Champion of Champions trophy.

Well attended

Club games in September were again well attended and the following are the final winning results of the season: September 2 Colin Haggerty and John Kerr (+16), September 7 Colin Haggerty and Charles Hendry

Fixtures: The Wednesday and Friday sweeps with informal gatherings/draws at 9.30am. Sunday, October 18, The Hamilton Salver. And don't forget on Saturday, October 24 the end of season buffet in the clubhouse. Full details on Facebook, the club's website and the clubhouse notice board.

Machrie Golf Club

Tuesday, October 6, first round of the Winter Cup, 7 played. 1 Brian Sherwood 75-13=62, 2 Alice Anderson 85-20=65, 3 Elizabeth Kelso 90-22=68.

Corrie Golf Club

Saturday, October 10, Joe McKenzie Memorial Cup. 1 Bob Rooney 73-12-61 BIH, 2 John Adams 70-9-61, Scratch John Adams, 2s John Rooney.

Fixtures: Saturday, October 17, sweep, ballots at 08.30am and 12.30pm.

Arran Golfers Association

Sunday, November 1, 2015/2016 Winter league/Duncan Trophy, first round at Machrie Golf Club.

Draw: Machrie v Lamlash at 8.30am, Whiting Bay v Brodick at 9.20am, Corrie v Shiskine at 11.50am.

Please note that this year, as a trial, due to clubs struggling to get a team up following a cancellation due to weather, the game will take place the following Saturday with a team of four instead of eight. (two games in each match). If cancelled again, one point each will be awarded.

DEATHS

PROCTOR - MAY - Peacefully at Arran War Memorial Hospital on Saturday, 10th October 2015. May, aged 89 years, beloved wife of the late Jack, formerly of Eaglesham, much missed mum, granma and great-granma of the family. Funeral service at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium on Tuesday, 20th October at 2:00pm followed by a memorial service at Brodick Church on Wednesday, 21st October at 11:30am to which all are welcome. Family flowers only please.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

McALLISTER - Nancy. The family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and cards following our sad loss of our lovely mum, gran and great-gran. Heartfelt thanks to doctors, nursing staff and Carewatch Team who made it possible for mum to be at home during the last months of her illness. Special thanks to Jean Hunter for a lovely service, David and Claire Hendry for their care and funeral arrangements and Corrie Hotel for their excellent catering. Thank you all.

THANK YOU

JEAN CAMERON
Would like to thank all good friends and neighbours for sending such lovely cards and good wishes on her recent birthday

AFFORDABLE
Country Kiln
Starting from £299

Woodburning & Multifuel stoves
Nationwide Delivery • Local Installers
01560 483966
www.WoodburningStovesLimited.com

Sport

Arran's Weekly Newspaper

LAMLASH GARAGE
MOT DISCOUNT
Car MOT Fee - £50
24 HOUR RECOVERY
4 WHEEL LASER ALIGNMENT

- ✓ MOTs, repairs, servicing
- ✓ Full body repair service available
- ✓ Panel beating, spray painting

All your vehicle requirements under one roof
Contact Lamlash Garage on 01770 600328

Hawking club enjoy their latest flying visit to Arran

‘With falconry even the unsuccessful flights, which are far away in the majority, can be breathtakingly beautiful’

Last week marked the 15th visit by the Scottish Hawking Club to Arran which was once again arranged by local hawkers, Ian Struthers and Murray Boal.

Odin, a large golden eagle along with its owner, Les Gibson, from County Durham visited for the second time and made a good impression with its impressive hunting ability.

Symbioses

With a near perfect symbioses between man and bird, this team have built up a re-

markable relationship based on trust and co-operation which makes Odin a very successful hunter.

Another welcome addition, and bringing some new young talent to the sport of hawking was a 10-year-old boy named Connor who flew a male Harris's hawk with what seemed like boundless energy that kept him going all day long after the rest of the group started to flag.

Ian Struthers said: ‘The desire to hunt is a thing that many people find difficult to

understand and I suppose that it could be described as primitive, but it is a bit like other desires in that they are difficult to explain to those who do not experience them.

Majority

‘What can I say except that with falconry even the unsuccessful flights, which are far away in the majority, can be breathtakingly beautiful.

‘Once again Murray Boal and I would like to say a big thank you to the farmers and land owners who make events like this possible.’



Connor with his Harris's hawk in front of Holy Isle



Les Gibson with his golden eagle, Odin

Double-header for hockey team

The Arran ladies hockey team have a double-header this weekend.

Today (Saturday) they are away to Glasgow University followed by a home game tomorrow (Sunday) when they are hoping for a good support at the Orimdale astroturf for the 11.15am pass back against Strathclyde University.

Last week's home match against Glasgow Accies was cancelled, but the girls held a useful training session.

Their last competitive match was at Loch Lomond which they travelled to with 12 ladies. This was a tough game, but

Arran were 1-0 up at half time. However, within two minutes of the second half, the home side scored making it 1-1. Loch Lomond scored again, but Arran managed to score two goals in the last 15 minutes making the final

score 3-2 to the visitors. El-lie Wood was awarded dame of the game and man of the match, as her play is said to have been outstanding! The Arran goals were scored by Anne Watts, Susie Murchie and Lorraine Hewie.

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING



Recycled paper made up 75.5% of the raw material for UK newspapers in 2004



Published by Wyvex Media, Brodick, Isle of Arran
Tel: 01770 302142 - Fax 01770 302021
E-mail: editor@arranbanner.co.uk



The Arran Banner's circulation is independently audited by the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC Ltd) - www.abc.org.uk. The total average weekly net circulation for the 52 issues between 2nd January 2012 and 30th December 2012 for combined print and digital editions was 3,307.

The Arran Banner will continue to be independently audited.