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Green light for hotel

Work will soon be beginning at the Douglas Hotel in Brodick.

The building was bought in April 2007 by St Petersburg-based property developer Sean Henry. Following an earlier planning application, revised plans were submitted this year and on September 25 they were passed by North Ayrshire Council.

Mr Henry is originally from Corrie and his sister Elaine Campbell is overseeing the hotel development.

On Wednesday, Elaine said: 'Plans were passed and we are just waiting for a demolition warrant and building warrant. Work will begin before the end of the year. Jimmy Johnston's barber's shop, which will become the hotel kitchen, closed this week and we took over the keys yesterday.'

The red sandstone frontage will be retained and planning conditions deal with the listed nature of the building. The new hotel will have 21 en suite double bedrooms, a whisky bar, a brasserie and limited sports facilities for guests.



Remember clocks go back one hour on Sunday at 2am.

New £3.9m bottling plant for Arran beer



Prize time for competition winners

Anne Strachan from Bathgate was the Arran Banner's 2009 photographic competition winner in the people/animals category. She is pictured with her two sons – Angus aged seven and six-year-old Hamish and the hamper of Taste of Arran goodies she was presented with this week. Anne's lovely photo of her two young sons on Mullach Beag at the top of Holy Isle was judged to be one of the best in this year's competition. See page 7 for full coverage of this year's winners. 01_b43com02

Arran beer could soon be bottled at a new £3.9million site near Kilmarnock.

But not at the doomed Diageo Johnnie Walker plant, as has been reported elsewhere.

The whisky bottling plant, which is closing after almost 200 years in the Ayrshire town, could though provide some of the skilled workforce for the new Arran beer bottling operation.

Gerald Michaluk is managing director of Marketing Management Services, the company that bought the Arran Brewery from Richard and Elisabeth Roberts last May.

He told the Banner: 'After Diageo announced the closure we were approached about taking over one of the sites. However, East Ayrshire Council identified a number of other locations and has offered a range of financial support.'

'The site we have selected is 8.45 hectares with plenty of car parking and loading facilities. It has been an industrial site at some time in the past.'

'It is completely vacant now and the council has indicated that a planning application could be fast-tracked. We want to be bottling on the site by the middle of next year.'

Mr Michaluk acknowledged that some of the 700 skilled former Johnnie Walker workers could find employment at his new bottling plant.

Arran beer is brewed at Cladach, taken off the island in 180-barrel tankers, and then

bottled at Dunbar and Hartlepool. The Belhaven plant at Dunbar where all Arran Red Squirrel beer is bottled will be closing down in December and the company may have to find an interim bottler until the Ayrshire plant is up and running.

Gerald Michaluk is confident that the Arran Brewery has a sound future. He said: 'We have capacity at Cladach to increase volume substantially. We are getting Red Squirrel bottles into ASDA stores in January. It could create nine more jobs on Arran.'

'Our new Ayrshire bottling plant will be a 25,000 square foot unit and would create up to 50 jobs. Most importantly, we are now into our third month of profit.'

The Arran Brewery opened to full production in February 2000 and has received many awards for the quality of Arran Blonde and Arran Ale.



Gerald Michaluk, managing director of the Arran Brewery. 02_b43ale01



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Police files

Drugs possession

A young man from Lamlash was stopped by police in the village on Saturday night and alleged to be in possession of drugs. He has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Dangerous driving

A 19-year-old man from Lamlash has been reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged dangerous driving between Whiting Bay and Lamlash on Sunday afternoon.

No MOT

A young Southend man was stopped by police near Kilmory late on Friday night and charged with having no MOT.

Timber fund takes pressure off the road

Forestry Commission Scotland has confirmed that Arran is to receive a massive £1million boost to its roads budget to upgrade the roads for large volumes of timber haulage.

North Ayrshire Council and the Ayrshire Timber Group have been successful with a bid for a £1million grant from the Scottish Government's Strategic Timber Transport Fund.

Improve

This money will be used to improve sections of road on the island used by timber lorries.

A North Ayrshire Council spokesman said: 'This meets almost half the cost of improving sections of the String, Machrie Moor, C147 South Kilpatrick and cemetery roads on Arran. The rest of the money comes from the council's budget and other sources.'

'NAC's Infrastructure and Design Services will carry out the design, construction and supervision of the work. It will involve carriageway reconstruction and reinforcement including drainage and verge improvements.'

Impact

Welcoming the latest projects, Scottish environment minister, Roseanna Cunningham, said: 'By its very nature, transportation of timber can impact on the rural road network and on communities.'

'The Strategic Timber Transport Fund is investing millions, both in alternatives and improvements to the rural road network, that will remove thousands of lorry loads of timber from public roads, bringing community and environmental benefits to rural Scotland.'

Cousins scoop holiday trip to Arran



Two young cousins have enjoyed a special trip to Arran after winning a competition in a newspaper.

Fifteen-year-old Ottavio Biondi and his cousin Aimee Phillips, 13, won a competition in the Greenock Telegraph to spot a small cartoon dog called Scoop hiding somewhere in the paper. The pair put their £50 prize towards a trip to the island.

The children attend Glenburn Special Needs School in Greenock and had always wanted a holiday on Arran.

Luck

They are here with aunt Nessie McFadyen and Aimee's mum Marie. Nessie said: 'We've been doing the competition for years without any luck.'

'The wee dog Scoop was hiding in a corner of a photo on page 15 and Ottavio and Aimee's entry was first out of the hat. Ottavio wasn't bothered about going anywhere else - he'd rather come to Arran.'

The family is staying in Whiting Bay and getting out and about every day regardless of the weather.

'It's boot camp,' said Nessie. 'We've already been up to Glenashdale Falls and Brodick Castle gardens. If we have a really wet day we'll go swimming at Auchrannie.'

Ottavio and Aimee said that they will keep doing the Scoop competition and hopefully win again.

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Marie Phillips and Nessie McFadyen with young Aimee and Ottavio enjoying their holiday on Arran. 02_b43dog01

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Hunterston plans halted

Plans to build a coal-fired power station just 25 miles from the coast of Arran could still go ahead despite a decision by one of the main backers to pull out.

Danish energy firm Dong said it would now act as a design partner for the station at Hunterston, next to British Energy's nuclear plant.

Its partner in Ayrshire Power Limited, UK firm Peel Energy, said it remained committed to the project.

Peel said plans would go before the Scottish government later this year.

Kenneth Gibson Arran's MSP said: 'For months now, as constituents will know, I have doubted the viability or requirement for a coal-fired power station at Hunterston but I am surprised that Dong has pulled out of this project prior even to Ayrshire Power Limited (APL) in whom it had a half share applying for planning permission.'

'It seems that Dong now realises that such a project is fraught with environmental, technical and financial difficulties and may never be either financially viable nor will its

electricity be required.'

Dong's decision to withdraw financial backing from the project has been welcomed by environmental groups.

Against

Lucy Wallace, Arran's RSPB information officer, has been campaigning locally against the proposed plans at Hunterston.

She said: 'I wonder how many Arran residents are fully aware of the proposed development of a coal fired power station across the water at Hunterston?'

'I for one am extremely wor-

rried about the implications for increasing Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions, as well as the local environmental damage that this development will cause.'

If the planned facility at Hunterston goes ahead it will be the first conventional station to come on stream in Scotland since 1980.

The plant would have the capacity to power about two million homes and would be dependent mainly on imported coal, which has lower emissions than coal from Scottish fields.



Brewer Kevin Dewar with his award-winning Red Squirrel Ale. 01_b42ale01

Red Squirrel Ale wins cherished accolade

The celebrated Isle of Arran Brewery at Cladach in Brodick has picked up another award, this time for its Red Squirrel Ale.

Brewer Kevin Dewar travelled to the word-famous department store Fortnum and Masons in London last week to receive the honour from the British Guild of Real Food.

The guild has awarded the Red Squirrel – the brewery's newest product – two gold stars.

'There were only six beers in the whole of Britain given two gold stars,' said Kevin. 'I am thrilled to get this award. It makes it all worthwhile.'

The new drink has been created by the Arran Brewery

to help efforts to protect red squirrels on the island.

Part of the proceeds from sales of the Red Squirrel Ale will be donated to conservation projects designed to help the endangered mammals.

'When Gerald Michaluk (managing director of the brewery) suggested that we make a Red Squirrel Ale I had a brainwave,' said Kevin. 'A few years ago I was discussing the production of a red ale using dark crystal malt with a brewer in Pontefract.'

'The idea of a red ale seemed perfect for the squirrels.'

Kevin describes the beer as a well-balanced, lightly hopped beer, which at only 3.9 per cent is not too strong.

Family will help Rose celebrate 80th birthday

Mrs Rose Scott, a much-loved and well-known face in Whiting Bay, will celebrate her 80th birthday this Sunday.

Affectionately known as, 'Mary, Mum, Nan and Great Nanny', she moved from Birmingham with husband Ted in 1974 and has lived in Whiting Bay ever since.

