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# Straight talking council bosses warn of cash cuts

By Howard Driver  
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'We won't ignore our responsibility to the people of Arran,' North Ayrshire Council chief executive Elma Murray told the *Banner*, after the Straight Talking session in Brodick Hall on Tuesday.

As the Chancellor George Osborne prepared to unveil the biggest programme of spending cuts in the UK for decades, Arran's local authority was examining the best ways of absorbing a projected £64 million cut in funding over the next three years.

Ms Murray added: 'We will be watching the Chancellor's speech on Wednesday very closely, particularly to see whether he decides to protect certain areas of public expenditure.'

Fifty-six local residents representing 32 community groups took part in the Arran Straight Talking session in Brodick Hall on Tuesday.

Five of these consultation sessions are being organised by the council around Arran and North Ayrshire.

Council leader David O'Neill said: 'This is a new experience for us, engaging with the community.'

'We don't have a monopoly on all the good ideas and the experience so far has been very positive.'

'These sessions mark the beginning of an ongoing consultation process.'

'The council aims to engage



Alasdair Herbert, Elma Murray and David O'Neill on the top table at the North Ayrshire Council Straight Talking workshops in Brodick Hall. 02\_b43nac01

with the people about how we can continue to provide good quality services with limited resources over the coming years.'

About 80 per cent of the council's finances come from the UK Government via the Scottish government. The remaining 20 per cent is generated through council tax and non-domestic rates.

The Straight Talking work-

shop on Tuesday was preceded by presentations from Councillor O'Neill, Ms Murray and Alasdair Herbert, corporate director, finance and infrastructure.

Mr Herbert pointed out that, looking on the bright side, the council could make savings of £25.5 million over three years by reducing its own transport costs and property

portfolio, cutting the cost of

buying services and equipment, and by reducing the council workforce.

Councillor O'Neill added: 'I am reasonably confident at this stage that there will be no compulsory redundancies, and we will do our best to avoid this in the future.'

'We have contacted all our staff over 55 to see if they might take early retirement or be interested in job-sharing.'

He admitted: 'We know that issues on the island are different; Arran has half the landmass of North Ayrshire but 5,000 population compared to 130,000.'

It was revealed by the council leader that among its many services, NAC collects around 72,600 tonnes of household waste a year, buries about 1,000 people, maintains and manages 1,025 kilometres of

roads, processes 900 planning applications and investigates 550 cases of benefit fraud.

As an example of the enormity of the task, Ms Murray pointed out that from a total annual budget of £345 million, the required savings could be made by closing all nine secondary schools and 20 primaries, putting 846 teachers out of work.

This, of course, was only hypothetical, but brought home to the delegates just how serious the situation is.

Six groups of residents got into workshops and examined five areas of expenditure, ranging from education to health, community services, environment and older people. Each group had an advisor to take notes on their deliberations, which were summarised later by Leslie Thomson of independent facilitators.

Ms Murray stressed: 'This is just a start. There will be other possibilities for input and public participation. It will be a flexible and dynamic process.'

'Some of what we have heard from the workshops confirms what we already thought, but there have been some interesting new suggestions.'

She told the delegates: 'We look forward to undertaking this difficult and interesting journey with you.'

A report on the overview of the Straight Talking sessions will be available on the council's website and in council offices in December.



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## Police files

### Road closed by crash

The A841 between Lamlash and Brodick was closed on Tuesday afternoon after a minibus left the road above Lamlash Golf Club.

A road crash report was received by local police at 2.30pm.

Two ambulances and a patient passenger transport vehicle attended the scene to assist with the casualties.

The six passengers, aged between 78 and 96 years old, were taken to Arran War Memorial Hospital and treated for minor injuries. One elderly woman was detained in hospital overnight. The road was closed for 25 minutes and police praised the patience of other road users.

No other vehicle was involved in the incident and police enquiries are continuing into the cause of the crash.

### Two car crashes

On Saturday night, October 16, there were two separate accidents on The Heights.

One car crashed through a hedge and another came off the road and dismantled a garden shed.

Local police say that they are concerned at the poor level of skill shown by some road users. Sergeant Bob MacKay said: 'The manner of driving by some younger drivers is placing other road users at risk.'

### Window broken

A window was broken at Brodick fire station over last weekend. Police are appealing for any information.

# Care at Home services re-examined by the council

The council is confident that there will be no need to transfer staff to the private sector

Like all local authorities across the country, North Ayrshire Council requires to make significant savings across its services over the next three years.

The total budget for Social Services is £84 million and more than half of this is spent on purchasing services from the independent sector.

As part of this savings process, the council is proposing to change the way it delivers Care at Home services.

They say that they want to maintain and improve the current levels of service for users while providing a saving of £1 million over the next two years on the current annual Care at Home budget of £11 million.

Councillor Peter McNamara, portfolio holder for Community Services, said: 'North Ayrshire Council faces significant economic challenges over the next few years. The requirement to reduce costs, combined with rising demand, has placed a lot of pressure on the Care at Home service.'

'In order to continue to provide services to the elderly population of North Ayrshire, the council has to identify savings within Care at Home services.'

'One way of doing this is to change the ratio of in-house and independent sector delivery.'

The council's Executive considered a range of proposals this week, including restructuring the management of Care at Home services, saving £200,000 per year and increasing the percentage of independent sector delivery of Care at Home services from the current 28 per cent to 50 per cent - saving £800,000 over two years.

The council is confident that there will be no need to transfer staff to the private sector.

At the same time new jobs will be created in the independent sector, assisted by the Council's Economic Development service.

Councillor McNamara added: 'An increase in the amount of delivery purchased from the independent sector to 50 per cent would see savings of around £400,000 per year over the next two years.'

'The centralisation of North Ayrshire's five Care at Home units into one single unit would also save around £200,000 and the new model for the management and delivery of the Care at Home service has been designed to maintain and improve the service and increase efficiency.'



The volunteers in Brodick Church Hall last Saturday who organised the Soup and Sandwiches event to raise money for the children in Kalimpong. 01\_b43ka101

## Soup and sandwiches for Kalimpong

The fantastic sum of £850 was raised last Saturday when a Soup and Sandwiches event was held in aid of the Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong.

Held in Brodick Church Hall, the event was organised by local people who have made the journey through India to the school for orphaned children.

Janice Small from Brodick said: 'Sincere

thanks are due to Brodick Church for providing such a well equipped hall and to all those who supplied soup, sandwiches and raffle prizes, your efforts are much appreciated.

'Most of all though, our gratitude to those who turned out and supported this worthwhile cause, the children of Dr Graham's Homes have benefited greatly.'

### Brodick 200 Club

Congratulations to Mrs Lorna MacDonald and Mrs Helen Boyd, the September and October winners of Brodick 200 Club's £50.

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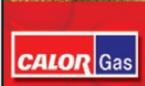
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## Fortnight's break comes later next year

Arran's traditional two-week October holiday will be a week later than usual next year.

The holiday fortnight will run from Friday October 7 to Monday October 24 whereas this year it was from Friday October 1 to Monday, October 18. The rest of Scottish schools will only get the second week.

Corporate director for education and skills, Carol Kirk, said: 'Traditionally, Arran schools have taken the same October week as mainland schools plus the week beforehand instead of the five local holidays normally spread throughout the year. This will continue to be the case for session 2011/2012.'

The council agreed provisional holiday dates for 2011/2012 in conjunction with the other 12 local authorities in the West of Scotland before consulting with the Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers.

The summer holidays will end on Tuesday August 16, making the autumn term one week longer than in the past.

The English school half term runs from Monday October 24 to Friday October 28 next year.

## Appeal rejected

Following a site inspection, the Local Review Body of North Ayrshire Council rejected an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for a detached house on a site to the north of Miodor Beg, Kildonan.

It was considered that the development would not comply with siting, design and external appearance criteria.



The start of remedial work on Brodick beach on Tuesday. 02\_b43bea01

# Beach work starts at last

Remedial work finally began on the sea defences on Brodick beach this week.

The southern end of the beach adjacent to The Boat-house has been closed to the public since March after strong easterly winds and a change in the estuary alignment led to erosion and material from a former landfill site to spill onto the beach.

Now local contractor Murchie Sand and Gravel has begun to collect sand from other parts of the beach to fill large geotextile bags that should provide long-term stability while having a low impact on the visual amenity of the beach.

Work is expected to take around two months.

On Wednesday, Bob Hopewell, supervisory engineer, flooding and structural design, North Ayrshire Council, was due to meet with community representatives in Brodick to discuss claims that the sand was being taken from the wrong part of the beach.

Community councillor Ian Small said: 'There are three large sandbanks that were not there six months ago, but sand was being taken from the top of the beach instead of the sandbanks. If they carry on, we'll end up with no golf course.'

Angus Bodie, head of in-

frastructure for NAC, said: 'Work to fill the geotextile bags with sand commenced on Monday and is expected to be completed by December, weather permitting.'

'A senior council engineer visited the island on Wednesday to monitor the work.'

## MyBus takes to Arran's roads

The British Red Cross and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) have joined forces to bring a MyBus service to Arran.