Rose worked as a waitress in the Mother Goose Cafe before joining the staff in the original Co-op supermarket in Brodick.

Walk

Rose has always been a keen walker and in 1989 decided to walk the circular route around Arran a distance of 60 miles.

Accompanied by her daughter, this stroll was completed over several days through wind, rain, storms and brilliant sunshine!

Nowadays, Rose confines her walking to the roads around Whiting Bay and across Sandbraes beach.



Four generations of the Scott family will help Rose Scott celebrate her 80th birthday on Sunday. Rose is pictured at the back in blue with husband Ted, daughter Mary, grandson Ben and his wife Christy, granddaughter Rebecca and great-granddaughter Hannah.

She walks everyday and, when he is not playing golf, drags Ted along with her.

Ted and Rose will enjoy a week of celebrations when they visit their young great-

granddaughter in Solihull for a family get together before travelling down to London.

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Islanders urged to check for rat invasion

People on Arran are being urged to check the condition of their drains after pest control experts reported a 40 per cent increase in calls to rat infested homes.

Driven out of sewers by summer floods, Scotland's rat population has been moving into homes and gardens across the country in ever increasing numbers.

Food waste

It is estimated that there are now up to 80 million rats in Britain compared to around 45 million a decade ago as a result of a combination of warmer winters and an increase in discarded food waste.

Now, prompted by a surge of call outs to homes to make repairs after pest controllers have flushed the vermin out, one drain

specialists is urging people to check their underground pipework before winter sets in and the homeless rats seek out new, warmer nesting sites.

'Rats can get in through the smallest of holes,' said the expert.

'It doesn't matter whether it's a big house or tiny cottage, rats can get in to properties through broken drains and gaps in and around pipes. Once they are into the foundations they can then run through the entire property by scurrying through the pipe network.

'Once rats get into a property it can be very difficult to get them out.

'The only sure way to prevent a rat infestation is to not let them get into a property in the first place.'



Senior care officer Tessy Jose. 02_b42cor02



Sandra Butler and Tessy with some of the Cooriedoon staff. 02_b42cor01

Joy as Tessy is allowed back into the country

A valued worker at Cooriedoon Care Home in Whiting Bay has just returned to the island after being stranded in India for more than a year.

Senior care officer Tessy Jose joined the staff in April 2006 on a student placement. Manager Sandra Butler said: 'We fought for more than two years to get a full work permit for Tessy. Kenneth Gibson

MSP and Katy Clark MP helped in our battle with the authorities. Two weeks after receiving it last July she went home to Kerala for a holiday but couldn't get back into the country. The UK Border Agency doubted whether she was a nurse and the Home Office said she had overstayed her welcome.'

Sandra explained that some

unscrupulous care homes bring qualified staff over from India then employ them as low paid cleaners. Cooriedoon was apparently wrongly tarred with the same brush.

'Tessy was finally allowed to come back to Britain. She's a special nurse and it was such an injustice. We had a party when she got back last week,' said Sandra.

Cooriedoon has a staff of 28 and has employed nurses from abroad for more than six years. They currently have seven from India, two from Hungary, two from Lithuania and one from the Phillipines.

'We took on our first Indian nurse in July 2003 and have never looked back,' said Sandra. 'We can't get Arran people to take these jobs.'

Arran's talent competitions cancelled

Two Arran talent competitions have been called off this week.

Three weeks ago Whiting Bay Hall committee announced their plans for 'Arran's Got Talent' and last week Auchrannie unveiled its own talent competition called the 'A' factor. Now both organi-

sations have postponed the competitions.

The 'Arran's Got Talent' competition has previously been held successfully in Whiting Bay in aid of hall funds.

Andrew McCallum, Whiting Bay Hall committee member, wrote in a letter to The Banner:

'Further to the Auchrannie's advertisement for their 'A' factor contest in last week's edition of the paper I would like, on behalf of Whiting Bay Hall Committee, to inform everyone who has already applied to take part in our own 'Arran's Got Talent' event that we have decided to postpone until the New Year.

'It would seem counterproductive to run two identical competitions side by side.'

Now Auchrannie has an-

nounced that they have cancelled their event too. Richard Small, general manager of the Auchrannie Resort, said: 'I would like to apologise to Whiting Bay Hall Committee as myself and our staff had no idea they were running an 'Arran's Got Talent' charity event.

'Due to this, Auchrannie has decided to cancel their 'A' factor talent competition and wish Whiting Bay Hall committee every success.'



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Graham Tinto and Diana Turbett at a Fairtrade stand in the lobby of Arran ferry MV Caledonian Isles. b22far01

Christmas exhibition for Fairtrade Arran

Fairtrade Arran will be holding a special event in Brodick Hall on Friday November 6.

The island achieved Fairtrade status last year and there are now over 60 outlets and users of Fairtrade products ranging from North Ayrshire Council to Kilmory School and the Ormidale Hotel.

This event will be a cheese and Fairtrade wine and chocolate reception and display of produce available on Arran. Highlight of the evening will be a 78-minute film called 'Black Gold' giving an insight into the world coffee market and the difficulties faced by small producers trying to earn a living from one of the world's most popular commodities.

The Fairtrade system seeks to ensure fairer terms for farmers and workers in developing countries. Local organiser Graham Tinto said: 'Well-known multi-national companies are still exploiting small producers who have difficulty accessing markets and getting a fair price.'

Struggle

The film tells the story of Tadesse Meskela and his struggle to keep his co-operative of 74,000 Ethiopian coffee farmers from western exploitation. Black Gold exposes the truth behind each cappuccino and demands each and every one of us to wake up and smell the coffee. It is described as 'a moving but scandalous story,

Black Gold has extraordinary power'.

Graham Tinto explained: 'Tadesse is seen trying to compete with the big boys to have credibility. The idea of this event is to get Arran folk thinking of Christmas and gift ideas. By getting Fairtrade products you can experience a feelgood factor and spread a little benefit at the same time. 'Local companies Arran Asia, Island Treasure, Burnside Gallery, Arran Active and the Pillar Box are participating in the event which is being jointly organised by Co-operative Community and Fairtrade Arran.'

Co-operative Fairtrade coffee was the first big own

brand to become 100 percent Fairtrade. The Starbucks chain of coffee shops is one of the largest outlets for Fairtrade coffee.

Graham added: 'At the time of a credit crunch we all think that life is hard, but it is the poorest that are hit hardest and the Columbian and Ethiopian farmers are suffering.'

New minister for Arran Baptist Church

This weekend Arran's new Baptist minister will take up his new post on the island.

Last week the Reverend Willie Wright and his wife Ena moved to their new home in Lamlash.

Willie will be inducted to the pastorate of Arran Baptist Church tomorrow (Saturday).

to working with people of all ages and relates very comfortably to all.

Popular with young people, his congregations have included student contingents well in excess of 100 and he has experienced equally large Sunday School and Youth Fellowship groups.

Committed

Not long retired from full-time ministry, he and Ena feel ready for 'overseas' work and they have come to Arran full of enthusiasm and raring to go!

Although he will be working here on a part-time basis, he is committed to being significantly involved in church and community.

Hailing from Glasgow, he has served in five Scottish Baptist churches so he is used

to working with people of all ages and relates very comfortably to all. His induction takes place at 2pm tomorrow in Brodick Hall and all are most welcome to attend.



Arran's new Baptist minister, Willie Wright with his wife Ena.

Gardeners urged to join open weekend

The Arran Horticultural Society's Garden Club will be holding their Open Garden Weekend on Friday and Saturday, July 30-31 and Sunday, August 1, next year.

The club hopes to raise money for charity and to give visitors and local folk the chance to explore many of the beautiful gardens hidden away around the island.

Anybody who would like to take part in the whole weekend or just for one or two days, or who would like more information, please contact Carol Vella-Boyle on 600552.

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Beware of cold callers

North Ayrshire Council is warning Arran's residents to beware of calls from 'SAS Fire and Burglar Alarms', a company claiming that it is carrying out research on behalf of the council.

The council became concerned after elderly people who had been targeted by the calls contacted them.

'We have no projects relating to fire and burglar alarms under way just now,' said a spokesman.

'In any case all contractors or surveyors working for us must have photographic ID, a letter of authorisation and a telephone contact number so that any concerned householder can check their credentials.'

'In addition householders will have received a letter from the council in advance of any visit telling them what we are going to do.'

Anyone who is approached by a company claiming to be doing work on the council's behalf but who don't have these supporting documents to confirm their claim should contact the police or Consumer Direct on 08454 040506.



Members of the Scottish Women's Rural Institute beneath the decorated elm tree in Edinburgh. Elma Stevenson from Sannox SWRI has been involved in the project.

SWRI members branch out for forest project

Local members of the Arran Federation of Scottish Women's Rural Institute (SWRI) have lent their knitting skills to an innovative project that has been taking pride of place at the heart of Edinburgh as the city's latest temporary tourist attraction.

The award winning event, The Enchanted Forest, with the assistance of Elma Stevenson from Sannox SWRI, has decorated and lit a condemned Elm Tree situated next to the prolific Scott Monument on Princes Street in Scotland's capital city Edinburgh.

The tree, which is due to be chopped down early next year, is suffering from Dutch Elm disease, and the team at The Enchanted Forest felt it needed a bit of cheering up.

The Elm Tree will be sporting a fabulous, cosy jumper that even lights up when it's dark.

Elma Stevenson from Sannox SWRI said: 'This was a great fun project to be involved in and has really brought the branches together to create something unique and wonderful right in the centre of Scotland's capital. I was delighted to be involved.'

The project has involved over 70 volunteers from across Scotland, many of whom are members of the Scottish Women's Rural Institutes, as well as assistance from the Scottish Machine Knitters Association, in preparation of the immense 'tree jumper' that the stricken Elm will be sporting.

The wool that has been used has been treated with an ultraviolet dye which, when combined with a specific type of lighting, allows it to glow in the dark.

Marion Davidson, chairman of the Scottish Women's Rural Institutes said: 'We were initially 'stumped' when our 'branches' were approached to knit-one-purl-one for the trees of Scotland. But we soon twigged that this was the perfect challenge for our nimble-fingered knitters and more than 70 SWRI members from Shetland to the borders cast on for the campaign.'

The Elm has already become a cheery site to those visiting the capital with the Edinburgh Bus Company already mentioning it to visitors on their regular city tours.

Dress to impress for Dr Graham's Homes

Richard Small, general manager of Auchrannie Resort in Brodick, is inviting the residents of Arran to join him for an evening of fine food and entertainment to raise funds for his epic bike ride through India.

He plans to raise much needed funds for Dr Grahams Homes, a co-educational institution providing education and support for impoverished and deprived children in

north east India.

Richard's challenge is to cycle the 700 kilometres from Kolkata to Kalimpong, the base of Dr Grahams Homes, in less than a week.

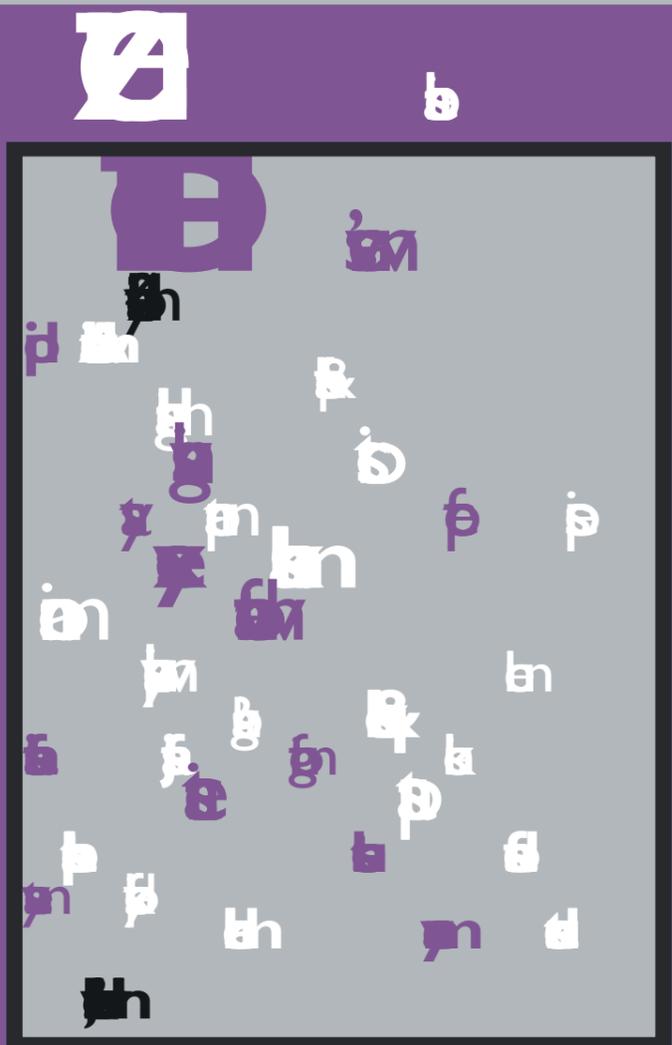
As part of his fundraising he has organised a charity dinner at Brambles Seafood and Grill restaurant on Friday 6 November.

Tickets for the evening cost £25 and are available from Richard on 07887554035

or from the Auchrannie Spa shop.

'A substantial amount of money has already been raised - however there is still a long way to go if I am to reach my very ambitious target.'

Richard is still selling raffle tickets for the 'Grand Raffle' to be drawn on November 6; tickets are just £1 each and prizes on offer exceed £10,000!



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Competition winners pick up their prizes



'Four buoys and a boat', Michael Stewart winning photograph.



'Angus and Hamish' the winning photograph by Anne Strachan of Lamlash and Bathgate.

Taste of Arran hampers for the winners

The winners of the 2009 Arran Banner photo competition were presented with their prizes this week.

Anne Strachan, who lives in Bathgate but is originally from Lamlash, and Michael Stewart of Lakin Farm, Torbeg each won a Taste of Arran hamper loaded with tasty local produce ranging from local wine to cheese, oatcakes, chocolates, beer and chutney.

Michael's stunning photo of an atmospheric sunset over the Kilbrannan Sound called 'Four buoys and a boat' was chosen by our judge as the best in the places/views category.

There were many sunset and sunrise entries in the competition, but this one was the most imaginative, and the cloud formation is stunning. A clever caption gave it extra points.

'I entered the Banner's photo competition at the very last minute said Michael. 'I noticed the flash saying 'last chance to enter' and I thought I may as well.

'I really had no idea that I would win so this is just fantastic.'

Winner in the people/animals section was Anne's lovely photo of her two young sons on Mullach Beag at the top of Holy Isle.

Behind the two boys and stretching into the distance we can see the sweep of Whiting Bay and the granite hulk of Ailsa Craig.

It is just a happy family picture with seven-year-old Angus and six-year-old Hamish in almost-matching blue and white tops and looking very pleased with their achievement in getting to the top of Holy Isle.

Anne said: 'I am absolutely delighted to have won. I've entered photographs into the competition before and they've made it into the 'Best of the rest' section but I've never won.

'I take my camera absolutely everywhere with me. I love taking photographs and this has made it even more worthwhile.'



Michael Stewart of Lakin Farm was this year's winner in the place/views category. 01_b43com01

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Island swine flu threat needs to be managed

The Scottish government has finally begun to tackle the swine flu pandemic that is sweeping the country by announcing its vaccination plans.

Wednesday marked the start of the swine flu immunisation programme with priority groups like pregnant women; those with chronic illnesses and NHS staff all being jabbed first.

The aim is to vaccinate 1.3 million people by Christmas – not a hugely ambitious target considering the population of Scotland.

So far Arran has escaped the disturbance of swine flu as no cases have been reported on the island.

However, Arran is a close-knit rural community and if the swine flu epidemic does reach the island, a huge number of islanders could be at risk.

With any contagious disease that is likely to cause dangerous infection, if there is a method of controlling it then it should be delivered. Despite the size of the island and the relatively small population of Arran, the residents live in pretty close proximity to each other. There are also various places that large numbers of people will visit in one day – the Co-op is the obvious example, as well as schools, the ferry terminal and offices.

Once on the island, swine flu, which is highly contagious, would no doubt spread rapidly among our ageing population.

The whole island could come to a standstill if staff in offices, schools, shops and businesses were all struck down with flu-like symptoms at the same time. This may seem unlikely but it could happen. Therefore it is crucial that the vaccination should be offered to as many people on the island as possible.

All those regarded as 'high-risk' should make sure that they go to the doctor and get the vaccine. Last week, figures showed that 64 people were admitted to hospital in Scotland with swine flu complications – the highest weekly total seen during this pandemic.

Vaccine supplies have been distributed around Scotland, with at-risk hospital patients and staff getting the first ones.

The Scottish government has said that 'limited' supplies of the vaccine are being spread across all regions but the number of doses will increase in the coming weeks.

Supplies will first be sent to GPs so that jabs can be given to other priority groups, including pregnant women.

The first people to receive the swine flu inoculation will be people aged six months to 65 years with chronic conditions like heart or lung disease. Everyone who comes into contact with people with compromised immune systems will be vaccinated, as well as people over 65 with health conditions.

Concerns have been expressed about the side effects for the swine flu jab as in some cases they can be similar to those of seasonal influenza vaccines and can include local reactions at the injection site, such as soreness, swelling and redness. Fever, headache, muscle and joint aches can also occur.

However, the British government has still ordered enough vaccines to cover the entire population of the country.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

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Letters to the Editor



Arran Cubs praised

Sir,
What a delight it was to read of the success of the Lamlash Cub Scouts in *The Arran Banner* (1721).

The cubs all looked so smart in the accompanying photographs.