MyBus is designed to help people of all ages who have difficulty using standard buses to have access to shops and local facilities.

This could be anything from a trip to the Brodick Co-operative or journeys to and from friend's homes, local clubs, doctor appointments or hospital visiting.

However, the service cannot

be used for hospital appointments as the Red Cross will continue to operate a separate patient transport service.

The Arran service will run from Monday to Saturday from 8am until 5.30pm and the vehicle will pick up and drop off as near as possible to your home and chosen destination anywhere on the island.

To register to use the service you must telephone 0845 128 4025 after which you will be able to make bookings for the bus.



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# Bollards scheme for Middle Road

By Howard Driver

An order to close Middle Road in Whiting Bay to traffic has been made by North Ayrshire Council.

And any objectors have just 28 days to voice their concerns.

The title of the order is The North Ayrshire Council (Middle Road, Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran) (Stopping Up) Order 2009. If no objections are received, then the order will be confirmed after 28 days.

The road will be closed by a system of bollards west of the entrance to Heatherhill, allowing for pedestrian access only.

This closure is associated with the planned development of 10 four-bedroom houses in the field to the south of Norwood Lodge and opposite Heatherhill. The plans were lodged by Quality Homes Scotland of Houston in July 2008 and passed by North Ayrshire Council in June 2009 with 11 conditions.

Objections to the development were made by nine local residents and Arran Com-

munity Council. Grounds for objection were mostly of increased traffic and that the closure of Middle Road would raise questions of safety based on reduced access by emergency vehicles.

Among the conditions were that there will be six passing places of 10 metres length

created on Golf Course Road and Middle Road involving road widening to a minimum of five metres, and that construction traffic will only have access to the site from the Golf Course Road end of Middle Road.

At the time, Councillor Margie Currie said: 'Vehi-

cles such as bin lorries and the emergency services will have a key to lower the bollards. This approval removes the planning restrictions for further development along Golf Course Road.'

A right of pedestrian access will be retained along the full length of Middle Road.



## Delegates to discuss inshore fishing crisis

This weekend, the island of Arran will be the setting for a major conservation event designed to coincide with the UN's conference on biodiversity in Japan.

The symposium at the Outdoor Education Centre in Lamlash is jointly sponsored by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) and the University of the West of England and will bring together 40 delegates not only from coastal interests in Scotland but also representing community organisations, NGOs, government and research institutes, some based elsewhere in the UK and abroad.

The symposium will focus on the concern that unsustainable fishing is ruining Scotland's inshore waters.

The group will discuss ways of reversing the damage and will look at how coastal communities can get involved to a much greater extent in safeguarding and improving marine biodiversity and productivity.

COAST has piloted the way forward in convincing the Scottish government to establish the first marine protection 'no take' zone in Lamlash Bay.

This relatively small scheme has caught the imagination of many other community based organisations in Scotland and elsewhere who would like to achieve similar outcomes.

The symposium is to be held at North Ayrshire Council's new Arran Outdoor Education Centre at Lamlash overlooking the 'no take zone' over three days beginning today (Friday).

The uniqueness of this event is that it has been organised locally, is independent of government and is tapping into the considerable energy and driving interest in communities, NGOs and scientific research institutions to turn around the cycle of degradation that has resulted in loss of sustainable fishing activity, richness of our shoreline, and a catastrophic loss of marine biodiversity.

## Ferry probe blames crew 'complacency'

Ferry operators are being urged to share more information after a mechanical failure caused the MV *Isle of Arran* to collide with a pier on the Kintyre Peninsula earlier this year.

The Caledonian MacBrayne ferry, which was built in 1993 for the Ardrossan to Brodick run, was carrying 14 passengers when it struck the pier at Kennacraig on 6 February.

No-one was hurt but the vessel and pier were damaged.

A report on the incident blamed the use of an incorrect spare part that had not been fitted correctly or tested.

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) re-

port concluded: 'This is one of a number of recent accidents in the shipping industry as a whole in which complacency has undermined the effectiveness of ships' crews.'

'Preventing complacency on ferries, which are inevitably engaged on regular and familiar routes, is a challenge for all ferry owners and operators.'

'Therefore, a recommendation has been made to the UK Chamber of Shipping designed to encourage and facilitate the regular sharing of experiences and initiatives by UK ferry owners and operators, with particular emphasis on the prevention of complacency.'

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Paul is one of two understudies, which means he has to learn five different parts instead of just one. Photo by National Theatre of Scotland.

## A young Arran actor's dream finally comes true

Four years ago a young actor from Arran used a rousing speech from the National Theatre of Scotland's internationally acclaimed play 'Black Watch' as an audition piece for drama school.

Now, not only has Paul Tinto of Lamlash graduated from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA), he has been chosen to star in the very play that got him into stage school.

Paul is currently touring Britain as an understudy in the play that has been critically acclaimed as one of the greatest productions ever to be made.

'To be starring now in the play I used in my audition is really quite amazing,' said Paul. 'Black Watch is one of those plays that my fellow actors hold up as the ultimate production - we all loved it when we first saw it.'

'To be able to say I'm part of the cast is wonderful.'

Paul is currently in Aber-

deen where they play is being performed but he has already appeared on the stage at the SECC in Glasgow and the cast will soon be heading to Belfast.

The play begins with the troops being deployed to fight in the second Iraq war and deals with the specifics of the notorious Camp Dogwood deployment just as it was announced the Black Watch regiment was to be disbanded.

Paul is one of two understudies, which means he has to learn five different parts instead of just one.

'Being an understudy is not to be scoffed at,' he told The Banner. 'It's really hard work as I have to learn the lines, the songs and the movements of five different characters.'

'It means that I appear on stage about once a fortnight

and will have to fill in if other cast members are ill or unable to perform.'

So far Paul said he loves life on the road as a travelling actor.

After 'Black Watch' has toured the UK, the young actor will be heading to America where the play is to be performed in a number of places including Washington, Chicago and Austin, Texas.

'It is an exciting time for me,' he said. 'But in eight months time it will come to an end and I will need to look for more work.'

But until then Paul is making the most of it and is looking forward to meeting up with his parents, Graham and Barbara, who will be seeing the play for the first time at The Barbican Theatre in London in November.



Above: Viewed through the eyes of those on the ground, Black Watch reveals what it means to be part of the legendary Scottish regiment, what it means to be part of the war on terror and what it means to make the journey home again.

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Paul Tinto from Lamlash is currently starring in the critically acclaimed production of 'Black Watch', which is touring Britain and America.

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# Older residents advised to attend bowel screening

People aged 50-74 years from Arran are being urged to make sure they accept NHS Ayrshire and Arran's invitation to take part in the national bowel screening programme.

New statistics have revealed that some areas of Ayrshire and Arran have particularly low uptake rates for the bowel screening test, with just over a third of people invited, taking part.

As part of the national programme, test kits are delivered by post to people between the ages of 50 and 74 every two years, on or around their birthdays.

Speaking about the statistics recently supplied by NHS Scotland's Information and Statistics Division, Mr Bob

Diament, colorectal surgeon and clinical director of the Ayrshire and Arran Bowel Screening Programme, said: 'While we are fairly happy with the uptake of the bowel screening test in some areas of Ayrshire and Arran, we are concerned that some small pockets of the community are not taking up the screening opportunity and may be putting themselves at risk by delaying possible diagnosis and increasing the likelihood of more complex treatment or surgery.'

Early diagnosis makes all the difference in treating bowel cancer: when a diagnosis of bowel cancer is made at an early stage, cure rates exceed 90 per cent.

During the first two years of the programme in Ayrshire and Arran screening has led to a diagnosis of bowel cancer in 97 patients, with a further 680 patients having benign or precancerous polyps removed, preventing many from going on to develop bowel cancer later.

It is important that people do the test every two years, even if they have had negative results previously.

Anyone who has lost their kit or thrown it out and has now decided that they would like to be part of the programme, should contact the Scottish Bowel Screening Programme Helpline on 0800 0121 833. Arrangements will then be made to send out a new test.

## Arran's first female bus driver looks back 20 years

Last week The Arran Banner was contacted by a gentleman asking if we would be perhaps printing a photograph of his wife in the Twenty Years Ago section of the newspaper.

Brian Deary of Kings Cross, said: 'I was wandering if your '20 years ago' in The Banner this week will cover my wife Kate Deary - Kathleen McVey as she was then - as she was on the front page as the first lady bus driver on the island?'

And Brian was correct as Kathleen does appear in this week's Banner as the island's first female bus driver in 1990.

The couple returned to live on Arran 18 months ago and Kate now manages West Coast Sign and Graphics in Whiting Bay as well as working part time in the Co-op convenience store in Brodick.

## Parental involvement

Arran mums and dads have the chance to learn more about their children's education and development at a parental involvement conference organised by North Ayrshire Council.

The event for all North Ayrshire parents will be held at St Matthew's Academy in Saltcoats this Saturday October 23 and is free, including a buffet lunch.