Fraser Mackenzie and Ben Leslie are to be congratulated in achieving their high awards.

Rachel Armitage and Ninna Crisp – and before them Dr Graham Tinto, and others – are deserving of everyone's thanks and appreciation for all their hard work and dedication in bringing the Lamlash Cub Scout group up to so high a standard.

Such volunteers as they are required by other youth organisations.

It is a sad reflection on our times that plenty of excellent would-be volunteers are put off by the ludicrous rules imposed by our government and those busybodies in Brussels.

Yours,
George Lyle
2 Fen Place, Whiting Bay

Infuriating broadband service

Sir,
I'd like to add my comments regarding the article

about broadband provision in last week's *Banner*.

I'm one of the fortunate inhabitants of Sliderry who has a broadband service, but in Sliderry we receive 0.5Mbps service – yes, 1/2 a meg!

As BT is the only provider of broadband in Sliderry, not only am I (and all the others on this exchange) receiving a service giving only a fraction of the speed available elsewhere on the island, never mind the rest of the country, we are also paying an exorbitant fee for it.

Having just checked my last bill, I'm paying £40.82 +VAT for my broadband (three months in advance, and this is only for broadband provision and doesn't include any calls, line rental etc.), which at over £15 per month really is adding insult to injury.

When providers such as Virgin can provide faster services in other areas of the island from around £5 per month upwards, it's infuriating to be paying this much for what is not even a second rate service.

It is admittedly better than the £24.99 I was paying per month five years ago when the service was introduced in Sliderry, but is still a lot of money, and it's exasperating that there is no alternative provider here

or in any of the other smaller villages.

I know of people in this area who are desperate to receive broadband but due to the fact that the exchange has no available space, are unable to get it and appear to have no prospect of being able to in the near future.

This is of course also an area where we have no mobile phone reception, so other than dial-up, there is no alternative option for these people.

Like the MPs mentioned in your article, Kenneth Gibson MSP has been working hard to try and get this situation changed, and hopefully something will come of this joint pressure on BT to update the exchanges.

On another tack entirely, I'd just like to add my agreement to Amanda Hunter's letter regarding new housing provision.

I'm not sure why Ian Ferguson thinks that because people are either hard up/have young children/are elderly, that means they want to live on estates close to villages.

I'm now officially 'elderly' but I can't think of anything worse than being forced to live on a housing estate – even one on Arran – because that's the only available option.

Quality of life and having a choice is what matters to many of us, and hopefully HIFAR is going to help to provide that for those of us who don't want to be herded up into estates.

One size most certainly does not fit all.

Yours
E Coral Smith
Sliderry

Arran's Got Talent cancelled

Sir,
Further to the Auchrannie's advertisement for their 'A Factor' contest in last week's edition I would like, on behalf of Whiting Bay Hall Committee, to inform everyone who has already applied to take part in our own 'Arran's Got Talent' event that we have decided to postpone until the New Year.

It would seem counterproductive to run two identical competitions side by side.

Many thanks to all those who expressed interest in taking part and to Chris and Jan Atkins for their very generous offer of help.

Yours,
Andrew McCallum
Whiting Bay

Lardner tackles islander's concerns at Westminster

Arran's Conservative Westminster candidate Philip Lardner visited parliament in London last week to take up issues brought to his attention during a recent Conservative branch event at the Kinloch Hotel.

During the lunch last month, he was asked several questions and concerns were expressed about the situation faced by our troops in war zones and on defence generally.

These questions he was able to pose to Gerald Howarth MP, the shadow defence minister at the House of Commons.

'Several people had asked about how we could provide better equipment and supplies for our troops in Afghanistan, and about the future of the thousands of jobs in the West of Scotland which

rely upon naval shipbuilding and the Clyde Submarine Base at Faslane,' said Philip.

'I was grateful to Gerald for making time to hear these concerns, and for allowing me to put forward some suggestions and ideas based on my own previous experiences as a contractor to the MOD and as a soldier in the territorial army in Scotland.'

While visiting Arran to report back to local members on his visit to the capital, Mr Lardner confirmed that an incoming Conservative government would undergo a full strategic defence review to establish urgent priorities for troops currently in action overseas and to plan for the UK's long-term defence requirements and strategic priorities.



Arran's Conservative Westminster candidate Philip Lardner visited parliament in London last week.

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Treat for garden club

At the September meeting of the Arran Garden Club the group welcomed Paul Stewart, a gardener at Auchincruive in Ayrshire.

As well as being the Ayr Campus for the Scottish Agricultural College, Auchincruive has the National Poppy Collection, and is home to a charity called Gardening Leave. This charity aims to provide horticultural therapy for ex-service personnel with combat related mental health problems.

Paul began with a history of Auchincruive, which was the seat of the Oswald family, who built Auchincruive, and its gardens.

Auchincruive House, now Oswald Hall, has interiors designed by Robert Adams in the 1760s.

Although the gardens are not quite as grand as in their heyday, there are beautiful walks, a walled garden, hanging gardens and glass houses.

The 600acre estate is open to the public who are encouraged to visit.

As he is now the only gardener employed at Auchincruive, Paul talked with great enthusiasm about the gardens, and about gardening therapy.

Although the college is shortly to move to a new joint campus in Ayr, the ornamental gardens, including the National Poppy Collection, and the estate will remain open to the public.

In addition, the Ayrshire Archives are being relocated to Auchincruive.

The next meeting of the Arran Garden Club is on Thursday 29 October at the Brodick Castle Rangers' Centre at 7.30pm.

At this meeting Jim Jack from Lochranza will talk, from his own personal experiences about 'Life in a Garden Centre'.

Non-members and visitors are particularly welcome to join us.



Fiona Clarke of Torbeg took part in the Highland Dancing competition at the Royal National Mòd in Oban last week.

Fiona represents Arran at the Mod

Arran was represented at the Royal National Mòd in Oban last week when Fiona Clarke of Torbeg took part in the Highland Dancing competition.

Fiona competed in seven separate dances in the Novice 10 to 16 years class and was thrilled to come in second place in the Trophy Fling, Flora and Scottish Lilt and third in the Highland Fling.

This meant that the 16-year-old finished third equal overall.

Fiona's mum, Liz, said: 'She wanted a third so that she would get a medal from the Mòd and allow her to have her card stamped.'

'To move up the dance levels you need a minimum of a third at competitions. Well, she got

her third and then followed it with three second places!'

Fiona was competing in the Novice Class, which is the third level of five, and for her age there were eight entrants.

Thousands of kilted competitors from all over Scotland and other parts of the world poured into Oban last week for the globally renowned Gaelic festival.

The Mòd celebrates Gaelic culture with singing, music, poetry and dancing competitions.

Widely regarded as the most suitable host for the event, Oban is always a firm favourite among Mòd competitors, and the festival, nicknamed 'The Whisky Olympics'.

Arran livestock sales

United Auctions had forward 1,872 store cattle and cast cows, also 8,729 prime and store sheep at their Stirling Agricultural Centre last Wednesday.

Aberdeen Angus bullocks £755, 164p Moor, £685, 169p Cairnhouse. Limousin cross bullocks £775, 165p Cairnhouse. Simmental cross heifers £670, 176p Cairnhouse. Cast cows £825, 103p Heathcote. Prime Texel cross lambs £60.20 Moor, £59.80 Auchenhew. Store Texel cross lambs £52.50 Auchenhew, Cheviot cross lambs £49 Cosyden. Suffolk cross lambs £45.50 Swallowbrae, Cheviot feeders £43.50 Cosyden.

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Stewart and Mary Driver outside church with the piper following their wedding last Saturday. b43wed05



Seven Drivers outside St John the Baptist Church in Pilling last Saturday. They are; Howard, Helen, bridegroom Stewart, bride Mary, Andrew, Lucy and young James. b43wed06

Arran wedding in Lancashire

Stewart Driver, formerly of Arran, was married to Mary Carter of Lancashire last weekend.

The couple were married at St John the Baptist Church, Pilling, Lancashire on Satur-

day October 17 by Rev Coral Pritchard. Mary is the younger daughter of Benjamin and Sandra Carter of Scronkey Farm, Pilling and Stewart is

the younger son of Howard and Helen Driver of Largie-

menoch, Whiting Bay.

Mary works as an occupational therapist and Stewart is an electrician.

The couple live in Pilling and are honeymooning in Turkey.

Couple met through internet

A couple who met on an internet dating site have just got married on Arran.

David Ashcroft of Manchester and Jackie Colpitts of Tullibody, Alloa, tied the knot in Lamlash register office last Monday accompanied by two dogs, Jackie's parents and her two teenage children, Matthew and Rachel.

David said: 'We had both got

to the time of life when we had just about given up ever meeting anybody and falling in love.'

Jackie explained: 'We both joined match.com internet dating site, not really expecting to get much out of it. I live in Clackmannanshire and David is in Stretford and obviously we had never seen each other.'

David added: 'Then we gradually made more and more contacts so that we knew each other very well before we actually met in person. One day I left a 'wink' on the dating site, and she 'winked' back. That was it!'

David moved up to Alloa and now runs his sign writing business in Stretford via the internet.

They came to Arran on a day trip in July and took the service bus round the island. That was enough for them to decide that this was the place to get married.

'It just goes to show that it is never too late,' said David.



David and Jackie Ashcroft with Jackie's children, Rachel and Matthew in Lamlash register office.

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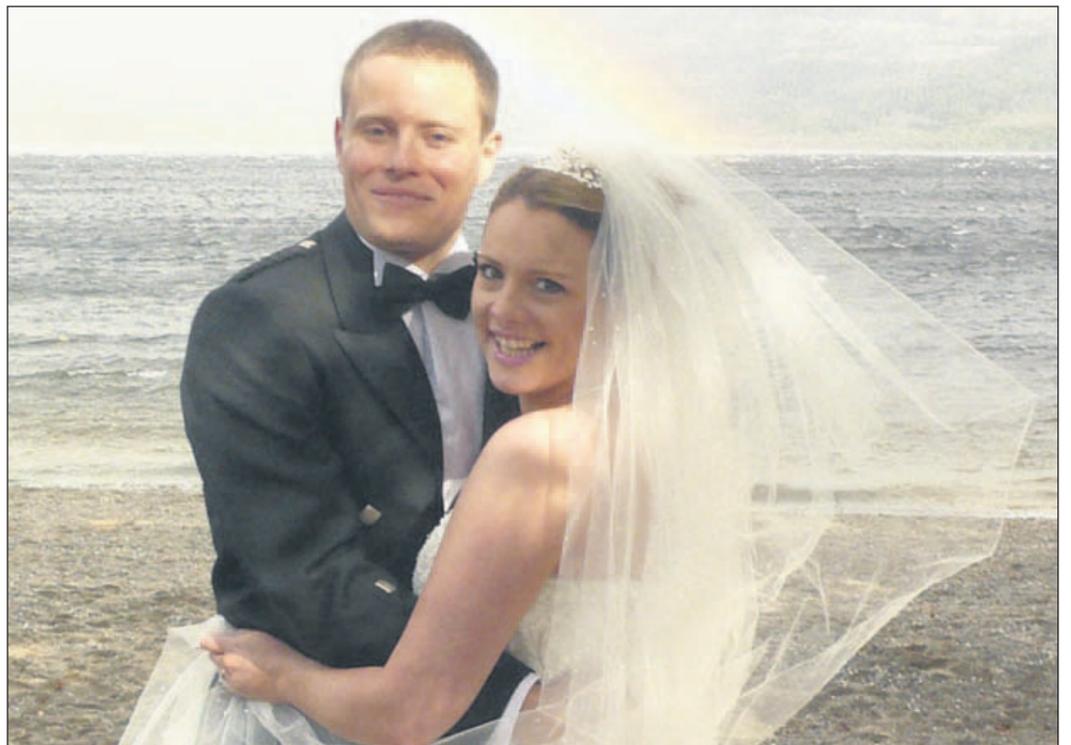
Arran Autumn weddings



Congratulations to Mariusz and Paulina Filipczak whose wedding took place on Saturday September 5 in Wolborz, Poland. The couple have now returned to the Auchrannie in Brodick where they have both been employed for the past two years.



Ayse Huseyin, the younger daughter of Huseyin Ali of Cyprus and Betty Huseyin of Lam-lash, was married to Johnny Egan son of Helen and John Egan of London on the beach at the Hilton Resort Hotel, Clearwater, Florida, on September 2.



Alan Stewart of Blackwaterfoot and Catherine Coulson of Bishop's Stortford were married at Cameron House Hotel on Saturday October 3. Alan is an IT web manager and Catherine is a legal secretary and part-time ballet teacher. The couple will live in Bishop's Stortford after their honeymoon in the Maldives.



The wedding of Kerr Duncan of Brodick and Debbie McAllan of Galashiels took place on Saturday August 29 at Dryburgh Abbey and then Dryburgh Abbey Hotel. The couple, shown here with their daughter Isla Catherine aged 10 months, honeymooned in Portugal before returning to their home in Galashiels.

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The old Corriecravie fire engine now in the hands of a preservation group, with retired fire fighter Jim Miller. 04_a39day06

Preservation group keeps Corriecravie siren ringing

An old Arran fire engine has been handed over to the Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Preservation Group.

The purpose built Volkswagen LT50 turbo diesel appliance was taken into service at Corriecravie in May 1994 at a

cost of £40,000 and replaced the old Ford Cortina P100 pick-up. It was the first of its kind on the island and a new fire station was built at Corriecravie to house the vehicle.

Leader Angus Adamson and his team of firefighters had

a vehicle with a 150 gallon water tank and breathing apparatus for the first time.

Jim Miller, a retired fire fighter from Paisley, took the VW appliance along to the Lochgilphead Fire Station open day. He said: 'It was a one-off VW conversion, very unique.'

When the appliance was taken out of service on Arran it was presented to the preservation group which has an impressive collection of machines telling the history of fire fighting from the days of horse drawn steam engines and manual pumps to the present day.

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Arran Banner readers have the chance to win tickets to the Rally of Scotland on Friday November 20.

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Michael Jackson's marathon

Michael Jackson from Brodick has raised more than £2,000 for Diabetes UK/Scotland after running in the Baxter's Loch Ness Marathon on October 4.

Michael, who is pictured with daughters Abbie and Sarah, would like to thank everyone who sponsored him and especially Johnny and Elaine Kelso at Whiting Bay Golf Club where £235 was raised at a bingo night. The first words from Michael on crossing the finishing line were 'hell will freeze over before I do this again!' - but he is already planning the next one.

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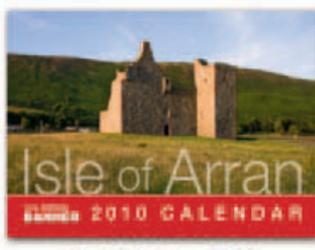
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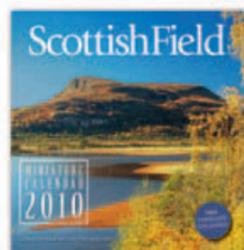
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No smoking at school

Passive smoking has become an issue at Arran High School following a circular from the education department banning smoking by teachers on school premises.

The question that has arisen is whether or not non-smokers should be forced to breathe the foul air.

When a vote was taken at the school a substantial minority said no, not under any circumstances.

However, the ban has many exceptions, for example, if a room is being used by a teacher who smokes.

But in all communal areas smoking will now be prohibited.

Russell's Corner

A curious sign has recently appeared at a sharp bend on the String Road.

The sign proudly proclaims the words 'Russell's Corner' and enquiries have revealed that it refers to one Russell Metcalf who works at the

Auchrannie Hotel.

A week or so ago he was coming down the String at speed and on hitting the bend spun round once completely and then casually proceeded with both himself and the car unharmed.

But what really matters is do Russell (or his pals) have planning permission for the new sign?

Curries still unsold

Curries of Brodick, on the market for most of this year, and on the point of being sold last June, is still on the market.

However, it is to change hands from one partner to the other.

Run by Mr Bob Brass for the past nine years, partner Alistair Bilsland is to take over allowing Bob to concentrate on his surveying practice.

Burning their boats

Nearly 50 people crowded into the Council of Social Services in Lamlash on Monday night to seek a solution to the long running saga of the

village's slum boatyard at the old pier.

Called by the Lamlash Residents and Ratepayers Association, interested and involved parties attended – except the owner of a number of the offending vessels.

The first priority is to remove the clutter of abandoned boats.

Mr Charles Fforde said he had tried on several occasions to have boats taken away but was not prepared to incur the costs of legal proceedings to do this.

Someone said that one of the most badly damaged hulls belonging to Mr Billy Currie is to be burned later in the week.

Incredible shrunken man

The current total of sponsorship money collected for the Arran Mountain Rescue by Dave Ashcroft of Catacol now stands at £518.

Dave lost an incredible five stone in his sponsored slim.

Rugby

Arran 9 Whitecraigs 19

Arran lost their first league match in almost a year on Saturday with a disappointing display against a fairly average Whitecraigs side.

Arran need look no further than their own indiscretions for their defeat which gave away needless penalties at both ends of the park.

The visitors scored a try in each half to add to their three penalties.

Arran's points all came from the boot of Morrison who was unlucky with a couple of long-range efforts which drifted narrowly past.