It will help parents and guardians find out more about schools, including information on the Active Schools projects, Curriculum for Excellence and the new generation of qualifications. Places can be booked by phoning Frances on 01294 324459.



Fiona Bulger and Trefor Goronwy from Corrie Primary School, pictured in green sweaters, were invited to attend the Road Safety training day in Irvine.

## Youngsters enjoy Road Safety training day

Two enthusiastic young pupils from Corrie Primary School joined youngsters from almost all of North Ayrshire's primary schools for a Road Safety training day at the Gailes Hotel in Irvine last week.

The pair from Arran, Fiona Bulger and Trefor Goronwy, were selected to participate in the day where they learned about their new jobs as Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO).

The scheme has links to Curriculum for Excellence and encourages JRSOs to teach their fellow pupils about the importance of road safety. It also promotes partnership working between pupils, parents, teachers, Road Safety Officers and Travel Plan Coordinators.

John Bell, portfolio holder for Children's Services, said:

'Children tend to listen to other children and we have found this to be one of the best methods of getting the Road Safety message across.'

'It's very important that messages about parking near schools, cycling safely and being seen in the dark are made clear as it can literally be a matter of life and death.'

Currently 52 out of a total of 53 primary schools in North Ayrshire participate in the scheme.

The event included workshops where graphic students from James Watt College provided inspiration on how JRSOs could produce eye-catching poster size mobile phones with a text message of 'Cross But Don't Chat' displayed.

Fib Youth Theatre from Ayr also performed and coached

the pupils on how to produce a road safety play.

A bank of laptops allowed access to the JRSO website where the pupils are able to add their own work and share ideas with other JRSOs throughout Scotland.

All the new JRSOs went home with their own personal road safety pack to help them promote road safety in their own schools.

## Child's suit jacket lost

A child's dark grey suit jacket made to fit aged eight, was lost somewhere between Brodick Bar and Lamlash on October 8.

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The first pupil names on the souvenir plaques at Arran High School. 01\_b26pla01

## Former pupils offered cut-price immortality at High School

The souvenir wooden plaques at Arran High School will be increasing in price at the end of October.

The project is the brainchild of the High School Board and Parent Council and former chairman Jim McMaster said: 'We want as many folk who have been through the High School to get their names up on the boards and it will be a permanent reminder of the heritage of the school.'

'Unfortunately, the price will be going up

to £20 per name at the end of the month so it would be a good idea to get your order in soon. We have got two boards up already with almost 100 names of former pupils, and believe it or not, there are 13 Pickens!'

### Engraved

The names are being engraved on the boards by Steve Garraway and then mounted on the wall in the lobby. Anyone wanting to take advantage of this offer should contact Jim at home on 860423 or call at the High School.

## Round the Rurals

### Lamlash WRI

The first meeting of the Lamlash WRI for the new season was held on Wednesday 6 October in Lamlash Fire Station when President, Mrs Margaret Gray welcomed a large number of members.

The speakers for the evening were David Ingham and Gerard Tattersfield who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the work of the Fire Service.

Margaret Gray proposed a very well deserved vote of thanks.

The competition was won by Anne Tattersfield, and the winner of the exhibition was Ann Miller.

\*Will all members going to the Rally please remember

to bring their entrance fee of £18 to the next meeting on Wednesday 3 November.\*

### Whiting Bay WRI

On Wednesday 6 October, Whiting Bay WRI welcomed as their guest speaker Stuart Gough - deltiologist extraordinaire - with his PowerPoint presentation of Whiting Bay in postcards spanning more than 100 years.

He followed the growth of the village and the holiday styles gone by with a choice of three areas of tennis courts and long strings of boats for hire at the jetty.

The much missed pier was the star of many views and for sheer grandeur nothing could match Cooper Angus mansion and its glorious gardens

in their prime. During supper there was the chance to go further down memory lane while leafing through a vast album of postcards of Whiting Bay and Kings Cross.

The excited chatter proved how much the evening was appreciated.

Pam Holmes was the winner of both the cupcake competition and the exhibition of a favourite card.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3 November when the guest speaker will be the Reverend Elizabeth Watson talking about 'The Funny Side of the Ministry'.

If you have not been before, please come along and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

# Banner readers win trip to Rally of Scotland

Two lucky Banner readers won tickets to the Rally of Scotland last weekend, one of the country's top sporting spectacles of the year.

Lyle Bunyan and his sister Nicole from Brodick attended the event last weekend where they saw some of the world's best rally drivers, teams and cars driving through the for-

ests and around the lochs of Perthshire and Stirlingshire.

Mary and Willie Tod of Burican, Kilmory also one a set of two tickets to the event through a competition we ran in the Banner three weeks ago.

Lyle was lucky enough to catch up with Scottish rally hero, Proton-driver Alister

McRae who was happy to pose for a photograph with the youngster and last week's Banner.

Lyle told us that he had an absolutely fantastic time and was overjoyed to have won the tickets.

He said that he and his sister would definitely be going again next year.



Lyle Bunyan from Brodick was lucky enough to catch up with Scottish rally driver, Alister McRae, who was happy to pose for a photograph with the youngster.

## Partner appointed to assist with changes in North Ayrshire

North Ayrshire Council has appointed a specialist company as a Strategic Partner to assist with the challenge of making budget savings of £64million over the next three years.

Along with other public sector organisations, the Council is faced with radical changes

to the way it manages its budget and delivers services.

### Comparing

The Executive of NAC met last Tuesday to consider a report comparing tenders from a short list of two companies, iMPower and Price Waterhouse Cooper, and recommended that iMPower be

appointed as the Strategic Partner.

iMPower is a national firm which specialises in local government consultancy and currently works with over 50 English and Welsh councils.

The recommendation was to be ratified by a full meeting of the Council on Wednesday.

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# THE ARRAN BANNER

## Cuts, cuts and more cuts

You would have to be a hermit living in a cave on the side of Goat Fell not to have heard the word 'cuts' brandished about wherever you go.

The newspapers, radio and television news have all been going mad over the coalition government's spending review that is designed to get the country free of this economic quagmire. Actually, a hermit on the side of Goat Fell might just have had access to The Banner, where cuts here are also front-page news.

North Ayrshire Council held a special event on Tuesday designed to let community groups on Arran voice their concerns, ideas and opinions on the budget cuts, which must be made. These public groups were told by the Chief Executive that £64 million must be saved in the coming years.

£25.5 million could be saved internally through cost-cutting measures and voluntary redundancies but that is not enough. The council wants to harness the community spirit here to help them reduce costs to the benefit of everyone.

More community involvement in necessary activities like beach cleans could be developed further.

On Wednesday, the day after the council's meeting here, the coalition's austerity drive got under way in earnest when the Chancellor unveiled some of the biggest spending cuts ever attempted in the Western world. George Osborne warned of a 'hard road' ahead as he detailed £83 billion of reductions to tackle the deficit, which will see nearly 500,000 public sector jobs culled over the next four years.

In the future universal benefits like child benefit and winter fuel payments will be limited to save money, on top of a major crackdown on sickness and housing benefit.

As the country braced itself against the cold northerly winds that blew in this week, they also braced themselves for sharp rises in train fares as the Department for Transport withdraws rail subsidies, and thousands of police officers could go as the Home Office trims costs.

Meanwhile, the social housing budget is likely to be more than halved to save billions of pounds.

It is not difficult to look around the island in which we all live and identify areas where money could be saved.

For example, do we really need the hanging baskets and flowerbeds on Brodick seafront every summer?

Could the grass be cut once a month instead of once a week?

Could we grit our own footpaths or pick up litter we see on the streets instead of relying on a council-paid employee to do it?

These may seem like trivial things but when faced with the massive deficit before us – every little helps!

### 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



### Fuel costs debated

Sir,  
For as long as I can remember, locals and visitors to Arran have been complaining about petrol and diesel prices on the island.

When confronted about this, suppliers have blamed transport costs as being the main factor.

However, when one compares the price of unleaded petrol and diesel on Arran with other areas of Scotland, it is difficult to reconcile the price charged on Arran with those of the other areas.

The following lowest prices in each of the areas below were obtained from the internet on Tuesday 19 October. They show that on Arran we are currently paying 130.9p for unleaded and 134.9p for diesel.

Compare this to Bute where it is 126.0p for unleaded and diesel. Skye is 123.9p for unleaded and 126.9p for diesel, while on Mull you can get unleaded for 128.9p and diesel at 130.9p.

Even in Thurso the price is much less at just 120.9p for unleaded and 125.9p for diesel. Considering that transport costs to the locations above should be at least as expensive as to Arran (and probably a good deal more to the outer Hebrides) it appears that Arran's high fuel prices may not be so dependent on transport costs as previously suggested.

Yours,  
**Ken Walker**  
Ochloch Park  
Dunblane

### Straight talking

Sir,  
North Ayrshire Council's 'Straight Talking' event on Tuesday was well run and gave many Arran representatives (it was not a completely public event) an opportunity to advise on local services, their effectiveness and how they might be improved.

The opportunity was well used but the 'elephant in the room' was the enormity of the budget cuts with possible ramifications announced by the Chief Executive who

demonstrated what a £64 million cut could mean.