Arran's newly formed ladies hockey team showed themselves to be man enough for the job last Sunday by defeating (male) football champions Shiskine by one goal to nil. b43twe03



There was much excitement in Brodick on Saturday when the island's first bottle bank was revealed. As bottle bank campaigner Alison Prince points out, any colour of glass can go in. b43twe02



Arran RFC's Jimmy Morrison gets the ball from the scrum as Whitecraigs close in. b43twe04



The Princess and the people; ecstatic at meeting Princess Diana at Arran Provisions last week were Mrs Copperwheat, Mrs Norton and Mrs Roach of Lamlash. b43twe01



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Real Ale (Recommended CAMRA Good Beer Guide)

Archie raises more than £2,000 for RDA

Archie recently completed the Glasgow 10k in aid of the RDA

One man's heroic fundraising activities have raised more than £2,000 for the Arran Riding for the Disabled group.

Archie Hamilton, the office manager for Douglas Laing the whisky producer, provided Janis Heaney from the RDA with a rare bottle of malt whisky to auction for the charity.

Archie then recently completed the Glasgow 10K race again in aid of the RDA.

Janis said: 'After the whisky editorial and photo went in *The Banner* we received a call from an anonymous donor who gave us £1,000 – and then asked us to keep the whisky to raise more funds!

Raffle

'We then held a raffle which raised a further £605 – so the 10k run brings Archie's fundraising to over £2,000 – we'll be building a statue of him if he continues like this!'

The RDA group are always on the lookout for volunteers.

'You don't need to volunteer every weekend,' said Janis. 'As long as you are available to take part maybe every one weekend in six that is fine because we work around a Rota system.'

To get involved with the group call Barbara Tinto on 600517 or Rona Fulton on 600752.



Dan the RDA pony sporting Archie's Glasgow 10K medal.

Finlay Murchie's birthday . . .

A CD of traditional music from and inspired by Arran is being recorded in a project directed by Gillian Frame and will feature some of Scotland's best musicians.

Gillian was brought up and educated on Arran and was introduced to traditional Scots and Irish music from an early

age by her musically gifted parents Iain and Maggie.

The recording is the culmination of two years of research into Arran's traditional music, which has uncovered some fascinating material and great music.

Probably the most interesting are some old Gaelic

songs thought to have been lost. The CD's 13 tracks will also include a couple of Scots songs and instrumental music, reflecting the islands rich and diverse musical heritage.

Nearly all the material is previously unrecorded.

One of the songs featured on the album is *Finlay Murchie's Birthday*.

Connection

Local musician Alistair Paul told *The Banner* the story behind the song: '*Finlay Murchie's Birthday* was one of a handful of tunes with an Arran connection written by the renowned piper, Duncan Johnstone.

'Duncan was a frequent visitor to the island in the 1970s when he was friendly with the Andersons of 'The Glen' in Lochranza.

'His best known Arran tune is *Mrs Mary Anderson of Lochranza* which is still heard

occasionally played by his pipe bands.' Alistair Paul said that Finlay Murchie was one of the Arran characters Duncan met at the Anderson's and among his exploits he learnt of Finlay's adventures on the ill fated Hudson Bay Company ship 'The Baychimo' when it became ice bound off the coast of Alaska in 1931.

Along with 16 other crew-members he spent most of the winter on the pack ice in a wooden shelter.

After a particularly bad storm the crew woke up to find they and the ship had parted company.

The ship continued to drift around the Arctic, locked in ice, for almost 40 years and became known as the 'Arctic Ghost Ship'.

Duncan Johnstone used these tales to write the magnificent song *Finlay Murchie's Birthday*.



Archie Hamilton took part in the Glasgow 10K race to raise money for Arran's Riding for the Disabled group.

Bird Notes - The Weather

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

The weather influences the timing of bird migration as well as breeding.

In comparison with May 2008, May 2009 was cooler and wetter.

Establishing

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

Throughout the year Jim Cassels, Arran's Bird Recorder, has been keeping accurate

By Jim Cassels

recordings of the weather.

Here is a summary of weather data for 2009 to date from his weather station at Kilpatrick on the west of the island.

Enjoy your birding.

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

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

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	Mean	High	Low	Average	High	Dir
January	5.4	10.5	-1.6	89	8.2	50 SSE
February	5.3	10.9	-3.5	35.2	5.2	37 W
March	6.9	15.7	-1.5	75	7.8	46 W
April	9.0	19.2	1.9	87.8	6.8	42 SSE
May	10.8	23	2.7	78.5	6.9	36 W
June	14.3	25.5	3.4	38	4.8	35 ENE
July	14.8	24.3	7.1	112.8	4.0	32 SSE
August	14.3	19.9	8.9	200	5.8	31 SSE
September	13.1	23.2	4.8	53	6.3	40 W

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Last week Archie was outside Lamlash Community centre. Kate Russell of Rickmansworth thought he was at the Yacht Club shed in Lamlash and said: 'He's a much-travelled dog isn't he.' Lauren Campbell of Benlister Road was right and Fiss said: 'Archie, you are back in Lamlash. There are a lot more scenic locations than the community centre.' This week he is next to a large building but where is it? 02_b43arc01

Ruth completes incredible sixth round-Arran walk

Ruth Thompson of Lamlash completed an incredible sixth round-Arran walk last week but was forced to bin her trusty trainers.

The dedicated walker, who is in her seventies, last week completed all 55 miles of the island's coastal roads in two consecutive days - a great feat even for much younger people, as Ruth climbed at least 4,000ft to accomplish her walk of Arran's A, B and C roads.

She walked for a total of 17 and a half hours at an average speed of three miles per hour in ideal weather conditions

but her trainers were un-wearable after the trek.

'I saw a large variety of sea and shore birds during my walk,' said Ruth. 'I also saw seals and dolphins in the Kilbrannan Sound and a golden eagle soared overhead at Lochranza.'

Ruth stopped at milestone 46 to watch the antics of four rutting stags and about 30 red deer across the hillside.

Husband Alan provided back-up in the car, with spare socks, drinks and food and went beyond the call of duty to check Arran's 57 milestones, measuring and tak-

ing notes for The Milestone Society of Great Britain's database, which now includes records of more than 2,000 stones.

The society is urging local councils to fulfil their statutory obligations to maintain milestones now that the European parliament has agreed to allow Great Britain to retain the use of miles instead of converting to metric measurement.

'He found them all in good order,' said Ruth. 'Apart from milestone 14 which had been decapitated - this will be a job for the future.'



Ruth Thompson of Lamlash completed her sixth round Arran walk last week. b12rut01



Brodiek Golf Club

Well it's that time of year again and the Wednesday Winter Cup is back!

True to form, I have missed the report on the first two weeks but will bring these up to date now, prior to week three's results.

The competition started for the 2009/10 season on the October 1, 13 players turned up to play, however, two decided they would not play as the weather could turn nasty and rain. It would be unfair to mention them but I'm sure Bill and Bob enjoyed their afternoon elsewhere. Eleven played and got round dry. There was only one magic two and that was by Hamish McArthur. The winner was Dougie Robertson with a 78-18=60 and Hamish McArthur was second with a 79-18=61.

Week two took place on October 7 with the magnificent seven taking part. There were two magic twos with Derek Roxburgh getting them both. First was Dougie Robertson with a 79-15=64 beating Derek Roxburgh who was second on the bih with 70-6=64.

Week three, October 14, 15 played on a dry autumn day.

There were five magic twos Don Rudge had two and Derek Roxburgh, Hamish McArthur and Eric Thompson got one each. Scoring on the day was good, however, one man may have played his best round ever winning the sweep with a 78-23=55 was Gordon Sillars. Well done Gordon. Second was Eric Thompson 78-16=62 and third was Ken Barclay 86-23=63.

That brings the results up to date lets hope for another dry week and another good turn out to see if Gordon can repeat his score or indeed some other bandit comes out of the woodwork all will be revealed next week.

Winter Cup, Sunday 18 October, 14 played, CSS 64. 1 Donald McKinnie (10)39 points, 2 Bruce Jenkins (8)38 points, 3 Chris Pattenden (11)37 points BIH. There were five magic twos, Peter McCalla got two and Gordon Robertson, Jimmy Armit and Donald McKinnie got one each.

Lamlash Golf Club

Ladies: Wednesday 14 October, 12 ladies played. Three teams set out in glorious weather. Winning team was Y Brothers, P MacDonald, B Livingstone, J Pattenden, returning a net 42 over 15 holes. This was celebrated in the clubhouse after the game. Our Annual Dinner is on Friday 6 November - notice on board for names - 7.30pm for 8pm and

our AGM is on 13 November at 8pm prompt in the Clubhouse.

Gents: Thursday 15 October, back nine competition, 18 played in very good conditions.

Compliments to the green staff. Scratch J Cameron with a 35. 1 W O'Connor 38-11=27, 2 P Smith 39-9.5=29.5, 3 K Barclay 41-11.5=29.5. There were three magic twos from D Macfarlane, W O'Connor and K Barclay.

Sunday 18 October, Glenburn Cup, 20 played in rather wet conditions with course in good shape. Scratch Iain Murchie with a 66. 1 W O'Connor 80-22=58, 2 A Smith 75-12=63 BIH, 3 I Murchie 66-3=63. There were three magic twos from A Smith, B Hastings and N Young.

Fixtures: Saturday 24 October, AGA Grouse final at Machrie Bay golf course.

Sunday 25 October, Glenburn Cup at 11am. (End of British summer time.)

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Saturday 17 October, We had a good turn out with 16 players taking on the course for the Mixed Fours Salver, which had been postponed due to bad weather a few weeks ago. The weather was superb this time and the scores not so bad either! In second place were Colin and Jackie Nisbet with a good score of net

65. First place and the Salver went to Susan Kidston and her partner Ross Butchard with a superb score of 62.5. Well done and thanks to everyone who joined in.

Sunday 18 October, The Glenashdale Stableford played on Sunday had six ladies brave the rain, which started half way round and got steadily worse! Despite the conditions, second place went to Lynn Walker with 34 points. First place, and the trophy went to Jackie Nisbet with 35 points.

Sunday 18 October, 16 played in the Hamilton Salver, SSS 63, CSS 63. The winner was Jamie MacPherson (4)62, 2 Douglas Graham (13)64, 3 Colin Nisbet (10)65. Jamie's 66 won scratch and there were no magic twos.

Fixtures: Sunday 25 October, a fun game to be held at 10.15am for 10.30am. Winter Mixed Fours, every first Saturday of the month - mid-day draw, just turn up.

Sunday 25 October, Taylor Trophy, Greensome. One draw for partners at 11am. Sunday 1 November, Winter League fixture at Machrie. Gents please note that from November the Gents Sunday draws will be at 9am and 11am.

Arran Golfers Association

Up and coming events. Arran Grouse Finals at Machrie bay Golf Club on Saturday 24 October from 1pm. Duncan Trophy/Winter league 2009/2010 - The first round of matches will take place at Machrie Bay Golf Club on Sunday 1 November. This was originally to be played at Shiskine but due to a mix up in dates, Shiskine and Machrie have swapped months.

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

Shiskine Golf Club

Junior Summer Knockout winner is John Murchie with a very close tie winning on the 13th. Junior Summer Eclectic winner was also John Murchie.

Ladies Arran Challenge, organised by the Kinloch Hotel saw 162 ladies step up to the tee over the two week period. First class: 1 Angela Sharp, Troon Ladies (9)43+42=85,

2 Anne Edgzar, Kilmarnock(Barassie) (9) 43+44=87 BIH, 3 Alexandra Sargent, Skelmorlie (7) 39+48=87. Second class: 1 Fiona Scott, Shiskine (15) 46+42=88, 2 Barbara Wilson, Kilmacolm (14) 46+43=89 BIH, 3 Alison

Thompson, Old Ranfurly (19) 44+45=89. Best Scratch Karen Ballantyne, Craig Millar Park (4) 50+50=100.

Fixtures: Gents Arran Challenge starts Friday 23 October for two weeks. Open to all, call Dougie Bell on 860226 for details. Sunday 25 October, 12 hole Medal.

Saturday 14 November, Annual Dinner, call Piet on 860226 for details.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday 6 October, Winter Cup played from yellow tees. 1 David Price 64, 2 David Wilkinson 65, 3 Alan Napier 67. Scratch Alan Napier 73. Tuesday 13 October, Winter Cup Played from yellow tees. 1 Hugh McClelland 61, 2 Campbell Laing 63, 3 David Wilkinson 75. Scratch David Price. Fixtures: Tuesday 27 October, Winter Cup tee-off at 12pm.

Saturday 24 October, Arran Grouse final at Machrie tee-off at 1pm. Draw as follows: 1pm Lamlash A v Corrie B, 1.10pm Whiting Bay A v Brodiek B, 1.20pm Corrie A v Brodiek A, 1.30pm Lamlash B v Whiting Bay B, 1.40pm Shiskine A v Machrie Bay B, 1.50pm Lochranza B v Machrie Bay A and 2pm Lochranza A v Shiskine B.



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Arran Heritage Museum, Rosaburn, Brodict	10.30am - 4.30pm

SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER

Blackwaterfoot Junior Football	Coaching, 10.30am - noon
Karate	Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm
Family Games Kids & Adults	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Fun in the Spa Pool	Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Over 21s Disco	The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)	Arran High School, 10am
Table Top Sale	Kilmory Hall, 2pm
Youth Cafe (High School Pupils)	Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER

Alcoholics Anonymous	St Margarets Church, Whiting Bay, 4.30pm
Family Games Kids & Adults	Auchrannie Games Hall, 3pm - 4pm
Conker Cup	Kilmory Hall, 2ish
Winter Points	Cairnhouse, 11am
Fun in the Spa Pool	Auchrannie Pool, 4pm - 5pm
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes	Library Annexe, 1.45pm
Folk Session	Ormidale Hotel, 9pm

MONDAY 26th OCTOBER

Senior Fitness	Auchrannie 9.30AM - 10.30am (Gym)
Over 50's Badminton	Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm
Badminton	Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm
Cardiac Rehab	Auchrannie Gym 12.30pm - 2pm
Circuit Training	Auchrannie Spa, 6pm - 7.15pm (Gym)
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
AB Attack	KA Leisure, fitness suite 6.30pm - 6.50pm
Aerobics Class	KA Leisure, dance studio, 6pm - 7pm
Weight Wise	Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm
Ladies Netball	High School Sports Hall - Seniors 8pm - 9pm
Quiz Night	Eden Lodge Hotel Whiting Bay, 9.30pm
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games	Ormidale Park, 6pm
Lamlash Bridge Club	Lamlash Golf Clubhouse, 7.15pm
Kickboxing	KA Leisure, dance studio, 7pm - 8.30pm

TUESDAY 27th OCTOBER

Lochranza Swimming Club	Kinloch 11am - 12pm
Army Cadets	Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Pop Quiz	Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	Brodict Church Hall - 2pm
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)
Pulmonary Rehab	Auchrannie Gym 12pm - 1pm (Gym)
Open Music Session	Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm
Indoor Bowling	Auchrannie Hall, 7pm
Junior Hockey Club	Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm
Brodict Toddler Group	Church Hall, 10am - 12pm
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Youth Club	Kildonan Hall - 6pm
Senior Fitness	Auchrannie, 10am - 11am
Step Aerobics	Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 8pm
Rotary Club	Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm
Motocross Practice	Southbank Farm track, 6pm - 7.30pm
Scottish Country Dancing	Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm
Winter Bowling	Auchrannie, 7pm
Community Council AGM	Ormidale Pavillion, 7.30pm
Indoor Bowling	Corrie & sannox Hall, 2pm - 4pm

WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER

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

THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER

Senior Fitness	Auchrannie 9.30am - 10.30am
Arran Garden Club - Life in a garden centre	Ranger Centre, 7.30pm
Step Aerobics	Auchrannie Studio, 7pm - 8pm
General Knowledge Quiz	The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
Lochranza Craft Club	Hall, 2pm
Coffee Morning	St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm
Cardiac Rehab	Auchrannie Gym 2pm - 3pm
Table Tennis	Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm
Legs, Bums & Tums Class	KA Leisure, gameshall, 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Indoor Bowling	Auchrannie Hall 7pm
Cricket Practice	Sannox Oval, 6pm
Smoking Cessation Group	Ormidale Pavillion, 11am - 12pm
Brodict Embroidery Group	Brodict Library 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Youth Club	Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm
Cubs	Shiskine Hall 6.30-8pm
The Wee Blether	Whiting Bay Hall, 11.30am - 1.30pm
Brodict Bridge Club	Ormidale Pavillion 7.15pm
Junior Scottish Country Dancing (P3 - P7)	Lamlash Church Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Cam's Open Mike Night	The Cabin, 7pm - 9pm
Winter Bowling	Auchrannie, 7pm
Scouts	Shiskine Hall 8-9.30pm

FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER

Arran Pipe Band Practice	Brodict Hall, 7.30pm
Aquafizz	Auchrannie Pool, 9.45am - 10.30am
Citizens Advice	Open 10am - 2pm
Quiz	Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm
Over 21's Disco	The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Yogalates	Auchrannie Gym, 10am - 11am
Street Dance	Auchrannie Gym, 7pm - 8pm
Seniors Badminton (Over 50s)	Auchraannie Sports Hall, 2pm
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group	Corrie Hall, 8pm - 10pm
Lamlash Friday Club	Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm - 3.30pm
Coffee Morning	Correi 7 Sannox Village Hall, 10.15am - 12pm
Foundations at The Cabin	The Cabin, 7pm - 9pm
Open Folk Night	Eden Lodge, Whiting Bay, 9.30pm

SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER

Farmers Market	Kilmory Hall, 10.30am - 2.30pm
Folk session	Kildonan Hotel, 9pm
Quiz	Catacol Bay Hote, 8.30pm
Youth Cafe (High School Pupils)	Brodict Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm
Halloween Party	Kildonan Hall, 6pm

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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 submitted with them may be examined at Legal and Protective Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine between the hours of 9.00am and 4.45pm on weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) excepting Saturdays and Public Holidays or at www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Written representations may be made to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective Services) at the address below by 13th November 2009. Any representations received will be open to public view.
 *and at The Council Offices, Lamlash