For North Ayrshire, one of Scotland's most deprived areas, a 20 per cent cut in the budget of the provider of services and the biggest employer amounts to a disaster.

Far from reducing debt and aiding the economy this policy throughout Scotland will provoke unemployment, reduce income and increase debt while depriving the needy of essential services.

It was a mistake by NAC not to make the subject of the cuts the main issue and to fail to allow contributions or questions so that one is left to conclude that the various workshops were simply a way of gaining information that will be useful to those subsequently carrying out the cuts.

I would like to have asked two questions, one to David O'Neill leader of the council and one to the Chief Executive.

What steps is NAC going to take to express its outrage to central government at the extent of the budget reduction and why are they employing a firm of consultants, iMPower to help carry out the cuts?

Yours,  
**John Inglis**  
Chairman  
Isle of Arran  
Community Council

### Arran's not unique

Sir,  
I was interested to read your piece on the two week October holiday on Arran. However the folks here are not the only ones to enjoy this longer break.

The Dundee and Angus authorities also grant a two-week holiday at this time.

The former tattie picking was done in that area too - maybe there are others.

Yours,  
**Margaret Fowler**  
Almird  
Lamlash

### Bute's the same

Sir,  
I was reading The Arran Banner this morning as I quite often do and noticed that you have an error on your editor's comment about the school holidays.

Arran's school children are not the only ones in Britain to have a two-week holiday at this time of year.

Rothesay Joint Campus on Bute also have two weeks holidays in October.

As this island is only a few miles away I would have thought that you would have been aware of this.

Yours,  
**Jill Skinner**  
Rothesay  
Isle of Bute

### The Tattie Holiday

Sir,  
As a regular Arran Banner reader and visitor to Arran I would like to correct an item in this week's Banner (October 15).

Arran schools are not 'the only ones in Britain that still get a two week October break'.

Here in Perth and Kinross our schools have a two-week October break - a much needed holiday I am sure for teachers and pupils alike and the same prevails in Angus where it is still called 'The Tattie Holiday'.

Yours,  
**Patricia M Gibb**  
Athollbank Drive  
Perth

### Visitor's hospital praise

Sir,  
If you have a fall, a good place to have it is on Arran.

I had the misfortune to be knocked to the ground by my young boisterous dog who was tearing up and down the beach at Blackwaterfoot.

In the process I badly injured my foot.

I hobbled up to the hospital in Lamlash where I was attended to by very caring medical staff and I was all bandaged up within an hour.

I think the residents of Arran are very fortunate to have such a splendid facility on their doorstep.

Yours,  
**Liz Cox**  
Drumbreck Place  
Lenzie

### Possible scam

Sir,  
I would like to urge readers of

The Arran Banner to beware of odd phone calls saying that your computer is sending error messages.

I have received a number of these and it is very likely a scam.

I was alerted by the heavily accented English and just put the phone down.

I then did a full scan of the computer and it was fine.

Yours,  
**Elizabeth Ross**  
Machrie

### Friendly farmers

Sir,  
After reading your story in The Banner two weeks ago about the strange bales of hay spotted in the southend of the island, I remembered this tale.

A coach trip courier on Iceland was telling a tourist an elaborate version of the following story when travelling through a bleak area (it was February) with not much to comment on in the fields.

The courier said that basically a bad-tempered troll/giant needed pacified or bribed to leave the livestock alone.

Luckily the troll had a sweet tooth so the farmers started leaving out giant marshmallows for him (white wrapped bales).

These treats made him kindly and considerate.

Sometimes when he was grumpier than usual, they left out peppermint marshmallows (pale green wrapping) which seemed to help.

Sadly with his poor diet the troll became extremely constipated and very bad-tempered.

When this happened only liquorice mallows (black wrapping) would do and we all know why!

Next time you're passing a field of bales, check the wrapping colour if you want to know how the trolls – and farmers - in that area are feeling!

So with regards to your photograph of the bales near Kildonan – I think there's a kind farmer living there!

Yours,  
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# Distillery support conservation with RSPB donation

As part of the celebrations to mark the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Isle of Arran Distillery in Lochranza in July, master distiller James MacTaggart held a very special whisky master class.

The distillery promised to donate £10 from every ticket purchased for the class to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

At the end of September, the distillery's assistant visitor centre manager, Faye Black, met with Lucy Wallace of the RSPB and presented her with a cheque for £150. Lucy was delighted and said: 'Lochranza is a fantastic place for watching wildlife, especially birds of prey, including golden eagles.'

'Over the last few years I have had lots of fun doing RSPB events and guided Raptor Rambles from the distillery and have always had a warm welcome from the staff. The whole team is clearly very proud of the special wildlife on their doorstep, and it is wonderful that the distillery is generously supporting the conservation and campaigning work that the RSPB does nationwide!

'Support like this is vital

to the future of birds and the places where they live.'

At the Open Day in July a very rare 1995 bourbon barrel, cask number 104, was chosen to be bottled in the future and £3 from every bottle sold will also be donated to the RSPB.

This year has been a very successful year for Isle of Arran Distillers with an increase in production, a successful Open Day and many well-received new bottlings.

In fact Jim Murray, the world-renowned Whisky writer has

rated the Icon of Arran 'The Peacock' 96/100 making it the best Single Malt of 2011 for the 11 to 15 year category in his 2011 Whisky Bible.

At the end of November Isle of Arran Distillers will be releasing their latest addition to their maturing malt family with the first Peated Arran Single Malt called 'Machrie Moor'.

The launch will take place at the Distillery Visitor Centre in Lochranza on Sunday 28 November.



Lucy Wallace of the RSPB, left, is presented with a cheque by the Isle of Arran Distillery's assistant visitor centre manager, Faye Black.



Left: The distillery donated £10 from every ticket purchased for James MacTaggart's whisky master class to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).



The RFA ship The Fort George which was seen in Brodick Bay last weekend is commanded by Captain James Murchie of Shiskine.

## Ship's local crew return to Arran shores

Two local men were part of the crew on board the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service ship, The Fort George, which made an unexpected visit to Brodick Bay at the weekend.

Captain James Murchie was born in Shiskine and still lives there with his wife Susie.

Also on board the ship was navigator Doug Cook, the son of Finlay Cook from Kildonan.

The pair were able to come ashore in Brodick to see family and friends as well as stock

up on groceries. The ship's company includes 95 officers and members of the RFA, 24 members of the civilian Defence Logistics Organisation and 15 Royal Navy personnel for air operations and Close-In Weapons System (CIWS) maintenance.

When a helicopter squadron is embarked, up to a further 90 Royal Navy aircrew and support staff are carried on board.

Captain James Murchie joined the Royal Fleet Aux-

iliary Service as a deck cadet in 1971.

In a varied career, he has served in many operational theatres including the Falkland Islands; the Caribbean in support of the West Indies Guard Ship; the Adriatic and the Arabian Gulf.

He was promoted to Captain in December 1995, and subsequently has commanded most classes of RFA vessel.

He resumed command of RFA Fort George in October 2008.

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Corrie artist Gordon Davidson at the Banner office.  
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A Year at Imachar, one of Gordon's Arran paintings.

# Corrie artist commissioned for Nepal tourism exhibition

Celebrated Corrie artist Gordon Davidson has just received one of his most challenging commissions.

He has been invited to provide paintings to participate in the tourism campaign for the Embassy of Nepal in 'Nepal 2011, Year of Tourism'.

Dr Suresh Chandra Chalise, Nepal Ambassador told Gordon: 'Thank you for attending our reception at the Embassy in London and our tourism event in Aberdeen. We came to know about the recent impressive exhibition of your Peruvian artwork at the Peru Embassy here in London and we were wondering about the possibility of you doing a similar exhibition on Nepal.'

'It is heartening to note that over the past 20 years you have been sponsoring children in Nepal.'

Gordon explained: 'At the exhibition in the Peru Embassy in May I was approached by the Ambassador to do a similar exhibition for them. I have been to the Nepal Embassy twice since to discuss things and in July the Ambassador came to Scotland to tell me about 'Nepal 2011, Year of Tourism', a massive worldwide festival to encourage tourists to return to the country now that the civil war is over and life is once again stable in Nepal.'

'So far, I am the only British artist to take part and am being taken to Nepal this month to work on my collection of paintings and to meet Nepal's artists and paper makers in the Kathmandu valley.'

'Much of the cost of my part of the festival will be met by advertising in the exhibition brochure for the London Exhibition. I have also been told that the exhibition might travel to parts of Britain with a strong Nepali community, like Sheffield and Aberdeen.'

'I am hoping that some of the bigger Arran companies might like to advertise in the catalogue or offer sponsorship.'

'Arran companies supporting an Arran artist in an interna-



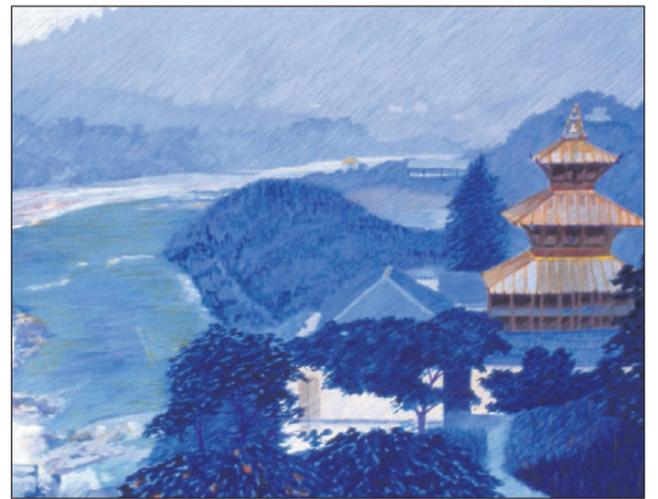
Gordon with the Nepalese Ambassador, Dr Suresh Chandra Chalise.

national festival would be a good match. Why don't we invite the exhibition to Arran?'

After leaving art school, Gordon designed album covers, stage sets and posters before moving on to solo exhibitions all round the world.

He has featured in two television documentaries about Scottish artists; 'A Year at Imachar' and 'Around the World in 80 Pictures'.

He added: 'I have dropped everything for the next four months to make sure that this will be an exhibition of international quality.'



A River Temple painting from Gordon's Peru exhibition.

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# Arran's rock legends to play at Halloween concert and disco

On Saturday 30 October, Arran Music Promotions are stepping outside the box and putting on a Halloween concert and disco in Brodick Hall with fancy dress optional.

The live band is local rock band, the Usual Suspects, a supergroup made up of the cream of Arran's rock legends. Perhaps it is best to hand over to bass player and keyboardist, Jon Hollingworth.

Jon explains: 'Why 'The Usual Suspects?' Well, when I was asked when my next gig was, I said October 30 in

Brodick Hall as part of the Halloween Disco, and when I was asked 'who's in the band?' I simply replied: 'Oh, the usual suspects - me, Andy Surridge, Andy McCallum and Robin Fisher.'

'I always like to step up to the challenge of putting something together band-wise for a particular event and having these guys on 'speed-dial' (or speed-email as it seems to be the case these days) makes it so much easier.

'Whenever I ask them to play, I always seem to get

replies involving bears and woods - not really sure what that's all about but they always turn up. It's always a pleasure getting together to play some classic rock with these guys as they all know what they're doing. The challenging part is keeping it fresh and coming up with some new material that really pushes us as a band.

'So we've thrown in timeless numbers from the likes of Santana, Deep Purple, Toto, Europe, Thin Lizzy, Dire Straits etc. I know there's a load of different events happening on 30 October, but hopefully people will take the rare opportunity to catch what should be a great set from a great band.'

Bob Hastings of Arran Music Promotions said: 'Sounds good? I think so! But it's not just a concert, it's a disco as well. We've got another

local boy, DJ Slume, spinning the decks.

'DJ Slume has been spinning tracks for eight years and has the following to say:

'I don't have a particular music style. It can be anything depending on the crowd. None of my nights ever follows the same set; anything from the Undertones to ACDC, ZZ Top to Alabama 3, and of course some quality underground house music to finish the night.'

Bob added: 'So, put all that together and add a little soup and curry available to purchase, home made by yet another local talent, I think there will be a very great night for all.

Under-18s are welcome but we ask that they are accompanied by a responsible adult. There is no bar but soft drinks will be available. You are welcome to bring your own bottle. Tickets are available at Brodick Post Office.



Ace drummer Robin Fisher.



Above: Virtuoso bass player Jon Hollingworth.



Right: DJ Slume (Niall Hume) on disco.

## Brodict Post Office

Last recommended posting dates for Christmas:

### INTERNATIONAL

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23 November - Western Europe

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Gwen Billson from the Arran brewery at the 11<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Real Ale Festival in Troon last week.

## Brewery sponsors Real Ale Festival

Staff at the Arran Brewery are celebrating this week after they successfully took part in the 11<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Real Ale Festival in Troon.

The island's brewery was invited to be the main sponsor for the event in the town's Concert Hall, which is designed to showcase the best of Scotland's beers, ciders and perries.

On offer from Arran were the Ale, Blonde, Red Squirrel and Milestone beers that people were able to taste and clearly enjoyed.

For the Arran Brewery the event is the culmination of hard work over the past two years that recently saw the Arran Blonde named the best European grain-only wheat beer at the World Beer Awards.

'The brewery takes an active role in promoting Scottish made beers and has always been committed to supporting local community events and particularly those in the Ayrshire area,' said Elisabeth Roberts, the brewery manager.

## Silk painting workshop for Visual Arts members

Alison Bell conducted a well-attended and fascinating workshop on Silk Painting recently for Arran Visual Arts at Brodick Castle ranger centre.

The techniques involved are simple but the effects that can be achieved are unpredictable (at least to the beginners), subtle, and producing work that is very satisfactory.

As is usual at AVA workshops, the variety of different styles and results is as great as the number of people there. Everyone was working on several pieces at once whilst waiting for them to dry, using the techniques of watercolour, salt or gutta, overlaying layers for more defined areas and depth of colour, or combining these methods for more complex designs. Altogether, it made for an excellent two days enjoyment.

### Delighted

AVA is delighted that local artist Jim Williamson is taking the next workshop in November. This is proving so popular that he has agreed to do another day on Sunday 7 November.

Jim Williamson, an engineer by profession, has been painting seriously since 1976. When they retired to Arran in



Delegates enjoying the challenges of Alison Barr's silk painting workshop in the ranger centre. b43ava01

the 90s, he and his wife Eunice opened the Glendale Gallery where he sold hundreds of his watercolour paintings.

He is an experienced teacher and Arran Visual Arts were pleased when he agreed to tutor at one of their workshops. There was such a response from members that the Saturday was soon full and a second day was arranged for those on the waiting list. The workshop, suitable for all levels, will include various watercolour techniques and some loosening up exercises with a finished, larger painting in the afternoon.

Jim will take nature as his inspiration, doing a demonstration of a sunset. Places



An example of silk painting from the workshop. b43ava02

are still available for members and non-members on Sunday 7 November at the Rangers

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## Man's best friend investigated in Ian's new book

'Dogmanese for Daydreamers: Magical Conversations in a Secret Language' has to be one of the strangest titles for a book that the staff at The Arran Banner have ever heard.

But this is no joke, it is the title of the new book by local author Ian McMurdo and it is a set to be another must-have-read.

With a strong Arran theme running throughout the book, several chapters actually focus on specific events that happen on the island.

### Headline

The 'Labrador Saves Spaniel' newspaper headline on the front cover refers to an incident up Claulands hill!

'The central character is a golden labrador, and given the number of dog owners on the island, I'm very confident that

it will sell very well on Arran,' said Ian. The book is essentially about the 'connection' between my first dog and myself, at a very difficult time for my young family, and focuses on the development of a human-canine hybrid 'language' that I called *Dogmanese*.

'While the book does try to get across some important messages about responsible dog ownership, the emphasis is again very much on humour, impact and high emotion.'

The book 'Dogmanese for Daydreamers' will be on sale in shops around the island in November.

## Last posting dates for Christmas

It may only be October, but Christmas is coming.

And it will soon be time to think about getting those cards and parcels posted off to all corners of the world. On page 11 of this week's Banner Cams Campbell, Brodick Postmaster, details all the latest posting dates for surface mail, airmail and parcels to just about every destination you can think of.

So don't delay, and get those parcels wrapped and posted before it is too late.

## Lamlash Friday Club

The first meeting of the Lamlash Friday Club will take place on Friday 29 October in Lamlash Church Hall from 2pm to 3.30pm.

The speaker will be Jim Jack who will discuss gardening.

All welcome and feel free to bring a friend.

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# - on holiday . . .



Scott and Michael Macfarlane from Lamlash took time out from their visit to the London Eye to catch up on the news from home.

In the two years since 'The Banner on Holiday' feature started, we have been absolutely overwhelmed by the number of fantastic photographs of our readers that have come through the doors.

Every week we are still receiving wonderful pictures of our readers in some of the remotest, most glamorous, iconic and awe-inspiring places around the globe.

Don't forget to pack your copy of the Banner if you are going on holiday.

It could be from Egypt or Edinburgh, it really doesn't matter; we would love to see your photographs.

Please send them to us either by email to [editor@arranbanner.co.uk](mailto:editor@arranbanner.co.uk) or to The Arran Banner, Douglas Centre, Brodick KA27 8AJ.



Fiona Davidson and her daughter Samia are pictured catching up on all the news from Arran at the Piazza Navona in Rome. Fiona is the daughter of Mae Davidson from Cordon, Lamlash, and she lives in Rome with her husband Tom Paradise where she teaches classes in Political Geography and European Politics at the University of Arkansas' Rome Centre.



Dr Eamonn Butler from London is picture with his 'favourite reading material' on the seaplane pontoon in Vancouver, Canada.



John and Kate Hartley from Lochranza took their Banner to Brussels when they visited their daughter Elaine. The three of them are pictured at Spa Francorchamps where the F1 Belgian Grand Prix was taking place. If you look closely you may catch a glimpse of the famous LEau Rouge part of the race track in the background.