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008
 Notice of application to be published under regulation 20(1)
 Application No: 09/00694/PP Address: Seal Shore Camping And Holiday Homes, Kildonan, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8SE Proposed Development: Erection of shower block
 Application No: 09/00703/PP Address: Site To South West Of Lohengrin, Lamlash, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA21 6HY Proposed Development: Erection of two detached dwelling houses
 Application No: 09/00698/PP Address: Site To The North Of Boarding Kennels, Auchrannie Road, Brodick Isle Of Arran Proposed Development: Erection of detached dwelling house
 Application No: 09/00646/PP Address: Site To North East Of Kilbrannan View, Blackwaterfoot, Brodick Isle Of Arran Proposed Development: Erection of detached dwelling house

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS IN CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1987
 Applications for Listed Building Consent.
 Application No: 09/00720/LBC Address: Dippin Lodge, Dippen, Brodick, Isle Of Arran KA27 8RN Proposed Development: Erection of one and a half storey extension to form staircase, store and plant room

Elma Murray
 Chief Executive
 Cunninghame House
 IRVINE
 KA12 8EE



Community Council
AGM
 ORMIDALE PAVILION
 Tuesday 27th October
 7.30pm

Isle of Arran Horticultural Society
AGM
 Brodick Library
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AGM
 Ormidale Hotel
 Monday 9th November
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 Tim Pomeroy
 Whiterock, Lamlash 600287
 e.pomeroyarts@supanet.com
 by Monday 2nd November

The Gaelic Club of Arran
AGM
 (Na h-Arainnich)
 7.30pm
 Tuesday 3rd November
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ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 25 October
 (Church is on the road between Machrie & Blackwaterfoot)
 Shiskine 11am
 Sunday School meets in the Church Hall
 Brodick 7pm (Church is behind Post Office)
 Rev David Karoon
 All welcome

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

WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN CHURCH
Sunday 25 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
 All welcome.

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 (in full communion with the Church of England)
 St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 25 October
 Holy Communion, 11am.
 Rev Dr Hector Soga, Dollar
 Coffee after service
Wednesday 28 October
 Holy Communion, 12.15 pm.
 All Welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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 "A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share"
Sunday 25 October
 Rev. Gillean Maclean
 Kilmory 10am
 Lamlash 11.30am
 Guild dedication service
 Sunday Club starts in both churches
 All welcome, including families; children's area

ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 (continuing)
Sunday 25 October
 11am
 Trust Housing Lounge, Glen Estate, Brodick
 Evening Service, 7pm
 5 Glen Road, Brodick
 Prayer Meeting
 Wednesday 28th, 7pm
 Rev.D.Macleod
 All welcome

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH.
 Ormidale Pavilion Brodick.
Sunday 25 October
 10.45am Communion
 Tea and coffee from

11.20am
 11.30am For all the family
 Speaker: Rev Andrew Rollinson
 Everyone very welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 North Arran: Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirmill and Shiskine.
Independent but working together.
Minister
 Rev Angus Adamson.
Parish Asst
 Mrs Jean Hunter.
 Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times, to which all are invited - Families, young people and children welcome
Sunday 25 October
 Brodick Church, 10.30am & 7pm Service for Health & Healing
 Corrie Church, 12pm
 Lochranza/ Pirmill at Pirmill 10.15am
 Shiskine Church, 12pm
 A service of Worship will also be held in Montrose House at 1.30pm

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FREINDS (QUAKERS)
Sunday 25 October
 11 am
 11 Glen Estate Brodick
 Enquiries to Jeny 302779
 All very welcome.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WHYTE - BILL
 Highcroft, Lamlash
 Nan, Rona and Kenny would like to offer their sincere thanks to the District Nursing staff, carers and Marie Curie Foundation for their devoted and superb care of Bill and their support for the family in his final illness.
 In addition thanks to everyone for their attendance at Bill's funeral and donations to the Marie Curie Foundation.
 Thanks also to Elizabeth Watson for a personal and touching final tribute.

FERGUSON - JIM
 Pat and the family would like to thank the many people who helped care for Jim over the past 2 years. The nurses & staff at A.W.M. Hospital. Doctor Thomson and all at Lamlash Medical Centre. The District Nurses, The Home Care Service, Morven Ross Bain and her team at Corriedoon Nursing Home. The Rev. E Watson, The Rev. G McLean, our family, neighbours & friends on and off Arran for their support, and for the many cards, letters & flowers received. Thanks finally to Claire & David Hendry for funeral arrangements.

REID - ELMA
 Ian and Margaret Harvie wish to thank sincerely all those friends who sent cards and flowers on their recent sad loss of Elma. We would also express gratitude to Dr Thomson and all the doctors and nurses at Lamlash Medical Centre and to the wonderful nurses in Lamlash Hospital for their unfailing care of Elma throughout her long illness. We would also like to thank Mary and John Adams for their friendship and care for Elma whilst she resided at McKelvie Rd flats.
 To David Hendry sincere thanks for sympathetic funeral arrangements. To Rev Gillian Mclean for a truly lovely service and to the Glenisle Hotel for catering. To all the above, please accept our most sincere thanks.

SCOTT - WILLIE
 Linn Scott and family would like to thank all the staff at Brodick Health Centre, Lamlash Hospital, Carol and the team of District Nurses, Crosshouse Hospital for the care and attention they gave to Willie.
 Thanks also to Jean Hunter for support and a beautiful service for Willie, David and Claire Hendry, friends and neighbours for cards, letters, flowers and donations to ARCAS and The Stroke Accs.

MEMORIAMS

REID - ARNOT
 In loving memory of Arnot. Died 27/10/06.
 Missed every day by Morag, Marion, Rebecca and families

Margaret and Jim Alexander thank all the family and everyone for good wishes, beautiful cards and presents on their diamond wedding anniversary. Also Ian and all at Brodick Bar for the splendid dinner reception.

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY ASHLEY



With lots of love from Mum, Dad, Alison and all the family xx

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Arran back on track

Strong defence applauded

Arran got their good run of games back on track at the weekend with a hard-fought win over Clydesdale RFC in the Scottish Hydro Electric West League Division Two.

Arran are now placed fourth in division two below Uddingston, Moffat and Jordanhill.

However, the island's team have had fewer points scored against them because of their superior defence.

Take Heart

Bill McLaughlin, vice-president of the club, said: 'The boys can take heart from their position in the table because they have lost fewer

points than anyone else in their league.' Uddingston who are currently in first place have had 84 points against them and second place Moffat have 68 against. Arran have only had 47.

'This is really good news because it shows that our defense is strong and we're also scoring really well on attack too.'

Taking on Clydesdale at home, Arran started off well with strong attacks in Clydesdale's half that led to the home sides first try of the match.

Converted by Frazer Barr, Arran had a 7-0 lead early

on. Clydesdale never looked particularly threatening throughout the game and their attacks failed to make any headway.

Converted

Arran sailed through their defense scoring three more tries - two of which were converted by Frazer.

A penalty kick gave Clydesdale three points but it was no consolation as the game ended 26-3.

This weekend Arran are travelling to Moffat where an away win for the island team could see them moving up the table once again.



Arran's captain Murray Picken sailed through the Clydesdale defence to score two impressive tries. 01_b43rug01



Netball ladies take on the rugby boys

The Arran Ladies Netball team had some interesting opponents on Monday night when they took on the boys from the island's senior rugby team.

Unfortunately only three rugby players turned up on the night to play the ladies.

The rest of the team were apparently still recuperating from

Saturday's match - or did they simply have cold feet about taking on Arran's finest netball players?

The three rugby players were incorporated into a team and the match began. *The Arran Banner* has been reliably informed that the final score was too close to call but both sides - and both sexes - clearly had a very enjoyable night. 03_b43net01

Brodick Bridge Club

The results from Thursday 15 October were as follows: N/S 1 Helen Boyd and Elizabeth McKellar +2210, 2 Janette McBride and Pat Adamson +1160, 3 Jean Barclay and Morag Gardner +1020.

E/W 1 Trish Martin and Douglas Hamilton +1020, 2 Janie McClure and Anne McKelvie +930, 3 Craig and Irene McMillan -800.

Lamlash Bridge Club

The results from Monday 19 October were as follows: N/S 1 E McNiven and R Thompson +3980, 2 H Boyd and E Robertson +2880, 3 D and M Bruce +2840.

E/W 1 J Maclure & A McKelvie - 990, 2 P Adamson and E McConnell -1330, 3 J and J Beattie -2110.

Sannox Cricket Club AGM

The Sannox Cricket Club are holding their AGM at the Ormisdale Hotel in Brodick on

Monday 9 November at 7.30pm.

All items for agenda should be telephoned to Tim Pomeroy at Whiterock, Lamlash on 600287 or by e-mail to pomeroyarts@supanet.com by Monday 2 November.

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