The Reverend John Webster of Kings Cross was able to catch up with Arran's news when he was at Lords Cricket Ground in London.

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# Willow Warbler on migration

Bird Notes by Jim Cassels

## The Willow Warbler is not much bigger than a wren

On Arran one of our most widespread warblers is the Willow Warbler.

In the breeding season, its song - described as a 'melodic rippling phrase that rises quickly before slowly dying away' - is a feature of many island walks.

Where are the Willow Warblers at this time of year? The short answer is far to the south, heading beyond the Sahara to mainly the Ivory Coast and Ghana.

Some journeys can be more than 15,000km and, based on ringing data, the journey time can take eight to 12 weeks.

The Willow Warbler is not much bigger than a Wren and weighs about eight grams.

It is a delicate little bird adapted to feeding on insects from bushes.

With its apparently weak and slow flight, it undertakes one of the longest and arduous journeys of any land bird involving long sea and desert crossings where it cannot feed.

### Hazards

The birds from northern Europe have to cross the Mediterranean Sea and the Sahara desert. Without food or water there is the risk of starvation or dehydration, as well as the hazards of predation and weather including

adverse winds. How does such a small bird manage this journey? Briefly the answer is by a number of remarkable adaptations.

The Willow Warblers undergo two complete moults a year to try and ensure that their feathers are in the best condition for the journey there and the journey back.

### Body Fat

At times of migration, Willow Warblers put on extra body fat and other reserves for use as fuels, the amount depending on the type of journey.

When birds migrate over favourable terrain, they tend to progress by short flights, each lasting several hours, using relatively small amounts of fuel which are replaced during the daily periods of foraging.

But when birds migrate long distances over inhospitable areas, they accumulate much larger body reserves, able to sustain them for several days and nights without feeding. The accumulation of such large body reserves may take small birds one to three weeks of intensive feeding and before departure individuals may have more than doubled their normal weight.

Often migrating Willow Warblers move at night leaving time during the day to



Whatever the conditions, crossing the Sahara without food or water seems a staggering achievement for the Willow Warbler that weighs less than 15g fully fuelled at take off.

feed. Migrating birds are also able to reduce organ size of the liver and the gut - less baggage to carry on the flight.

### Functional

The fact that nutritional organs are not fully functional on arrival after a long flight may also explain why some migrants on reaching a stopping site do not appear to feed.

They are in flight mode rather than feeding mode and

need to reconstruct their digestive machinery again.

For a bird like the Willow Warbler, it is thought that crossing the Sahara alone takes around 30-40 hours of flying time.

This will vary depending on, for example, wind strength and direction. Nocturnal flights between oases, while a helpful strategy, would considerably lengthen the time of crossing.

Whatever the conditions, crossing the Sahara without food or water seems a staggering achievement for birds weighing less than 15g fully fuelled at take off.

The Willow Warbler is just one example of many birds that migrate.

Hopefully a sufficient number of these birds will continue to survive these hazardous journeys to grace our island again come the spring.

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 .

### Information

I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the "Arran Bird Report 2009" and visit this website [www.arranbirding.co.uk](http://www.arranbirding.co.uk)

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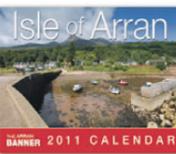


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# The Arran Banner 20 years ago

## Saturday, October 27, 1990

### New Arran ferry!

The 'new' ferry, six years in service since last April, may soon become the old ferry.

For a decision has been made by the Cal Mac board that Arran needs a bigger and better vessel.

A new purpose built ship with more comforts and greater carrying capacity than the MV Isle of Arran could be sailing into Brodick by 1993.

When the MV Isle of Arran came into service, she was the first purpose built ferry to the island since the Glen Sannox in 1957.

She was expected to last on this run for 20 years now, less than seven years later, the board is planning a replacement.

### A first for Arran

Seen anything unusual about the buses recently?

Look carefully and you might see a young lady driving one of them.

For while women's lib is all around, Kathleen McVey, aged 23, who began as a bus driver with Arran Transport on Monday, is the first female bus driver on Arran.

### Farewell Captain

Captain Sandy McNab who sailed for 35 years on the Arran ferries and was the first skipper of the last new, purpose built ferry, the Glen Sannox in 1957, died this week at his home in Kildonan.

### Johnny heads to New York

Next week local council worker, Johnny McGovern, will be running through the streets of New York with 'Arran Runners' blazened across his t-shirt.

He will be number 14,767 in the 21<sup>st</sup> New York Marathon.

He began running seven years ago in the Whiting Bay races and has been a familiar face at all Arran runs throughout the 1980s.

### Syringes found

Syringes are still being found on the beaches and this week a Brodick lady brought us in some which had been found at the Curries end of Brodick Beach.

### Fares increase reversed

CalMac announced a 7.5 per

cent increase to the ferry fares on Friday.

According to the ferry operator this is because of rising fuel costs caused by the current crisis in the Gulf.

However, by Tuesday afternoon the fuel prices had moderated themselves and CalMac decided to reverse the decision to put up fares.

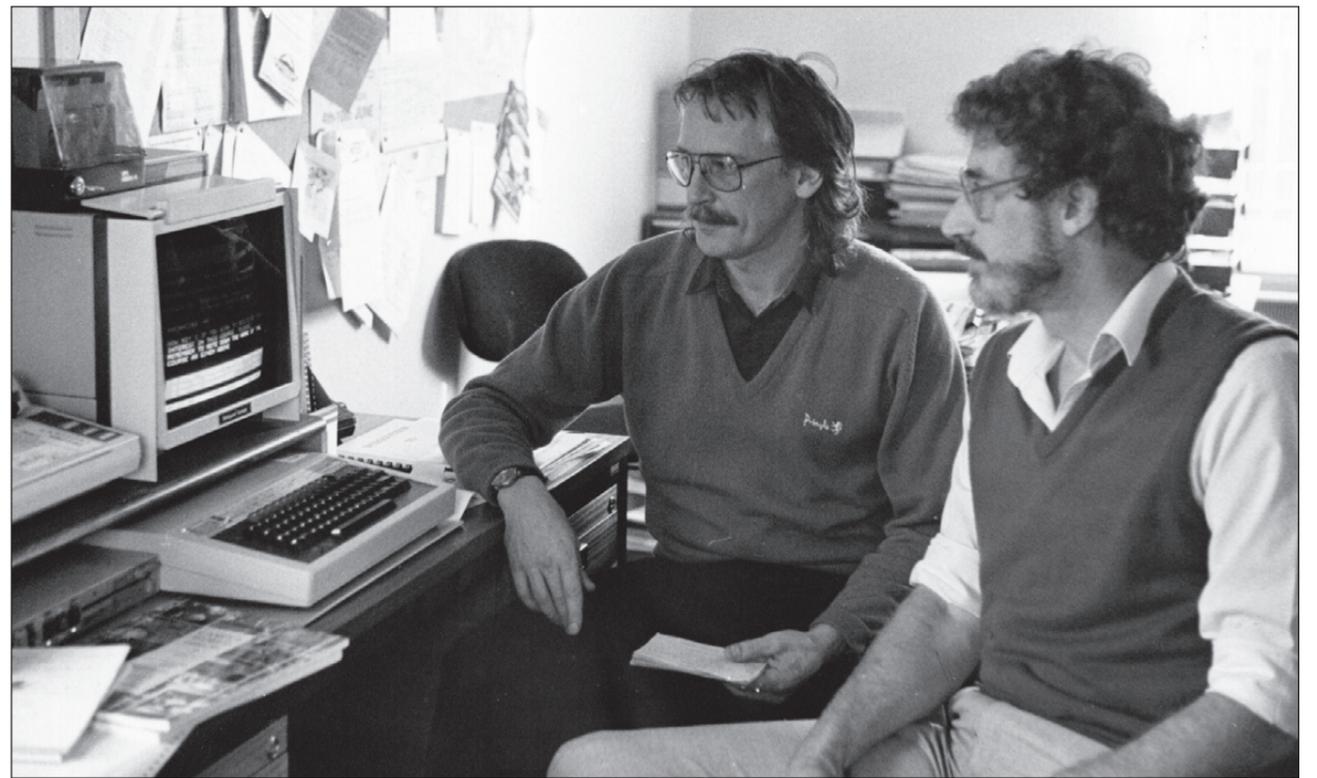
### Power cuts

Houses in Shiskine were left without electric power for an hour and a half last Monday evening after an electricity transformer burned out.

The fire brigade was called and the transformer was eventually replaced.



Kathleen McVey is Arran's first female bus driver. b43twe02



Education worker Iain Frame and Arran High School's careers officer, Stef Holmer, examine the new state-of-the-art Campus 2000 computer service. The programme allows pupils to find any further education course within the Strathclyde area to suit their needs. b43twe01



Married on Saturday 13 October at the Grange Parish Church, Kilmarnock were Susan, eldest daughter of William and May Wales and Alastair eldest son of Russell and Sheila Dobson of West Knowe Farm Brodick. Susan is a teacher at Shiskine Primary School and Alastair works in the family business at Arran Dairies. b43twe03

# Where's Archie?

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Last week Archie was sitting in front of the new Brodick seafront information boulder. First correct were Brian and Rosie of Halifax who said: 'We are coming on holiday on 21 October and hope to meet Archie on one of his Whiting Bay beach walks.' This week he is in front of a gate, but where would you find those warning signs? 02\_b43arc01



# Whats On

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9am - dusk

Youth Club  
Rotary Club  
Junior Hockey Club  
Open Music Session  
Motocross Practice (Weather Permitting)  
Melody Movement. Ballet Class - 2½ yrs up  
Dudes & Divas Funky Dance Class - 2½ yrs up  
Country Dancing  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Lamlash Church Guild 'Mary's Meals'  
Indoor Bowls

Kildonan Hall - 6.30pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie 7.15pm  
Ormidale Pavillion, 6-7pm  
Catacol Bay Hotel, 8.30pm  
Southbank Farm Track, 6pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 1.30pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 2pm  
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Church Hall, 2pm  
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm

**SATURDAY 23rd OCTOBER**

Karate  
Family Games  
Fun In The Pool  
Over 21's Disco  
Arran Dancers (4 years and up)  
Junior Badminton (5 - 11yrs)  
Soup and Sandwiches for Kalimpong  
Bingo Night  
Traditional Ceilidh

Auchrannie Games Hall, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall  
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Arran High School, 10am  
High School Games Hall, 1pm - 2.30pm  
Brodict Public Hall, 12pm - 2pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 7pm  
Brodict Public Hall, 7.30pm

**SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER**

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Fiddle Club- Childrens Classes  
Family Games  
Fun In The Pool  
Folk Session  
Quiz  
BBQ

Church Hall, Brodict, 4.30pm  
Library Annexe, 1.45pm  
3pm to 4pm Auchrannie Games Hall  
4pm to 5pm Auchrannie Spa Pool  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
PHT, Lamlash, 9pm  
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 1pm - 7pm

**MONDAY 25th OCTOBER**

Over 50's Badminton  
Badminton  
Citizens Advice  
Weight Wise  
Ladies Netball  
Arran Junior Football Club Coaching & Games  
Junior Basketball (P1 - P7)  
Senior Fitness  
BreathWalk Class  
Quiz  
Lamlash Bridge Club  
Circuit Training  
Zumbastyle Latin Dance Workout

Lochranza Village Hall 2pm - 4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Open 10am - 2pm  
Hospital Bungalow, 5pm - 5.30pm  
High School Sports Hall - Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm  
Ormidale Park, 6pm  
Games Hall, High School 6pm - 7.30pm  
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Gym  
Kinneil, Lamlash 5.15pm  
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 8.30pm  
Lamlash Golf Club, 7.15pm  
Auchrannie Gym, 6pm - 7pm  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 7pm - 8pm

**TUESDAY 26th OCTOBER**

Lochranza Swimming Club  
Army Cadets  
Pop Quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Citizens Advice

Kinloch 11am - 12pm  
Auchrannie Road, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Brodict Church Hall - 2pm  
Open 10am - 2pm 4 - 6pm (Appointment Only)

**WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER**

Hockey  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass Rehearsal  
Country/ Blues session  
Selt Making Class  
Musical Mayhem Class Parents & Little Ones  
Yoga for Every Body  
Senior Badminton  
Museum, Archives & Geneology Servie  
Aquafizz  
Yogalates  
Circuit Training  
Healing Rooms

Auchrannie Hall, 7pm - 8pm Games Hall  
KA Leisure, Kids 6.30 - 7.30pm. Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall - 7.30pm- 9pm  
Whiting Bay Hall 7.15pm  
Ormidale. 9.30pm  
Shipfield, Lamlash, 10am - 4pm  
Auchrannie Dance Studio, 10.45am  
10am -11.30am  
High School Games Hall, 8pm - 9pm  
10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool  
9.30am to 10.30am Auchrannie Studio  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11am - 12.30pm

**THURSDAY 28th OCTOBER**

General Knowledge Quiz  
Citizens Advice  
Lochranza Craft Club  
Coffee Morning  
Table Tennis  
Youth Club  
Brodict Bridge Club  
Athletics  
Senior Fitness  
Ladies Night  
Pilates  
Pub Quiz  
Ladies Night  
Wee Blether Soup & Sandwiches  
Brodict Embroidery Group  
Arran Garden Club - Speaker Jim Jack

The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Open 10am - 2pm  
Hall, 2pm  
St Molios Church 10.30am - 12pm  
Kildonan Hall, 3pm - 5pm  
Youth Cabin, Lamlash 7-9pm  
Golf Clubhouse  
High School Games Hall, 4.45pm - 6pm  
9.30am to 11.30am Auchrannie Spa Gym  
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay  
6 pm to 7pm Auchrannie Studio  
Kinloch Hotel, 9pm  
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay  
Whiting Bay Hall, 12pm - 1.30pm  
Brodict Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Ranger Centre, 7.30pm

**FRIDAY 29th OCTOBER**

Arran Pipe Band Practice  
Citizens Advice  
Quiz  
Over 21's Disco  
Aquafizz  
Yogalates  
DJ  
Seniors Badminton (Over 50)  
Arran Ceilidh Dance Group  
Jazz Cafe  
Lamlash Friday Club  
Corrie & Sannox Church Coffee Morning  
Raft Race  
Ladies Indoor Bowls  
Mens Indoor Bowls  
Race Night

Brodict Hall, 7.30pm  
Open 10am - 2pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 9pm  
The Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
9.45am to 10.30am Auchrannie Hotel Pool  
10am to 11am Auchrannie Studio  
Bar Eden, Whiting Bay, 9pm - 1am  
Auchrannie Games Hall, 2pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 8pm - 10pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 8pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm - 3.30pm  
Village Hall, 10am  
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 7.30pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm  
Brodict Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Lochranza & Catacol Village Hall, 7.30pm

**SATURDAY 30th OCTOBER**

Farmers Market  
Halloween Disco and Live Band

Kilmory Hall, 10.30am - 2pm  
Brodict Hall, 8pm - 12am



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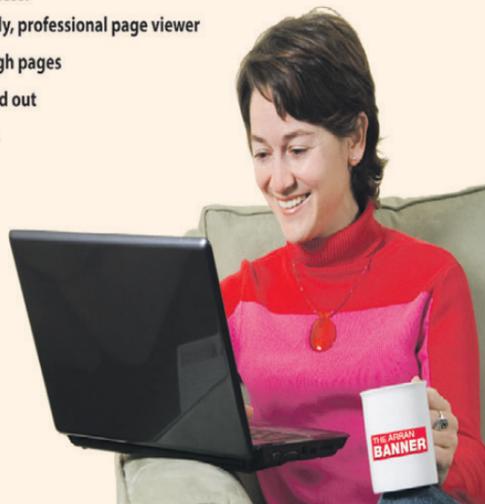
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**Julie Mechan**  
 (Betty Bunyan's sister)

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**Whiting Bay Golf Club**

**Results:** Gents: Sunday 17 October. Twenty-two played for the Hamilton Salver. SSS-63, CSS-63. 1 Ronnie Mann (10) 60, 2 Nicol Auld (1) 65 BIH, 3 Eddie Hope (11) 65 BIH, 4 Dave Hackett (16) 65. Nicol Auld won scratch with 66 and Ronnie Mann had two magic twos.

**Fixtures:** Sunday 24 October, Taylor Trophy (Greensome) Draw for partners just before 11am for an 11am start. Sunday 31 October, Gents Medal.

**Machrie Bay Golf Club**

**Results:** Winter cup, round one Tuesday October 5. 1 David Price 62, 2 Ian Buchanan 65 BIH, 3 Alastair MacDonald 65. Magic two David Price

Round two Monday October 11. 1 Elizabeth Ross 61 BIH, 2 David Scott 61, 3 Hugh McClelland 63. Magic two Alastair MacDonald.

**Brodick Golf Club**

**Results:** Winter Cup, Wednesday 13 October. Eleven turned up to play and all including the 'Lamlash two who did not play last week' played. One will be very happy as he was in the prize money. The weather was reasonable with one member still thinking it's summer and turning out in shorts; Bill doesn't mind the cold. The scoring was very good there

were four magic twos with Derek Roxburgh showing practice makes perfect as he had three with Wolfie getting the other one. This early in the season there are still a few sharks about but they will soon be caught by the handicap system. Derek was on fine form and won with a 64-6=58, and while he is not a shark his handicap next week will be zero. In second place was Wolfie Kroner with 77-16=61, beating into third place by the better inward half Hamish McArthur 78-17=61. Let's hope the weather remains kind to us and we get a few more dry Wednesdays.

**Sunday 17 October, 19 played CSS 66.** There were six magic twos. Alistair Hume got two for the second week in a row, Alastair Dobson, Gordon Hendry, Robert McCrae and Angus Robertson all getting one each. The weather was very changeable through the day with four of the afternoon players walking in due to the adverse weather. 1 Henry Tait 40 pts (21), 2 Gordon Hendry 38pts (9), 3 Douglas Robertson 37pts (15).

**Corrie Golf Club**

**Results:** Saturday 16 October, Medal Sweep, 13 played, CSS 61. 1 J McGovern 63-8=55, 2 A Smith 69-11=58, 3 M Elliot 75-14=61. Best scratch J McGovern 63. There were magic twos from S Beardsley, A Smith and J McConnachie.

Monday 18 October, Monday Cup, 16 played. 1 S Cline 76-17=59 BIH, 2 A Smith 78-11=59, 3 D Price 71-11=60. Best Scratch A Smith and J Adams 70. There were magic twos from B Rooney, J Adams, A Smith, D Price and D



The ladies of Whiting Bay Golf Club held their end of season prizegiving on Tuesday 12 October. They were joined by special guest Mary Andrew, who has been named Honorary Ladies Starter. Everyone who won a competition this year received a goodie bag of golf accessories in recognition of their efforts. The ladies would like to thank Coast restaurant for hosting the evening and providing such great food and drinks. It is hoped that the night will encourage more ladies to join the club and play next year.

**Crawford. Fixtures:** Saturday 23 October, Medal Sweep at 8.30am and 1pm (12.50pm for 1pm). Monday 25 October, Monday Cup, 12pm (11.50am for draw). Saturday 30 October, Joe McKenzie Trophy (Stableford) at 8.30am and 12pm (11.50am for 12pm). Please note time.

**Shiskine Golf Club**

**Results:** Ladies Arran Challenge 2010, 181 ladies played. Scratch M Quigley (Craig Millar Park) 50+47=97. First Class: 1 I Morton (Kirkhill) 43+41=84 BIH, 2 G Pollock (Skelmorlie) 42+42=84, 3 A Liddell (Ratho Park) 42+45=87. Second Class: 1 C Murphy (Skelmorlie) 44+44=88 BIH, 2 L Murray (Brodick) 38+50=88, 3 I Lightbody (Skelmorlie) 46+46=92 BIH.  
 Congratulations to Irene Mor-

ton who is the winner of the 2010 Arran Challenge!

**Lamlash Golf Club**

Thursday 14 October, 9 Hole Medal-Front 9, 17 played. 1 D Macfarlane 30-0.5=29.5, 2 Alan Smith 37-5.5=31.5 BIH, 3 Mark Wren 37-5.5=31.5 BIH, 4 D Robertson 33-1.5=31.5. Best Scratch D Macfarlane 30. There was a two from Dougie Macfarlane at the 4th.

Sunday 17 October, Glenburn Cup, CSS 64, 12 played. 1 R Burke 75-14=61, 2 Iain Murchie 65-4=61, 3 A Burke 84-21=63. Best Scratch Iain Murchie 65. There was a two from Alan Smith at the 16th.

**Fixtures:** Saturday 23 October, Lamlash GC v Barassie GC, Team Game, 9am start.

Sunday 24 October, Glenburn Cup 9.30am and 12pm starts.

**Ladies darts league resumes**

Despite fears for its future, the Isle of Arran Ladies Darts League will continue once again this year for another season.

With only four teams taking part - Kildonan, Drift Inn, Catacol and Mac's Bar - it was feared that the league could no longer continue.

But the first game of the season will go ahead on Wednesday 24 November when Mac's Bar will play Kildonan and the Drift Inn take on Catacol.

Throughout the winter season there will be a number of mixed doubles darts competitions to raise money for a number of charities.

Look out for more information nearer the time in The Banner.



**Fiona MacLellan, daughter of May and the late David MacLellan of Lamlash was married to Stewart Howie, son of Mrs Lillian Howie and the late Robert of Ayr, in Lamlash Parish Church on Saturday 2nd October. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in the Western Isles and have returned to their home in Ayr.**

**Learning curve in the sunshine for Arran under-18 rugby boys**

**Arran 0 Greenock 73**  
 Arran entertained Greenock Wanderers in a friendly rugby match at a sun-bathed Ormidale Park last Saturday.

With many more resources and considerably bigger physiques, the mainland team cruised over with a few early tries. Their ability to play the ball wide into space after hitting the ball up with the forwards allowed them to score freely.

But the youthful Arran under-18s kept their heads up and did their best with limited possession in a match that had to be treated as a learning curve. They are due credit for not letting their heads go down and continuing to fight hard to the final whistle.

It was great to see a crowd at the game and the boys really appreciated the support.

This Saturday, October 23, they have a return fixture at home against Paisley/Whitecraigs. After losing narrowly to them two weeks ago, the boys are determined to up their performance and win.

Arran team: 15 Greenock, 14

Greenock, 13 Jack Barbour, 12 Charlie Boal, 11 Michael Jenks, 10 Donald McEachern, 9 Chris MacNeil, 8 Alexander MacNeil, 7 Scott Currie, 6 Robbie Bayne, 5 Beau Gray, 4 Iain Bayne, 3 Ryan Boal, 2 Jack McQueen, 1 Andrew Earle. Waterboys; Liam Boal and Stuart McMaster. Man of the match: shared between Beau Gray and Scott Currie; for their tireless workrate and tackling throughout the game.



They shall not pass - Arran's loose head prop Andrew Earle holds off the entire Greenock pack.

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# Southend do the island treble

## Cup final win gives Southend a clean sweep of all three football trophies

Southend won the Arran Cup Final last Saturday when they beat Lamlash by six goals to four in a thrilling match at Sandbraes Stadium.

This gave the MBS and Pringle Joinery boys a clean sweep of all three island football trophies, having already won the league championship and Arran Haulage Cup.

The 2010 Arran football season eventually came to a conclusion last weekend when Lamlash faced Southend in the rearranged final of the Knockout Cup.

The match had been postponed from last month when both sides had experienced difficulties in raising a team. But on Saturday they both managed to get together sufficient squads to put on what turned out to be a showpiece match.

The final would normally have been played at the neutral venue of Brodick, but Arran Under 18s were playing rugby at the Ormidale Park and Lamlash pitch was unavailable.

Euan Ingram opened the scoring for Southend with a header from a Donny Park cross, and when young Donny slotted a second from close quarters on the half hour, the yellows looked to be cruising.

But goals by Euan Evans and Lee Little soon restored the balance for Lamlash.

As the second half got underway, Lamlash looked to be in control, but further goals from Euan Ingram and Nicky Emsley put Southend 4-2 up.

Then a classic free kick by Euan Evans cleared the defensive wall and ricocheted in off the post, giving Alex



The victorious Southend team with all three Arran football trophies. 02\_b43soc03

McDonald no chance in the Southend goal. Lee Little notched another from close range to make for a nail-biting finish.

With 20 minutes to go, young 13-year-old Lamlash substitute Johnny Sloss came on to take over from his father Bobby, who one Southend player for Lamlash since The Beatles were at number one. Nicky Emsley secured his

hat trick with another two goals and the valiant comeback by Lamlash was over.

Team captain Danny Head received the trophy from referee Ian McDonald and Nicky Emsley cracked open the champagne to start an evening of celebrations.

This victory continued Southend's purple patch, having won eight out of the last nine football trophies on the island.

## Arran Bridge results

### Lamlash Bridge Club

The results from Monday 18 October were as follows: N/S 1 T Adamson/E McConnell +650, 2 H Boyd and E McKeller -960, 3 L Trickett/M McGill -970.

E/W 1 D and M Bruce +2860, 2 E McNiven and E Paul +2610, 3 E Sillars/J McBride +2170.

### Brodick Bridge Club

The results on Thursday 14 October were as follows: N/S 1 Pat Adamson and Janette McBride 90, 2 Roddy Thompson and Wendy McNiven -180, 3 Fiona Crawford and David Henderson -1380.

E/W 1 Margaret and Douglas Bruce +2690, 2 Helen Boyd and Liz Paul +2180

3 Evelyn Sillars and Linda Trickett +1800.



Nicky Emsley takes the ball off Euan Evans.

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## Pool league gets underway

The new season of the Arran Pool League, sponsored by Copperwheats, will begin this Thursday (October 28) and this year there are nine teams taking part.

PT1934, Mac's Bar, Kildonan, Catacol, teamGoil, PHT and the Drift will be joined by two separate teams from the Bar Eden in Whiting Bay.

The first three fixtures are as follows. Thursday 28 October: Bar Eden v Kildonan, Mac's Bar v PHT, teamGoil v Bar Eden B, Drift v Catacol and PT1934 have a bye.

Thursday 4 November: Kildonan v Mac's Bar, PHT v teamGoil, Bar Eden B v Catacol, Drift v PT1934 and Bar Eden have a bye.

Thursday 11 November: Bar Eden v PHT, Mac's Bar v Bar Eden B, teamGoil v Drift, PT1934 v Kildonan and Catacol have a bye.

The details for the second half of the season will not be finalised until the Captains' Meeting on Sunday 30 October at 2pm in the PHT when dates will be arranged for the Knockout Cup.

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